

Information Sources for Food Studies Research

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Paper

- 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