ABSTRACT

This bibliography consists of 72 publications related to agricultural development, community development, rural development, economic development, and rural sociology. The entries, all published in the 1980s, and available from the National Agricultural Library's (NAL) Rural Information Center, are broken down as follows: 32 journal articles; 15 books; 14 journals; 6 articles of international interest, 5 audiovisual resources; 4 bibliographies; and several indexes and abstract sources. Each entry includes author, title, publication date, publication source, paging, the NAL call number, and, in some cases, a brief abstract. (TES)
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SCOPE: Because rural development is a broad topic, it is best to illustrate the scope by including the following definitions. The first four are by Lawrence W. Libby (from "Natural Resource Linkages to Agricultural and Rural Development" in Interdependencies of Agriculture and Rural Communities in the Twenty-First Century; the North Central Region: Conference Proceedings, ed. Peter F. Korsching and Judith Gildner, 79. Ames, Iowa: North Central Regional Center for Rural Development, c1986.)

Agricultural Development: Community development resulting from changes within agriculture, defined to include all activities from production to retail sales. Community of interest is not limited to rural areas; "improvements" involve more than traditional economic variables.

Community Development: Focused change where indicators of improvement include more than economic variables. Feelings of well-being among community members, however that community is defined, might involve a more responsive government, greater opportunity for political access, a sense of having some impact on community change, improved services, or improved economic circumstances.

Economic Development: These directed actions designed to alter economic circumstances of people. Success is measured in per capita incomes, gross national or state product, market share, income share, or some other monetary indicator of economic change.

Rural Development: Community development in nonmetropolitan areas designed to enhance the options for people living there.

The final definition is from Wilkinson, K.P. "In Search of the Community in the Changing Countryside." Rural Sociology. v. 51 (1) p. 13. Spring 1986.

Rural Sociology: Sociology applied toward understanding rural life, and science applied for the purpose of improving the well-being of people in rural areas.

BOOKS

Books about rural development can be found under that subject in the card catalog. Many frequently mentioned are:


Bradley, Doug. Revitalizing Rural America: a Cooperative Extension System Response. (Madison, Wis.): Produced by Division of Cooperative Extension, University of Wisconsin-Extension, 1986. 28 p. NAL Call No.: HC103.B7. Included in the RIC reference collection, it is an essential work to read. These first four sources would be the best works to examine once a basic knowledge of rural economics has been acquired.


Korsching, Peter F., and Judith Giliner. Interdependencies of Agriculture and Rural Communities in the Twenty-First Century: the North Central Region: Conference Proceedings. Ames, Iowa: North Central Regional Center for Rural Development, c1986. xvii, 237 p. NAL Call No.: HD1773.A3I5. Stated intention of the conference was to answer two questions: "What is the role of the agricultural sector in a program of rural development?"
How can rural development programs improve both agricultural and nonagricultural sectors of rural America?


Reinschmiedt, L.L. *Rural Economic Policies*. Mississippi State, Miss.: The Station, May 28, 1987. 13 p. Staff Paper Series-Mississippi State University, Department of Agricultural Economics, Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station. NAL Call No.: S79.S73. Informative about rural development legislation currently in force, but not hopeful about the future. The author concludes with the pessimistic statement, "The only way to solve problems in rural areas is to make them urban areas so that they become urban problems." (p. 11)


CALL NUMBERS

Call numbers for browsing are found under two classification schemes. The NAL classification scheme was used until 1966. Call numbers in the area of rural development are 1-6, 100, 148-173, 275-278, and 281-287. Under the Library of Congress classification system used since 1966, the call numbers are found in HB, HC, HD1401-2210, HT401-485, and S. Prospective browsers are reminded that a pass, available at circulation and in work areas, is required for admission to the stacks.

BIBLIOGRAPHIES

Some bibliographies in the field are:


JOURNAL ARTICLES

Rural development is a rapidly growing field. Ongoing and ever-changing research projects necessitate the inclusion of core journal articles to provide the most current knowledge. Some attempt has been made to prioritize them if more advanced technical knowledge is required for comprehension.

being so readily available that nonpayment statistics increase, thereby lowering the chances of borrowing for others.


Azam, K.M. "Whither Rural Development?" Agricultural Administration. v. 23 (2) p. 65-73. 1986. NAL Call No.: S3.A32. A well written article in the "teach them to fish" tradition, counseling cooperation and involvement.


Brown, Jr., A. "Rural Communities in an Industrialized Agriculture." Increasing Understanding of Public Problems and Policies. p. 81-84. 1985. NAL Call No.: 275.29-F22. Relatively easy to read.


