AgEcon Search: New developments

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Background

• Working papers, conference papers, small press journals

• Agricultural, applied, consumer, energy, environmental, and resource economics

• Over 10 years old

• All full text
Aspects of AgEcon Search

• Keeping up the database

• AgNIC

• E-mail alerts

• (Serve as a prototype)
What’s new

• New journals
  – Competing with publishers

• SPARC partner

• Move to DSPACE
Software migration

• Many positives
  – Closer ties with University Digital Conservancy
  – Preservation
  – Google can find papers
  – Broad categories
  – RSS feeds
  – PURLS
Challenges

• Shoehorning

• Submission form

• Behind schedule – “free” software
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Lessons

• Usability can be easy

• PR should be taught in library school

• Professional meetings in your subject areas
  – Exhibit
  – Committees
  – Informal instruction
On the horizon

- Add communication tools
  - Ethicshare as a prototype
- Learn more about users
- Grow internationally
- More statistics
- Sister projects