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National Agricultural Library

- Established in 1862 by President Lincoln with the signing of the Organic Act which created the U.S. Department of Agriculture

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National Agricultural Library

- NAL mission is to ensure and enhance access to agricultural information for a better quality of life.

- One of five US National Libraries, others are the Library of Congress, National Library of Medicine, the Library of Education and the National Transportation Library.

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National Agricultural Library

- National agricultural library of the United States

- Departmental library for the USDA and is a part of the Agricultural Research Service

- Resource available to all

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National Agricultural Library

- World's largest agricultural library
- 17-story Facility in Beltsville, MD
- Located on the Web at: www.nal.usda.gov
- Open 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, M-F
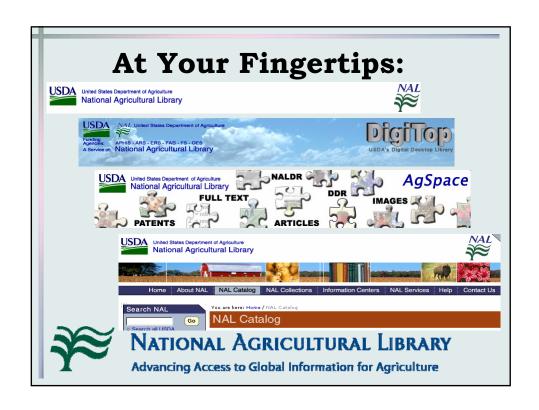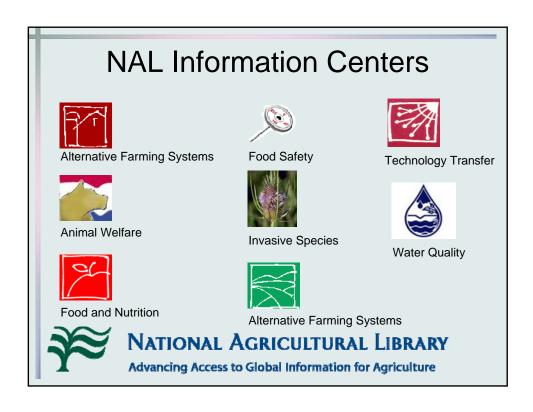- Closed on weekends and Federal holidays

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Food Safety

Technology Transfer

Animal Welfare

Invasive Species

Water Quality

Food and Nutrition

Alternative Farming Systems

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Reference Services
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- Research and Reader Services (Reference) assists you with:
  - AGRICOLA and other databases
  - Internet search and retrieval
  - Information research and consultation
  - Obtaining patron id and card

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  - TTD/TTY: (301) 504-6856
  - FAX: (301) 504-6011
  - E-mail: agref@nal.usda.gov
  - Ask a question:
    http://www.nal.usda.gov/services/ask.shtml

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- Reference and Reader Services (Reference) Staff can assist in finding answers to specific questions
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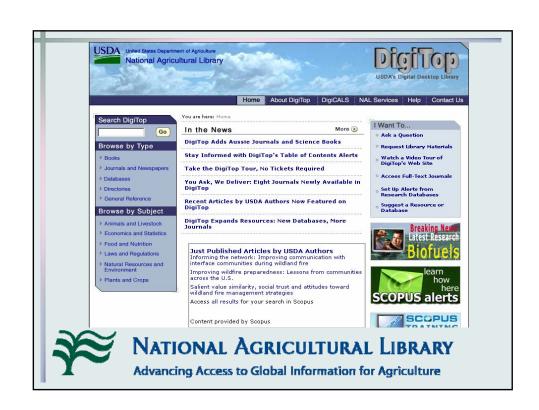10301 Baltimore Ave.
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DigiTop

- USDA's Digital Desktop Library

- The information and publications you need at your fingertips; 24/7, access wherever and whenever you need it

- An extensive collection of full-text journals, newspapers, databases, directories, and general reference tools

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DigiTop Resources

- Journals
- Books
- Bibliographic databases
- Content specific databases
- Newspapers and magazines
- Reference tools
- Directories

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DigiTop Databases

- AGRICOLA
- GEOBASE
- GeoRef
- Water Resources
- CAB Abstracts
- Global Health
- BIOSIS
- Food Science and Technology Abstracts
- ZooRecord
- Scopus

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- NewsBank
  - 1500+ newspapers
  - 27 major magazines
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- Financial Times

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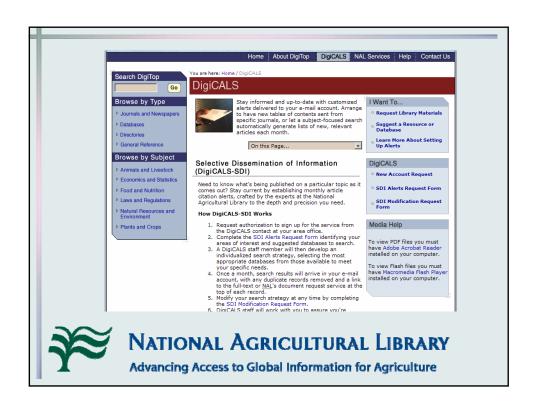Advancing Access to Global Information for Agriculture

DigiCALS

(Current Awareness Literature Service)

- Stay informed and up-to-date
- Save time searching
- Customized alerts delivered via email
- Subject focused searches
- Assistance developing search strategies

