

United States Agricultural Information Network (USAIN)

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UF Digital Collections: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu>

The screenshot shows the website interface for the University of Florida Digital Collections. At the top, there is a blue header with the UF logo and 'George A Smathers Libraries' on the left, and 'University of Florida Digital Collections' on the right. Below the header, there is a navigation bar with links for 'HOME', 'ADVANCED SEARCH', 'TEXT SEARCH', 'VIEW ITEMS', and 'SUBCOLLECTIONS'. A search bar is prominently displayed with a 'Go' button. To the right of the search bar are icons for 'PRINT', 'SEND', 'ADD', and 'SHARE'. Below the search bar, a paragraph describes the 'Food and Agricultural Sciences' General Collection, mentioning resources about agriculture, food crops, and soil conditions, and listing special collections like 'Florida Historical Agriculture and Rural Life', 'International Farming Systems', and 'U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Survey publications'. A 'SUBCOLLECTIONS' section follows, featuring three icons and their corresponding collection names: 'Florida Historical Agriculture and Rural Life', 'International Farming Systems', and 'U. S. Department of Agriculture Soil Surveys'. The footer contains contact information, a copyright notice for the University of Florida George A. Smathers Libraries, and the UF Florida logo with the tagline 'The Foundation for The Gator Nation'.

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Food and Agricultural Sciences General Collections

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Search Collection: Go

The **Food and Agricultural Sciences** General Collection holds general resources about agriculture, food crops, farming, and soil and climate conditions conducive to agriculture. A main stay of the collection is the publications of the Institute for Food and Agricultural Sciences. Special collections include Florida Historical Agriculture and Rural Life, International Farming Systems, and U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Survey publications of Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

SUBCOLLECTIONS

 Florida Historical Agriculture and Rural Life

 International Farming Systems

 U. S. Department of Agriculture Soil Surveys

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Project: Increasing Accessibility to Rare Florida Agricultural Publications – Phase II (2015 Project Ceres Grant)

Purpose: To increase access to rare state agricultural publications by digitizing 57 print serials (1000+ items).

Core historic serials were identified for digitization based on limited availability and high preservation ranking

- Create metadata for all titles
- Digitize all 41 titles in the public domain and seek permission to digitize the 16 others
- Clarify preservation commitments from 7 holding institutions

Federal Documents at UF

The University of Florida (UF) is the **Regional Federal Depository Library** for Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands

It is also an active participant in the **ASERL Collaborative Federal Depository Program** with 35 Centers of Excellence

- 21 USDA agencies
- Congressional Hearings
- CFR and Federal Register (through the Legal Information Center)
- Panama Canal Commission and predecessor agencies and all other Federal documents about Panama and the Canal

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Centers of Excellence Related to Agriculture:

- A 11: Office of Fiber Investigations
- A 12: Division of Foreign Markets
- A 18: Division of Microscopy
- A 20: Division of Pomology
- A 24: Division of Seeds
- A 25: Silk Section
- A 27: Bureau of Crop Estimates
- A 3: Agrostology Division
- A 38: Fixed Nitrogen Research Laboratory
- A 39: Packers and Stockyards Administration

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A 4:	Bureau of Animal Industry
A 40:	Exhibits Office
A 41:	Grain Futures Administration
A 42:	Bureau of Home Economics
A 48:	Bureau of Plant Quarantine
A 5:	Bureau of Biological Survey
A 56:	Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine
A 6:	Division of Botany
A 7:	Bureau of Chemistry
A 8:	Entomological Commission
A 9:	Bureau of Entomology

All UF holdings for these agencies are cataloged and digitized and available for public access through UFDC

Federal Documents at UF

UF began cataloging ~300,000 documents already in offsite storage in 2008

UF moved the remainder of its Federal Documents collection to offsite storage in 2014 and committed to cataloging the entire collection

Since 2008, over **465,000 titles** have been cataloged, representing many more volumes

Most are enhanced copy cataloging records, but **over 13,880 original cataloging records** have been created and contributed to OCLC/WorldCat

Federal Documents in FLARE

Libraries in the State University System (SUS) of Florida and the University of Miami are building a shared collection called **FLARE: Florida Academic REpository**

- Offsite storage in Gainesville managed by UF
- Journals, monographs and government documents are included
- Shared policy development and funding
- Information at: <http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/flare/Index.aspx>

Federal Documents in FLARE

FLARE has a “**Last Copy**” policy specific to Federal Documents:

- This policy supports the preservation of unique federal government documents held in Florida academic libraries and selective depositories (including those in Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands)
- This policy acknowledges the value of retaining at least one copy of each uniquely held document in the state as part of a print preservation program for federal documents
- Therefore, all academic libraries in Florida and selective depositories in Florida, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands are granted the right to deposit last copies of government documents being withdrawn from their collections in FLARE for preservation

Print Journal Archiving at UF

Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (**ASERL**) and the Washington Research Library Consortium (**WRLC**) have a collaborative print journal archiving project: **Scholars Trust**

- Established in 2013
- 29 ASERL participants (including UF and Miami)
- 9 WRLC participants
- ASERL titles held in multiple locations with varying conditions of storage and use
- WRLC titles held at a central high density facility in Maryland

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Scholars Trust provides:

- Retention commitments through December 31, 2035
- Synchronized archiving policies for print journals
- Opportunities for participating libraries to make long-term collection decisions based on the combined archival holdings
- No-fee, priority service for resource sharing (ILL) requests from participating libraries
- Information at <http://www.aserl.org/programs/j-retain/>

Journals retained in the **FLARE** collection are also being contributed to the **Scholars Trust**

Print Journal Archiving at UF

To avoid duplicative entry into databases for its two journal archiving programs, UF developed software that would serve both **Scholars Trust** and **FLARE** --> **JRNL: Journal Retention and Needs Listing**

The purpose is to track archived titles and identify missing volumes to facilitate filling gaps

It is open source software, available for modification and use by others

Print Journal Archiving at UF

Agriculture Journals in **Scholars Trust**:

- 10 Land Grant Universities in **ASERL** and the **National Agricultural Library** collaborating to document archiving commitments
- 1,000+ journals in agriculture and related fields identified
- Commitments for 752 agricultural titles entered into **JRNL**
 - 228 titles held by only one library
 - 524 held by two or more libraries
- Commitments include some agricultural titles from libraries that are not Land Grant Universities

Three Challenges and a Request

If you are not already doing so, I challenge you to:

- Digitize and make accessible the **Theses and Dissertations** related to agriculture and **Agriculture Extension Documents** from your institution
- Establish a **Center of Excellence** for one or more USDA agencies or a subject related to agriculture
- Expand the **Agriculture Print Journal Archive** in collaboration with other land grant institutions to create a national program

And a request:

- Challenge UF and your other colleagues to emulate or join your **Agriculture Initiatives**

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Thank you!

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