

WHAT IS AGROVOC?

AGROVOC is a multilingual thesaurus, a system for organizing agricultural knowledge and the largest Linked Open Data set about agriculture and food, coordinated by FAO and maintained by an international community of experts and institutions.

**AGROVOC
STRUCTURE:**

Concepts

Terms

Definitions

Relations

**AGROVOC
consists of:**

37 900
concepts

787 238 terms
in 40 languages

AGROVOC - information indexing tool

- Unification and improvement the quality of the agricultural information indexing;
- Avoiding the dispersion of related information by controlling and eliminating synonymy, polysemy, homonymy;
- Reducing the inherent ambiguity of natural language and ensuring the coherence of terms;
- The correct, consistent and uniform using of terms in the indexing activity.

AGROVOC - information retrieval tool

- Increasing the functional efficiency and relevance of information systems, electronic catalogs and digital repositories;
- Facilitating and streamlining the information retrieval and discovery, more accurate and unambiguously identification of the necessary information;
- Ensuring the relationship of terms in order to explore multidimensional and interdisciplinary agricultural terminology;
- Clarifying the meaning and context of the use of different terms;
- Ensuring an efficient dialogue between the user and the information system, making them communicate in the same language.

AGROVOC - information translating tool

- Standardization of terminology in the agricultural and related sciences;
- The correct use of specific terminology by persons employed in the field of agriculture;
- Identifying and establishing the linguistic equivalence of identical concepts expressed in different languages;
- Overcoming language barriers in the professional communication of specialists in the agricultural field.