# The State of Knowledge on Food Security in Ethiopia

**Abstract**: Google Scholar suggests there is a vast amount of research on food security in Ethiopia, while the Web of Science finds a small fraction in comparison. We analyze these two research search platforms to analyze this apparent contradiction. We compare and contrast the search results offered by these two academic databases for the period of 2005 to 2016. The results present an analysis of the publishers, citations, the types of documents included in the search results, institutions of authors, and role of false positives in the results. Of note, the citation analysis suggested that there are distinct circles of knowledge exchange and publication, principally revolving around the accessibility of research. In addition to outlining the landscape food security research in Ethiopia, this study has implications for systematic reviews, specifying the strengths and limitations of the respective databases.

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