

The purpose of this assignment is to better your research skills and your knowledge of **modern food systems**. You will select a **food commodity** and **research the origin of the food and how it enters a world market and reaches your or someone else's dinner plate**.

In this assignment you will learn to make better use of the searches you can conduct using **Google** and other searchers. You will gather the **"best of"** what you find and assemble these in a short report. The report will take the form of a **bibliography**. **Your best findings will appear in alphabetical order of the author's last name**. You should have ten or more sources in your bibliography. We will conduct an **advanced search** in class. **All your sources should be online PDF files!**

First you have to **pick a food commodity**. Here are some suggestions: pineapples, coffee, wheat, bananas, soy beans, corn, sorghum, rice, mangos, kiwi fruit, salmon, grass-fed beef, potatoes, tuna, olives, tea, chocolate, vanilla, sugarcane. It should be relatively easy to research, and have to do with agriculture and food markets.

Second you want to organize your preferences. For example you can conduct a search of government documents relating to Monsanto soybeans like this: Go to **Advanced Search in Google**. It's a well-kept secret: http://www.google.com/advanced_search. This is the top of the Advanced Search page.

The screenshot shows the Google Advanced Search interface. On the left, under "Find pages with...", there are five rows of input fields: "all these words:" with "coffee, export, Ethiopia"; "this exact word or phrase:" with "Yirgacheffe"; "any of these words:" with "shade-grown, coop, fair-trade, organic"; "none of these words:" (empty); and "numbers ranging from:" (empty) to (empty). On the right, under "To do this in the search box", there are five rows of instructions: "Type the important words: tricolor rat terrier"; "Put exact words in quotes: 'rat terrier'"; "Type OR between all the words you want: miniature OR standard"; "Put a minus sign just before words you don't want: -rodent, -'Jack Russell'"; and "Put 2 periods between the numbers and add a unit of measure: 10..35 lb, \$300..\$500, 2010..2011". Below this is a section "Then narrow your results by..." with seven rows of dropdown menus: "language:" (any language), "region:" (any region), "last update:" (anytime), "site or domain:" (.edu), "terms appearing:" (anywhere in the page), "SafeSearch:" (Show most relevant results), "file type:" (Adobe Acrobat PDF (.pdf)), and "usage rights:" (not filtered by license). A blue "Advanced Search" button is at the bottom.

Here you can specify what it is you want to find in the subject.


I put in **all the words** I want searched (in no particular order).

Then (in this case) I specified the "Yirgacheffe" as a "must have" in the search. This means I am looking for sites that feature articles on the types of Ethiopian coffee known as "Yirgacheffe". This means that the search will only find documents or where the exact word or phrase appears.

Then I added *any of the words*, "shade-grown, coop, fair-trade, organic" (in no particular order).

And finally I added "search domain" that ends in .edu. Now only higher education websites will be searched. Then I specify that I want PDF files only. This greatly narrows my search to university publications that are written on Yirgacheffe coffee.

Third, The resulting search will be only of university documents that mention coffee, export, Ethiopia and must have Yirgacheffe. This is what the top hits look like:

Google coffee, export, Ethiopia shade-grown, OR coop, OR fair-trade, OR organic "Yirga" 

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NEW ROLE OF COOPERATIVES IN ETHIOPIA: THE CASE OF ETHIOPIAN COFFEE FARMERS COOPERATIVES

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ABSTRACT Since 1991, policies of economic liberalization in Ethiopia have been effective in releasing the economy from rigid state control. At the same time, they have also exposed Ethiopian people to domestic and international free market competition. In African countries, the retreat of governments from rural development due to economic liberalization policies has led to the re-evaluation of the role of cooperatives. Since 1999, in Ethiopia, several coffee farmers cooperative unions have been established to support peasants who are handicapped by their lack of negotiating power in the global economy. Coffee cooperatives have become more market-oriented and are now relatively democratic compared to the former Marxist cooperatives of the previous regime. Thus far, these coffee cooperatives have provided higher profits to coffee farmers than have private traders. The actual volume of purchase, however, is limited due to financial constraints. Because of this, the majority of cooperatives continues to rely on conventional marketing channels rather than on unions. Considering their weak financial condition, it is too early to judge the sustainability of the cooperatives because international prices have been high recently, and it is not yet clear how they would survive a downward international price trend.

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