

Fall 2026 DLC: NAL Tools: Practical Strategies for Navigating USDA Information Chat Log

Abby Oldt:
Woo University of Missouri!

Charlie Amiot:
They have the Smokey Bear archives.

Susanne Caro:
Love the smokey collection! And the apples

Jenny Groome:
+1 Charlie - I need to check that out.

Sarah Guthrie:
those apples are cool!

Bert Chapman:
Organizational charts are very important for understanding govt. agencies.

Sarah Dobransky:
The watercolors make great artwork!

Brent Abercrombie:
Completely agree Bert!

Sara Winger:
The watercolors are amazing

Sara Winger:
NAL was one of the libraries I highlighted in my 250th display and poster

Susanne Caro:
How to build a fallout shelter for your livestock is a favorite

Daniel D Cornwall Cornwall:
+1 Bert on org charts

Christine Fletcher:
Does NAL include relevant documents from the old Public health Service? Like how to build a milk fridge.

Charlie Amiot:
Fun fact: The Federal government owns nearly 80% of Nevadaâ€

James Jacobs:

Sadly agricultural statistics WAS on the limited print distribution list but will no longer be printed :-(

Jenny Groome:

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Amanda Ros:

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Susanne Caro:

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Nancy Stanwood:

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Natalie Villegas:

https://search.nal.usda.gov/discovery/collectionDiscovery?vid=01NAL_INST:MAIN&collectionId=81279629860007426

Daniel D Cornwall Cornwall:

@Natalie - Thank you for pomological link!

James Jacobs:

<https://www.fdlp.gov/webtech-note/agricultural-statistics-annual-p>

Abby Oldt:

Univ of Missouri was going to be preservation stewards for agricultural statistics... now we're historical preservation stewardsðŸ˜˜

Trina Magi:

You mentioned that Internet Archive is working to digitize the collection (or at least part of it). Will those resources also end up on govinfo.gov?

Jenny Groome:

+1 Trina

James Jacobs:

@trina govinfo has only limited amount of executive branch info: <https://www.govinfo.gov/browse-a-z>

Charlie Amiot:

Question: How has NAL been faring in the age of AI? I assume data scrapers have been hammering the servers. Curious how it has or hasn't impacted usability.

James Jacobs:

Though perhaps discover.gpo.gov includes USDA search

Bert Chapman:

What NAL resources are there on the increasing use of artificial intelligence (AI) in agriculture research and practice in the U.S. and internationally?

James Jacobs:

Here's the list of dbs on discover https://discover.gpo.gov/primo-explore/search?query=any,contains,GPO RES*&tab=cgp_tab&search_scope=CGP&vid=GPO

James Jacobs:

But doesn't include Agricola or other USDA searches

Sarah Furger:

As a cataloger the NALT Concept Space is turning me into the heart eye emojis

Amy Turnbull:

Same, Sarah!

Elissa Lawrence:

+1 Sarah

Sarah Furger:

Is this a program or database or how are you maintaining this? I'm imagining a law library version...

Jenny Groome:

+1 Sarah

Andie Craley:

What NAL resources are in Science.gov?

Matthew Thorenz:

Really cool!

Jenny Groome:

+1 Andie

Charlie Amiot:

They have early Smokey suits!

Jenny Groome:

I still can't find any mention of the Smokey Bear doll I had as a kid - of course I haven't looked too hard

Susanne Caro:

Jenny, was it the one with the plastic face?

Sara Winger:

Do any of the recipes on nutrition.gov have dietary information?

Charlie Amiot:

eBay is your friend when you don't have a museum or digitized collections.

Jenny Groome:

Susanne - bendy, like Gumby. I just found it . https://encrypted-tbn0.gstatic.com/shopping?q=tbn:ANd9GcSt0U65xJ_mJFqcAmwNVTDPbZLgxUHyJAzP4EAInIfdZNCmEbZDAQVnGR1MZXPchT-wiOr3kggdDvdRuIEcV42HsONOPYNDsJMG3LFGTfO

Andie Craley:

I had a plastic one too Jenny. I remember I got it somewhere on the Skyline Drive, I guess a gift shop.

Susanne Caro:

We have a upcoming event where we are focusing on food a culture. I'm printing out recipes and searching agricola

Andie Craley:

+ Charlie - I just Googled and found exactly the Smokey the Bear doll I had, on ebay :)

Jenny Groome:

Oh Susanne, you just gave me inspiration for a future IDEA exhibit - food as culture!

