

**Title:** Dataset associated with the Colorado Agriculture Bibliography NEH & USAIN Project

**Abstract:** As family farms disappear from the landscape, most Americans do not have contact with the agricultural roots of the country. More than ever, the historical literature that helps in telling the story of American farming needs protection. The Preserving the History of United States Agriculture and Rural Life Project, administered by Cornell University, calls for states to identify and list important agricultural literature for preservation purposes. Because Colorado began to participate after approximately half of the states had completed bibliographies, staff could access already-tested methodologies for scope descriptions, subject headings, and other "how-to" processes. By using the lessons learned by others, staff were able to expand the scope, capture extra records, and design a nuanced Web site as a portal to the bibliography. The almost 16,000 dataset records include bibliographic information about books, journals, theses, dissertations, and other materials held in libraries across the country. Links to full-text documents digitized by CSU are included as a data point with a linking URL provided in the dataset, when available. For the bibliographic information, by searching WorldCat, we were able to tap into the holds of: CU Boulder, Denver Public Library, the Colorado Historical Society, Colorado State University, the National Agriculture Library, and smaller public libraries in Colorado. For more information about the entire project, read the articles listed below under the additional publications section of this README document.

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**Format of data files** – .xlsx, .csv

## **Description**

The Colorado Agriculture Bibliography of Primary and Secondary Material Published 1820-1945 was part of a NEH grant project with research conducted 2004-2007. The bibliography contains about 16,000 records. Details about the project are included in Level and Standish (2007).

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The Web site and bibliography reflects Colorado's contribution to the Preserving the History of United States Agriculture and Rural Life Project. This nation-wide effort aims to identify and preserve state and locally significant literature. The project involves the National Endowment for the Humanities ([NEH](#)), Cornell University, the United States Agricultural Information Network ([USAIN](#)), the National Agricultural Library ([NAL](#)), and other land-grant universities.

Additional information about the Libguides website (<https://libguides.colostate.edu/agbib>) is available from Watson, Level, and Oehlerts (2019). <https://doi.org/10.1080/10496505.2019.1576529>

**Definitions of acronyms, site abbreviations, or other project-specific designations used in the data file names or documentation files**

- GovDoc: Government Document

- ISBN: International Standard Book Number
- LC: Library of Congress
- LCCN: Library of Congress Control Number
- NLM: National Library of Medicine

#### **Variable information:**

- recordid: item record ID number
- dbrecnumber: database record number
- referencetype: type of reference item (e.g. Audiovisual Material, Electronic Source, Map, Generic-used for books)
- author: author or creator of the reference item
- pubyear: year of initial publication, if applicable
- title: title of reference item
- secondaryauthor: secondary author or series editor of reference item
- secondarytitle: secondary title of reference item
- placepublished: location of publication
- publisher: publisher name
- extentofwork: number of items
- description: descriptive information
- edition: edition of the reference item (number or year published)
- date: date the reference item was created
- typeofwork: type of work (e.g. map, visual material, serial, etc.)
- shorttitle: short title of item, if applicable
- alternatetitle: alternate title of item, if applicable
- isbnissn: standard identifier for the item (e.g., ISBN, LCCN, National Library ID, or Stock no.)
- originalpublication: format of original publication (e.g., Biography, Manuscript, Government Publication)
- publicinformation: frequency of original publication
- scale: physical size of item(s), if applicable
- projectnotes: notes from CSU project staff mainly to indicate if archival
- accessionnumber: accession number from OCLC
- callnumber: call number for item, if applicable (under LC, GovDoc, Dewey, Geographic, or NLM systems)
- keywords: item keywords
- abstract: abstract description of item
- notes: notes added by cataloger of the record
- url: the URL of the item, at the time the database was created (about 2005, so some URLs may be broken as of 2020+)
- Materials specified: finding aid note or inventory note
- url Note: additional information about the item that was originally exported from the bibliography website as part of the "url" variable
- handle: Handle.net persistent identifier, if applicable

#### **Associated publications:**

Level, A. V., & Standish, S. (2007). Standing on the shoulders of others: taking an agricultural bibliography project into the 21st century. *Journal of Agricultural & Food Information*, 8(1), 15–33.

[https://doi.org/10.1300/J108v08n01\\_04](https://doi.org/10.1300/J108v08n01_04)

Watson, R. J., Level, A. V., & Oehlerts, B. (2019). Ten years and counting: preserving and sharing Colorado's agricultural history online. *Journal of Agricultural & Food Information*, 20(3), 206–219.

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