



COLLECTIONS POLICY

SUBJECT: AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS

General Purpose

The general purpose is to guide the collecting or provision of access to material in the subject of Agricultural Economics and Business to support undergraduate and graduate teaching, and research to the Ph.D. and postgraduate levels. Particular emphasis is placed on agricultural policy and trade, agribusiness and agricultural marketing, economic theory, environmental and natural resource economics, farm management, international economics, production economics, food industry economics, food safety and quality, quantitative research methods, and rural and agricultural economic development.

Collection development should be maintained at the level of current collecting intensity objectives by the effective use of funds available each year.

Languages

Primarily English, but publications in other languages may be collected as dictated by research needs.

Geographic Areas

Materials from any part of the world may be collected to support teaching and research programs, subject to the language limitation.

Chronological Limitation

Material with a recent imprint date is preferred.

Types of Material Collected

Monographs, periodicals, government documents, and research reports are emphasized in whatever format will maximize use. For example, journals are preferred in electronic form. Likewise, e-reference books are also preferred if cost effective. Other types of publications such as theses, data files (as data or as part of a GIS initiative) or audio visual works may be considered.

Types of Material Excluded

Normally manuscripts, rare books, patents and computer software are not acquired.

Weeding and Relocation to Storage

The Library is committed to effective space utilization in both the campus library and in the TUG Annex (shared storage facility). As part of this, normally, provided there is local loading of electronic resources within an institution in Ontario to safeguard archival retention of information, there is no justifiable cost-benefit in retaining paper copy of what we have in archived back-up electronic format and paper will be withdrawn from the collection. An exception to this is with rare books and archival materials.

Access and Related Resources

The web-based catalogue is the main point-of-access to the Library's scholarly collections and resources, including those accessed on a consortial basis. A broad spectrum of additional information is also available using document delivery and interlibrary loan services as well as the Internet.

Archival and Special Collections

The teaching of economics at O.A.C. dates back to 1907 and a new department was formed in 1921 when Farm Economics and Political Economy were combined. Below are examples of collections relating to farm management, marketing systems, and agribusiness in general which are acquired by the Library from time to time.

- Co-operative Union of Ontario Collection
- R.E. Goodin Papers
- Hemlock Park Co-operative Farm Collection
- Homestead Co-operative Dairy Collection
- D.M. MacPherson Collection
- Morley Mills Collection
- Ralph S. Staples Papers
- Daniel E. Stauffer Collection
- United Co-operatives of Ontario Collection
- Watford Stock Yards Account Books
- Massey-Harris-Ferguson Collection

Subjects and Collection Levels

Subject Area	Existing Collection Strength	Current Collecting Intensity Objective
Agricultural Economics (general)	4E	4E
-risk management		
Agribusiness/Agricultural Marketing and Distribution	4E	4E
- wholesaling and retailing		
- prices, consumer supply and demand		
- futures and options		
- food industry economics		
Agricultural Policy, Trade and Development	4E	4E
Economic Theory	4E	4E
- micro and macroeconomics		
- neoclassical theory		
- supply and demand		
- institutional economics		
- econometrics		
Environmental and Resource Economics	4E	4E
Farm Management and Economics	3E	3E
- land reform and land use		
- labour		
- farming systems		
- co-operatives		
Food Policy	4E	4E
-Food supply, security & safety		
General Administration and Management	3E	3E
- operations research		
- human resource management		
- communications		
- decision making		
- policy design and planning		
- program evaluation		
- accounting, finance and credit		
International Trade and Economics	3E	4E
Production Economics	4E	4E

For related resources see collections policies for Consumer Studies, Crop Science, Economics, Geography, Hotel and Tourism Management, Land Resource Science, Rural Extension Studies, Rural Planning and Development, and Sociology and Anthropology.

The attached Appendix indicates collection levels.

Approval

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