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AGRICOLA

- Nearly 5 million records
- Bibliographic citations to literature on all aspects of agriculture
- Two databases: Article citations and NAL Catalog
- Citations for journal articles and book chapters, monographs, bibliographies, theses, patents, software, audiovisuals, technical reports and electronic media from 1970 to the present

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AGRICOLA

- Available on the Internet via the NAL web site: http://agricola.nal.usda.gov
- NALT (National Agricultural Library Thesaurus

  http://agclass.nal.usda.gov/agt/agt.shtml)
- Links to *AgSpace*, the National Agricultural Library's Digital Repository

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AgSpace
Digital Repository

- Suite of digital repositories of agricultural literature, images, and collections

- Reliable, publicly accessible repository of digital agricultural information, accessible through AGRICOLA:
  - » Full-text documents (currently PDF)
  - » Image files

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- Multiple platforms
  - Historical agricultural documents
  - Current publications by USDA researchers
  - Digital images
- Future Expansion:
  - Other agricultural information content
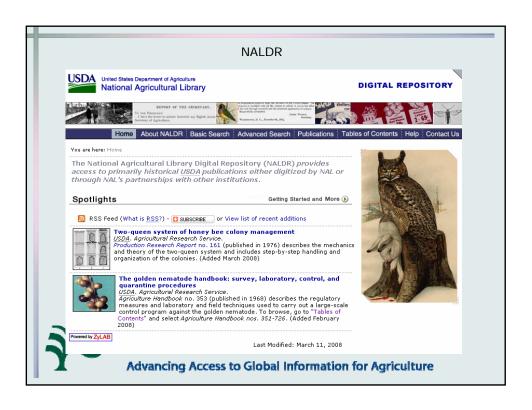 - Other formats and types of material

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- Digital Documents Repository (DDR)
  - http://ddr.nal.usda.gov
- Animal Science Image Gallery
  - http://anscigallery.nal.usda.gov
- USDA Pomological Watercolor Collection
- Henry G. Gilbert Nursery and Seed Trade Catalog Collection

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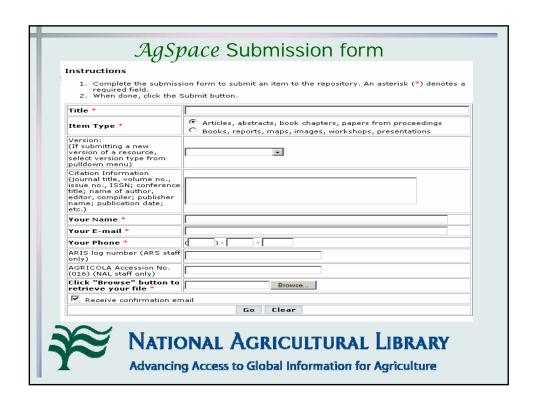Advancing Access to Global Information for Agriculture

NALDR

The National Agricultural Library Digital Repository (NALDR)

- The majority of publications available in the NALDR were published by the USDA
  – the Agriculture Information Bulletin
  – the Agricultural Economic Report
  – the Yearbook of the U.S. Department of Agriculture

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AgSpace Submission form

AgSpace Benefits
What's in it for USDA?

- Increased visibility – access via multiple sources
- Increased citations rates – open access publications are cited more often
- Permanent unchanging links to official publications
- Preservation of work as an intellectual asset of USDA
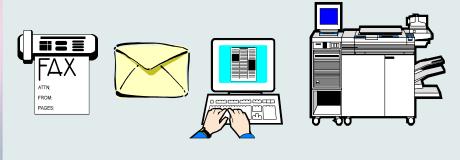- Minimal work for greatly increased visibility

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- Delivers copies of articles, copies of journals or books

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Document Delivery Services

- [Eligible customers](#) must have a patron identification (ID) number in order to submit a request directly to NAL

Document Delivery Services

- NAL stacks are closed to the general public, however stack passes are issued to USDA employees upon request

- Photocopiers are available on-site

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National Agricultural Library Thesaurus

- Language of AGRICOLA, *AgSpace*, NAL website
- Excellent source for terminology for developing search strategies
- Updated on January 1 of every year
- Available only in electronic formats
- Contains over 68,000 technical terms
- Encourages proposals for new terminology
  http://agclass.nal.usda.gov/agt/contact1.htm

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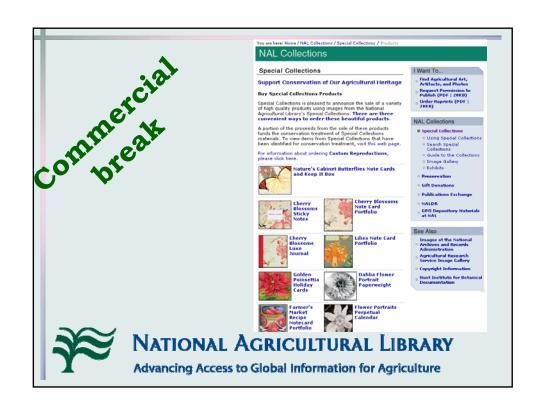
National Agricultural Library Glossary

- Definitions of agricultural terms developed in conjunction with the creation of the NAL Agricultural Thesaurus

- The 2008 edition contains over 2,400 terms ranging across agriculture and its many ancillary subjects

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