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Pre-1990s



UF/IFAS Extension publications are printed and delivered to Extension offices around the state from a print shop at IFAS Educational Media and Services (EMS) on the Gainesville campus.

1989

The **Florida Agricultural Information Retrieval System (FAIRS)** begins distribution as a series of CD-ROMs with over 3,000 UF faculty-authored, peer-reviewed materials about agricultural safety, animal science, coastal plants, weed identification, home economics, pest control and other topics.

1996

FAIRS released on the World Wide Web with thousands of publications related to agriculture, natural resources and home economics.

1998

The **Electronic Data Information Source (EDIS)** is established as the online source for UF/IFAS Extension's research-based educational resources.



2002



4,036 publications available on EDIS, receiving **6.4 million** pageviews per year.

2006

SOLUTIONS for your LIFE

UF/IFAS Solutions for Your Life brings EDIS publications together with other valuable online resources within the framework of a single user-friendly website.

2020



6,451 EDIS publications online; **17.5 million** pageviews per year.

2021

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