







WHICH IS THE BEST SEARCH TOOL FOR FOOD AND NUTRITION RESEARCH?

Type	Subject specific databases				General databases		Additional tools		
Search tool	FSTA	CAB Abstracts	PubMed	Medline	Web of Science Core Collection	Scopus	ScienceDirect	Library discovery services	Google Scholar
Curated by experts in food-related sciences	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	n/a	✗	✗
Quality-checked by experts in food-related sciences	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	n/a	✗	✗
Subject-specific thesaurus used to index content for search accuracy	✓ Food-related (commodities and sciences)	✓ Life sciences	✓ Medical	✓ Medical	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Content coverage	Food-focused, interdisciplinary	Agriculture-focused, interdisciplinary	Medical-focused, interdisciplinary	Medical-focused, interdisciplinary	Multidisciplinary	Multidisciplinary	Multidisciplinary	Multidisciplinary	Multidisciplinary
Content type	Journals, books, conference proceedings, trade publications, patents, theses, reports, standards	Journals, books, conference proceedings, trade publications, reports	Journals, books	Journals	Journals, conference proceedings, books	Journals, books, conference proceedings, trade publications, patents	Journals, books	Library collections: excludes content accessible only by direct database search	Any content meeting the structural criteria for Google Scholar's automated "crawlers"
Type of service	Subject-specific database	Subject-specific database	Subject-specific database	Subject-specific database	General academic database	General academic database	Publisher-specific platform	Institution-specific discovery layer	Academic search engine
% of FSTA content not available in this resource*	n/a	 33%	 38%	 65%	 35%	 30%	 85%	<i>Institution dependent</i>	<i>Unknown</i>