

AGRICOLA Re-scoped
New Indexing Policy in Effect as of January 1, 2007

The National Agricultural Library (NAL) announces the re-scoped AGRICOLA Index and the list of titles to be indexed in 2007.

The re-scoped AGRICOLA Index better serves NAL's customers by offering more links to full-text articles and avoiding duplication with other abstracting and indexing services.

NAL re-scoped AGRICOLA because the rate of increase in the number of agriculture-related journal articles and other publications published in print and on the Web in the past decade has outstripped NAL resources available for indexing and maintaining the currency of the AGRICOLA Index.

NAL's goal in the re-scoping of AGRICOLA is to create a sustainable index that fills a unique niche. Therefore, in order to be considered for indexing in AGRICOLA, publications must meet at least one of the following criteria.

1. be a U.S. Department of Agriculture publication, or contain articles or chapters authored by USDA personnel;
2. support NAL's Information Centers;
3. contain articles or chapters on core agricultural topics, written in the English language;
4. not be indexed by any other abstracting and indexing service.

The 2007 list of publications indexed in AGRICOLA may be found at:
[http://www.nal.usda.gov/catalog/TITLES_RECOMMENDED FOR INDEXING 2007.pdf](http://www.nal.usda.gov/catalog/TITLES_RECOMMENDED_FOR_INDEXING_2007.pdf)

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