Information Sources for Food Studies Research

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Intended for researchers
Concentrates on United States/English language resources
Discusses
  - selecting an index
  - thesauri
  - Controlled language
Food Studies

- Relatively new academic discipline
- No specialized index for the subject
- Highly interdisciplinary
- Part of the literature is popular but still scholarly
Scope

- Anything about food
  - How & where grown
  - How processed & prepared
  - When & how eaten, & with whom
  - Nutritional qualities
  - Meaning relative to social activities
Researchers

- Many disciplines
  - social sciences
  - sciences
  - history
  - independent scholars

- Researchers usually know indexes to own field but not to other fields
Which index?

- None cover all areas
- General indexes may be useful
- Varying language of disciplines can make searching more difficult
- Indexes to the literature rarely go back more than 100 years
Interdisciplinary Indexes

- Academic Search Premier
- LexisNexis Academic
- Reader’s Guide
- Science, Social Science, & Arts and Humanities Citation Indexes
- Web searches such as Google Scholar
Science & Technology Indexes

- Agricola
- Applied Science and Technology
- Compendex
- CAB Abstracts
- Biosis
- Food Science and Technology
- Scifinder Scholar
Medical, Psychology & Education

- Medline/Pubmed
- PsychInfo
- ERIC
- Education
- Proquest Dissertations & Masters Theses
Social Science & Humanities Indexes

- America: History & Life
- Historical Abstracts
- Social Sciences
- Humanities
- Art
Business and Economic Indexes

- ABI/Inform
- Business Source Premier [now B S Complete]
- Wilson Business
- EconLit
- PAIS International
Print Indexes, Books & Archives

- Not yet available online to beginning:
  - Bibliography of Agriculture
  - Experiment Station Record
  - Biological Abstracts
  - Index Medicus
  - WorldCat
  - Library catalogs