Jessica Robinson:

Have you noticed an increase in user traffic on your food safety pages this year?

Susanne Caro:

I didn't know about agpub. Thankyou!

Jenny Groome:

I was helping someone with a legal case a few years back - found hearing transcript from another agency on NAL site. It was such a surprise when we couldn't find on the other agency's site!

Susanne Caro:

Is there a way to cross reference extension publications? So if my state is doing research on pecans, I can find other states that are doing the same?

Jenny Groome:

+1 Susanne - it would be great to get xreferences

Patricia Rush:

I know they have a lot of information about chicken coops.

Charlie Amiot:

Quick, did you pronounce it pea-cons or pea-cans?

Susanne Caro:

The pattern for WWII farm workers overalls!

ben amata:

how have the scientists adapted to the DOGE 400 journals cut? what determines which archives you get to keep as opposed to NARA?

Jenny Groome:

+1 Ben

Eli Arnold:

This presentation was ABSOLUTELY fascinating. I had no idea and can't wait to share what I've learned!

Trina Magi:

Thanks for the answer about govinfo.gov.

David Walls:

<https://www.nal.usda.gov/exhibits/ipd/apronsandkitchens/exhibits/show/the-bureau-of-home-economics/item/22>

Sarah Dobransky:

@charlie pea-can pie but better pea-con ice cream

Charlie Amiot:

The fed gov has some great sewing patterns for clothes. The overalls are on my list.

Mary Ann Ries:

Are you open to receiving electronic copies of DOA publics not currently in your collection

Sarah Dobransky:

+1 Mary

Sarah Dobransky:

*butter pecan ice cream lol

Jenny Groome:

pea-CAHn?

Antoine McGrath:

<https://archive.org/details/usdanationalagriculturalibrary>

Leslie Carr:

My grandmother has one of those coats!! G-parents were farmers and used to receive alot from USDA

Charlie Amiot:

I plan to use AI in an upcoming growing season so I don't have to pay attention to what needs to be co-grown.

Kim Allen:

When the tiny houses hit the scene, lots of folks were looking at the farm house plans.

<https://www.nal.usda.gov/exhibits/ipd/apronsandkitchens/exhibits/show/kitchen-plans/farmhouses>

Leslie Carr:
Chrarie Amiot i agree!!

Leslie Carr:
sorry..Charlie.. lol

Susanne Caro:
I recently looked up how to grow cantaloupes and figure out why mine weren't doing well. Found the answer too

Jocelyn Boice:
Throwing this out there, but wondering if there could be opportunities for collaboration between the FDLP and AgNIC?

Jenny Groome:
Can these questions be answered and posted to FDLC page?

Mary Ann Ries:
Yes

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I was thinking of old publications not current not in USDA databases

Susanne Caro:
Do you have fantastic potlucks? Love al the recipes

Lisa Pritchard:
Thanks! That was amazing.

Sinai Wood:
Thank you!!

William Sudduth:
Nice reminder of all the great collections at NAL. Had a tour the summer of 1984 during a class at CUA.

Brent Abercrombie:
This was super interesting and helpful. Thank you!

Leslie Carr:
Thank you Kirstin, great program!

Jenny Groome:
This was great!!

Ella Shurr:
Thank you!

Cynthia Etkin:
Excellent presentation, Kirstin! Thank you very much!

Jade Hornback:
thank you!!

Eli Arnold:
THANK you for the presentation Very informative!!

Bruce Sarjeant:
Thanks.

Natalie Villegas:
Thank you!

Philip Wrede:
Thank you so much!!

Laura Stellrecht:
Thank you!!

Amy Ruhe:
Thank you - very interesting!!

Sara Winger:
Thank you!!!

Min Shaheen:
Thank you!

Bernadette Johnson:
Thank you! This was a very interesting presentation!

Doriann Dawkins:
Thank you.

Susanne Caro:
Thank you! Love your resources!

Angie Bonnell:
Thank you!!

Ye Ja Sanders:
Thank you

Nykia Eaddy:
Thank you!

Jonathan Underwood:
Fantastic and very interesting!

Arlene Fialkoff:
Thank you~

Bert Chapman:Excellent