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WikiProject Agriculture: Be an Agricultural Wikipedian

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Lightning Round session presented Tuesday, May 6, 2014, at the **14th Biennial Conference of the United States Agricultural Information Network (USAIN)** in Burlington, Vermont. The conference theme was "Sustainable Agriculture: Stewardship of Our Information Ecosystem." The submitted abstract is below:

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Wikipedia will be 13 years old in 2014. It is ranked the 6th most visited site on the World Wide Web. Many librarians and information specialists have a love hate relationship with this open access, free internet encyclopedia. Searching for agricultural information sometimes exposes a lack of information or existence of entries on specific topics, inaccurate information, or results in the frustration of a research dead end from unreferenced articles. Wikipedia is, of course, a collaboratively edited resource. A Wikipedia WikiProject is a group of contributors working together to improve the Wikipedia information and the pages on a particular topic or subject area. *WikiProject Agriculture* currently lists 76 members: many are agricultural producers, from various parts of the world, some list academic degrees and research experience. One member identifies herself as a science librarian. In the past year only 463 changes have occurred within the *WikiProject Agriculture*. Agricultural information specialists, such as USAIN members, are logical potential participants to be involved in improving and expanding Wikipedia's agricultural related topics and articles. Be a part of providing quality content, updating, improving, editing, providing sources, or fact-checking areas in your subject specialty. How to take a role in shaping the future of this WikiProject or others, and become involved at a level with which each contributor is comfortable, will be highlighted.

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Wikipedia

- Good
- Bad
- Indifferent

Frustrations

- Missing
- Limited information
- Sources missing

Get Involved

- Improve
- Expand
- Correct
- Cite

Wikipedia is made by people like you.

715,155,527

edits

4,505,313

articles

130,172

recent contributors

<https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Special:UserLogin&returnto=Main+Page&returntoquery=type%3Dsignup%26fromhttp%3D1&type=signupttp=1>

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Getting Started

- [Wikipedia:Welcoming committee](#)
- [Wikipedia: Introduction](#)
- [Wikipedia:Teahouse](#)



Create Account

Advantages:

- Security & Privacy
- More editing privileges
- Communicate & Collaborate
- Join WikiProjects
- Record of edits
- Contributions & Watchlist
- Voice/Vote²

Then Dive In!

- Edit existing entries
- “Play” in the Sandbox
- Expand from general entry to specifics
- No deadlines

WikiProject Agriculture

A **WikiProject** is a group of contributors who want to work together as a team to improve Wikipedia.³

This project aims primarily to provide a consistent article structure for agricultural related topics while striving to develop and improve said agriculture articles. The goal is to make Wikipedia a comprehensive source of factually accurate, neutral articles that include relevant, credible facts.

Quite a [List of covered agriculture subjects](#)⁴

Resources & Sources

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