

# Using timely bioscience research to support agriculture and food producers

**Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC)** works with Canadian farmers and food producers to support the growth and development of the agriculture and agri-food sector through initiatives which promote innovation and competitiveness. The department's policies, programs, research and technology are designed to help farmers and food producers succeed in Canadian and global markets. AAFC is associated with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, equivalent to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.



To meet the need for reliable online bioscience research, AAFC has been a BioOne Complete subscriber since 2003. Roger Pawson is the head of E-Resource Management at AAFC and is responsible for collection development, acquisition, invoicing, activation, troubleshooting and more. "There had been an increase in the expectation that journals should be available online," according to Pawson. "Furthermore, the price was good, so we were able to increase our offering and have access to front list titles."

Every year Pawson and the AAFC library perform an extensive review of their subscription holdings, analyzing usage statistics and cost-per-download information to determine annual renewal purchases. "One of the primary drivers in terms of usage definitely comes from the entomologists, which is also representative of the strong entomology coverage in BioOne Complete," Pawson explained.

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