Gordon, J.R. "Discussion: Rural Development in an Austere Environment: the Challenge of the Eighties." Southern Journal of Agricultural Economics. v. 14 (1) p. 63-64. July 1982. NAL Call No.: HD101.S6. This article is in response to the previous entry. The issue at hand is Reaganomics and is discussed somewhat more technically than in Schuh's article to follow.

Heddinger, L. "Cooperative Opportunities for Rural Libraries." Rural Libraries. v. 3 (1) p. 61-73. 1983. NAL Call No.: Z675.V7R8. It is interesting to draw comparisons between the opportunities and problems of rural communities and those of rural libraries as revealed in this article.


McCoy, D. "Regenerating Rural America." New Farm. v. 9 (1) p. 38-39. Jan 1987. NAL Call No.: S1.N32. This essay seems to be attempting to "sell" small-scale farming to city dwellers, but it describes the emotional issues well.


Redman, B.J. "Rural Development: a Critique." American Journal of Agricultural Economics. v. 62 (5) p. 1031-1036. NAL Call No.: 280.8-J822. Suggests that economics are overemphasized at the expense of human values.

Reid, J.N., and J.M. Stam. "Regional Approaches to Rural Government: What Role in the Eighties." Rural Development Perspectives. v. 4 p. 24-27. Sept 1981. NAL Call No.: aHT392.A55. The authors imply that since regional agencies exist to provide services on a larger scale than rural local governments can supply, they will continue to exist only as long as funding is available, federal policies do not change, and other means of providing their services are not found. Interesting perspective on growth of regionalism.


"Rural America Makes a Comeback." Farmline. v. 2 (4) p. 10-11. May 1981. NAL Call No.: aHD1401.A2U52. Good general article which indicates that statistics may be self-fulfilling indicators of the services available to rural areas.


Thompson, Paul B. "The Social Goals of Agriculture." Agriculture and Human Values. v. 3 (4) p. 32-42. Fall 1986. NAL Call No.: HT401.A36C2. Discusses moral issues of agriculture, such as conservation and efficiency without abuse, from the historical perspective of such philosophers as Locke and Jefferson as well as modernists like Aiken and Berry.


Wilkinson, K.P. "In Search of the Community in the Changing Countryside." *Rural Sociology*. v. 51 (1) p. 1-17. Spring 1986. NAL Call No.: 281.28-R88. Indicates that community development is not often studied from a sociological point of view because the current consensus of opinion seems to be that the rural community as an entity no longer exists. Good discussion.


Youmans, R. "The Changing Face of Rural America: Discussion." *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*. v. 68 (5) p. 1194-1195. Dec. 1986. NAL Call No.: 280.8-J822. A good discussion of basic factors of change, both causal and effective, such as the reduced ties to natural resource industries, more economic diversity, wider range of commerce involvement, and more off-farm and non-farm ventures.

**SERIAL TITLES**

In addition to browsing for books, scanning the following journals for topics of interest is recommended.

*Agriculture and Human Values*. Gainesville, Fla.: Humanities and Agriculture Program, Center for Applied Philosophy and Ethics in the Professions, University of Florida. NAL Call No.: HT401.A36.
INDEXES AND ABSTRACTS

There are several indexes and abstracts in which one can find good coverage of terms such as rural areas, rural communities, rural development, and rural planning. Two of the best are publications from CAB Abstracts: Rural Development Abstracts (NAL Call No.: Z5074.E3R8) and Rural Extension, Education, and Training Abstracts (NAL Call No.: Z5074.E8R8). A large section of Sociological Abstracts (NAL Call No.: 241.3-S012) is devoted to Rural Sociology and Agricultural Economics. Agrindex, a publication of the Food
and Agriculture Organization, also contains information in the applicable categories. Its call number is Z5073.A34. The last source valuable enough to be included is United Nations Documents Index, by the Dag Hammarskjold Library, found at Z6481.U524.

OF INTERNATIONAL INTEREST

For those interested in the field of rural development as it applies to other countries, the following periodicals may be of interest. The articles cited here are included as a starting point for further browsing.


Cloke, P. "Implementation, Intergovernmental Relations, and Rural Studies: a Review." Journal of Rural Studies. v. 2 (3) p. 245-253. 1986. NAL Call No.: HT401.J68. Although its interest is primarily British, this article is a good basic overview.


Lindley, W.I. "Rural Youth in the Less Developed Areas." Agricultural Education Magazine. v. 57 (7), p. 8-10. Jan 1985. NAL Call No.: 275.8-AG8. This article covers Southern Asia, South America, and Latin America.


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