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Contents: 1. Biological & Agricultural Index (BAI); 2. FY94 Budget?

Biological & Agricultural Index

At present, BAI indexes 224 journals.

Total titles indexed--224

URI Subscribes (includes Pell)--193 [86%]

URI lacks currently--31 [14%]

Summary of URI holdings/Undergrad Indexes

Applied Science (AST)	63%
Biol & Agri (BAI)	86%
Bus. Per. Index (BPI)	70%
Education Index (EI)	67%
Exp.Academic (EAI)	84%
Humanities Ind (HU)	82%
Readers Guide (RG)	60%
Social Sciences (SSI)	87%

2. FY94 Budget

No word on capital budget as of yet. Indications are that the budget will approximate FY93 level (about \$2 million), but that extraordinary equipment needs (perhaps an additional \$100,000) will reduce library materials portion significantly. In addition, plans are developing to get CARL Uncover (about \$15,000) asap. These developments, along with the expected increase in cost for journals (about \$100,000), and the \$30,000 in new CD-ROM subscriptions, will result in (at least) a quarter of a million dollar cut in either the serials allocation, or the books/media allocation, or a combination of both. That's the good news.

The bad news is that the library has been asked to cut present levels of funding by over \$375,000. Some of this reduction will have an impact on the library materials budget. Plans to deal with the magnitude of this level of funding are only now being developed. Draconian measures may well be needed, at very little advance notice, if we are to keep within our prescribed budget. More anon.