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**ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AGRICULTURAL  
LIBRARY OF THE UKRAINIAN SSR ON INFORMATION AND LIBRARY  
SUPPORT OF AGRARIAN SCIENCE IN THE 60-70s  
XX CENTURY**

**Summary**

*In the Ukrainian SSR, the methodological and coordinating center for advisory agricultural bibliography was the State Republican Library of the Ukrainian SSR named after the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, which, in cooperation with other libraries of the republic, annually formed about 30-35 titles of indexes and lists of references. Therefore, it is natural that the National Scientific Agricultural Library in its work on agricultural bibliography coordinated and combined its efforts with the State Republican Library of the Ukrainian SSR named after the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. Beginning in 1965, library began to form and publish a series of bio-bibliographic indexes dedicated to prominent figures in agriculture and forestry of the Ukrainian SSR. The first issue of this series was dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the birth of the country's outstanding scientist, arborist, soil scientist, geobotanist, hydrologist, climatologist and geographer, Georgy Nikolaevich Vysotsky (1865-1940), whose name and works were widely known not only in our country, but also far beyond its borders. In addition, such bibliographic indexes were prepared and published, such as "Pests and diseases of winter wheat and measures to combat them" (1966), "Chemicalization of animal husbandry" (1966), "Rational types of feeding», "Scientists of Kharkov region – agriculture and forestry" (1968), "Trostyanets forests in forestry and historical literature" (1967), "Scientific organization of labor, production and management in agriculture" (1969), "Manuscript fund of the Krasno-Trostyanets forest experimental station" (1970), "Vitamin nutrition of poultry" (1970), "Location and specialization of agricultural production in Ukraine", "Wheat in Ukraine", etc. A significant part of the reference and bibliographic work was occupied by thematic references, which the library specialists prepared at the request of employees of the*

*Ukrainian SSR and other republics of the country, as well as for foreign scientists. During 1971-1972 library specialists, in accordance with the requests of users, prepared more than 100 bibliographic thematic references relating to various issues of agriculture. In order to disseminate timely and up-to-date information on the achievements of agricultural science, technology and best practices, the library once every two months issued and sent out an annotated bibliographic index «Achievement of science and innovate experience to agricultural production» and the information Bulletin «New Books». Starting from 1969, the library became subordinate to the Southern Branch of All-Russian Academy of Agricultural Sciences and became the methodological center of the network of agricultural libraries of the Ukrainian SSR (204 libraries of the National Research University, branch universities and technical schools). The specialists of the latter systematically traveled to the libraries of the country in order to provide them with methodological assistance. So, since the end of the 60s of the XX century for 30 years, its specialists annually carried out about 10-12 trips to 50-60 libraries of the subordinate network. An important place in the activities of the library was given to the dissemination of the achievements of domestic agrarian science and production. Such a form of propaganda of literature as days of information has become widespread. In its work, the library also used other forms of literature popularization, in particular traveling thematic book exhibitions, at which library specialists had the opportunity to speak with literature reviews, and the organization of exhibitions, the publications of which were sent to other libraries by ring mail. In connection with the use of various methods of work on the distribution of industry publications, the number of readers in the library, reading room, and subscription increased proportionally. There was also an increase in the number of organizations that received literature for their readers through interlibrary loans. In 1972, the library specialists continued to work on the research work "The State and Prospects for the Development of Funds of Scientific Agricultural Libraries" and prepared for publication a scientific collection "From the Experience of Agricultural Libraries of Ukraine" (Issue 2). In 1975, for further work on the dissemination of bibliographic knowledge among users, specialists from the scientific and methodological department of the library prepared a brochure "Propaganda of library and bibliographic knowledge in agricultural libraries". It presented brief information about the main library and bibliographic knowledge that will be useful to users of industry libraries, described ways to promote it, and also gave recommendations on the implementation of this area of activity in the work of institutions. After 6 years, namely in 1981, these guidelines were supplemented and republished.*

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