



Agriculture

A Guide to Selected Library Resources

Finding Articles

The Western Illinois University Libraries subscribe to a number of indexes that can be used to find agriculture-related information, including articles in scholarly journals, books, popular magazines, newspapers and government publications. Indexes can be found by clicking on the **Select a Database** link on the WIU Libraries web site. The following indexes can be useful in locating agricultural information. To find information in these indexes, search for terms that describe your topic of interest.

[Agricola](#) – An index to articles in scholarly journals, government publications and other resources. Includes links to some full-text publications. Some full text also available using the **Find It** button.

[Biological and Agricultural Index](#) – An index to articles in 225 journals. Includes some full-text articles. Full text can also be found using the **Find It** button.

[Biological Abstracts](#) – An index to articles in over 4000 journals. Full text can also be found using the **Find It** button.

[LexisNexis Academic](#) – Full-text access to articles in newspapers, magazines and legal periodicals.

[Academic Search Premier](#) – An index to articles in popular and scholarly periodicals. Includes some full-text articles. Full text can also be found using the **Find It** button.

Finding Federal Government Information

The U.S. Government produces a wide variety of agriculture related information, including reports from government and legislative agencies, data, Congressional hearings, bills and laws. Some of this information can be located using two indexes to U.S. Government information. These indexes can be found by clicking on **Select a Database** on the WIU Libraries web site.

[Catalog of U.S. Government Publications](#) – An index to publications from U.S. government agencies, including the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Many recent publications are available in full-text.

[LexisNexis Congressional](#) – Access to U.S. Congressional publications, including hearings, debates, reports, bills and laws. Most Congressional publications from 1990 to the present are available online.

Finding Books and Other Publications

Books and other publications available in the WIU Libraries can be located using **WestCat**, the Libraries' online catalog. It is also possible to search for materials in other Illinois libraries by clicking on the **I-Share** link in **WestCat**. Searches in WestCat will be repeated automatically in the I-Share Catalog. If an item is not available in the Western Illinois University Libraries, it can be borrowed from another library through Interlibrary Loan.



Reference Works

Boden, Edward, 2002. Black's Veterinary Dictionary, 2nd edition. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Incorporated. Malpass Library Reference, 2nd Floor REF SF609 .B53 2001

Goodman, Robert M., editor, 2004. Encyclopedia of plant and crop science. New York: M. Dekker. Malpass Library Reference, 2nd Floor REF SB45 .E486 2004

Holliday, Paul, 1998. A dictionary of plant pathology, 2nd edition. New York: Cambridge University Press. Malpass Library Reference, 2nd Floor REF SB728 .H65 1998

Lewis, Robert A., 2002. CRC dictionary of agricultural sciences. Boca Raton: CRC Press. Malpass Library Reference, 2nd Floor REF S411 .L39 2002

Stephens, Alan, 1998. Dictionary of Agriculture, 2nd edition. Chicago: Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers, Incorporated. Malpass Library Reference, 2nd Floor REF S411 .D573 1998

Agricultural Statistics

[Agricultural Statistics](#) – A statistical reference source with data on agricultural production, prices, and exports. Available on CD-ROM in Government Publications, 4th Floor, Malpass Library, GOVCDROM. A 1.47/2:YEAR. Some data also available on the web.

[Census of Agriculture](#) – taken every 5 years, the Census of Agriculture counts all U.S. farms and ranches. It contains information on agricultural production, land use & ownership, farm operator characteristics, production practices, income, farm expenditures and other topics.

[Crop Progress](#) – A weekly report that provides statistics on the planting, growing, and harvesting progress and condition of selected crops in major producing states. Issued during the growing season.

[National Agricultural Statistics Service](#) – Agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture that collects and disseminates all types of agricultural statistics.

[Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin](#) – a site that includes weekly national agricultural weather summaries, information on the weather's effect on crops and summaries and farm progress. Includes a link to *Crop Progress*.

Web Resources

Government Information

[U.S. Department of Agriculture \(USDA\)](#) – The USDA web site contains links to information on a wide variety of topics, including rural development, natural resource management, research, markets and trade, statistics, laws and agriculture-related bills being considered by the U.S. Congress.

[Illinois Department of Agriculture](#) – The Illinois Department of Agriculture's web site contains links to information on agriculture-related issues in Illinois, such as crop diseases, IDA services, agricultural issues and grant opportunities.

Intergovernmental Organization Information Resources

[Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations \(FAO\)](#) – The FAO serves both developed and developing countries to improve agriculture, forestry and fisheries to ensure adequate nutrition for all people of the World.