Remote Sensing of Agriculture

NASS' Cropland Data Layer Program

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NASS Overview

Provider of timely, accurate, and useful statistics in service to U.S. agriculture



Research and Development Division Geospatial Information Branch Spatial Analysis Research



Remote Sensing Acreage Estimation Program Objectives

"Census by Satellite"

- Without area duplication
- Major corn and soybean regions
- Provide timely, accurate, useful independent estimates
 - Measurable error

County and state level

Public domain crop specific crop classification

- <u>http://nassgeodata.gmu.edu/CropScape</u>
- NRCS Geospatial Data Gateway
- http://www.nass.usda.gov/research/Cropland/SARS1a.htm
- Google CropScape!

What is the Cropland Data Layer (CDL)?

The Cropland Data Layer product is a raster-formatted, geo-referenced, crop specific, land cover map.



2011 Cropland Data Layer Inputs

Satellite Imagery – Landsat



Farm Service Agency: Common Land Unit



Satellite Imagery – Deimos & UK2



2006 NLCD & Derivative products



Landsat Imagery 1997-2012

Landsat 5 launched 1984 (3 yr design life!) – Thematic Mapper (TM) Sensor Landsat 7 launched 1999 Thematic Mapper (ETM+) Sensor







The Landsat Data Gap

Landsat 7 ETM+



Landsat 5 TM



News Release

November 30, 2005 Ron Beck

Landsat 5 Experiencing Technical Difficulties

On November 26, 2005, the back-up solar array drive on Landsat 5 began exhibiting unusual behavior. The solar array drive maintains the proper pointing angle between the solar array and the sun. The rotation of the solar array drive became sporadic and the solar array was not able to provide the power needed to charge the batteries. Maintaining power to the batteries is critical to sustain proper operation of the spacecraft. The primary solar array drive failed under similar circumstances last January. As a result of this current situation, imaging operations will be suspended for at least the next two weeks or until attempts to solve the problem have been resolved.

Source: USGS, Landsat Project:

http://landsat.usgs.gov/slc_enhancements/slc_off_level1_standard.php

Deimos and UK2 Micro Satellites

(22-metre, multi-spectral DMC imager 600km imaging swath)



Sensor Specifications Compared

	<u>TM</u>	Deimos/UK2
Launch Date	1984	2009
Altitude	705 km	686 km
Temporal Resolution	16 days	4 days
Spatial Resolution	30 x 30 m (reflective) 120 x 120 m (thermal)	22 x 22 m (reflective)
Radiometric Resolution	8 bit (256)	10 bit (1024)
Spectral Resolution	6 (B, G, R, NIR, SWIR, MIR) + Thermal IR	3 (G, R, NIR)
Swath wide	185 km	600 km

Image Timing



http://www.nass.usda.gov/Charts_and_Maps/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2010





Land Cover Categories





Final CDL



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Ground Truth – Land Cover

Agriculture Ground Truth Provided by Farm Service Agency Identifies known fields and crops

Divide known fields into 2 sets 70% used for training software 30% used for validating results



Non-Agriculture Ground Truth USGS National Land Cover Dataset

Identifies urban infrastructure and non-agriculture land cover

Forest. grass. water. cities



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Ancillary Data – USGS/NASA Products



Elevation



Imperviousness



Forest Canopy

NASA MODIS Terra (16-day NDVI composite)



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Commercial Software Suite

- Imagery Preparation
 - Leica Geosystems ERDAS Imagine
- Image classification
 - Decision tree software
 - See5.0 <u>www.rulequest.com</u>
- Ground Truth Preparation
 - ESRI ArcGIS
- Acreage Estimation
 - SAS/IML workshop











See5 Decision Tree Classifier

State-of-the-art technique for image classification

- Relatively cheap (\$750)

Incorporates a powerful ensemble method known as "boosting"

The "NLCD Mapping Tool" was integrated into ERDAS Imagine

• Provided gratis by USGS





Accuracy Assessments

Crop-specific (covers	only	*Correct	Accuracy	Error	Kappa
OVERALL ACCURA	СҮ		740009	93.56%	6.44%	0.8488

Cover	Attribute	*Correct	Producer's	Omission		User's	Commission	Cond'1
Type	Code	Pixels	Accuracy	Error	Kappa	Accuracy	Error	Kappa
Corn	1	28358	95.36%	4.64%	0.9528	93.08%	6.92%	0.9297
Cotton	2	11757	95.08%	4.92%	0.9505	94.59%	5.41%	0.9456
Rice	3	2	28.57%	71.43%	0.2857	66.67%	33.33%	0.6667
Sorghum	4	21251	89.85%	10.15%	0.8972	92.46%	7.54%	0.9236
Soybeans	5	12885	86.15%	13.85%	0.8604	88.61%	11.39%	0.8851
Sunflowers	6	102	89.47%	10.53%	0.8947	99.03%	0.97%	0.9903
Peanuts	10	512	90.14%	9.86%	0.9014	92.09%	7.91%	0.9208
Barley	21	785	71.95%	28.05%	0.7194	97.39%	2.61%	0.9739
Durum Wheat	22	48	42.86%	57.14%	0.4286	100.00%	0.00%	1.0000
Spring Wheat	23	205	56.47%	43.53%	0.5647	99.03%	0.97%	0.9903
Winter Wheat	24	580437	97.54%	2.46%	0.9631	94.00%	6.00%	0.9117
Other Small Grains	25	1120	56.97%	43.03%	0.5694	93.57%	6.43%	0.9356
Win Wht /Soyb Dbl C	rop 26	14758	79.51%	20.49%	0.7932	90.06%	9.94%	0.8996
Rye	27	13249	66.90%	33.10%	0.6664	91.39%	8.61%	0.9129
Oats	28	2941	64.85%	35.15%	0.6479	95.18%	4.82%	0.9517
Millet	29	439	77.02%	22.98%	0.7701	96.48%	3.52%	0.9648
Canola	31	337	75.90%	24.10%	0.7590	98.83%	1.17%	0.9883
Alfalfa	36	19653	88.21%	11.79%	0.8807	91.78%	8.22%	0.9168
Dry Beans	42	115	88.46%	11.54%	0.8846	93.50%	6.50%	0.9350
Potatoes	43	49	96.08%	3.92%	0.9608	100.00%	0.00%	1.0000
Other Crops	44	50	45.87%	54.13%	0.4587	80.65%	19.35%	0.8064
Misc Vegs & Fruits	47	33	54.10%	45.90%	0.5410	86.84%	13.16%	0.8684
Watermelon	48	24	77.42%	22.58%	0.7742	85.71%	14.29%	0.8571
Peas	53	188	72.59%	27.41%	0.7258	96.91%	3.09%	0.9691
Clover/Wildflowers	58	21	36.21%	63.79%	0.3621	75.00%	25.00%	0.7500
Fallow/Idle Croplan	d 61	30612	69.78%	30.22%	0.6922	90.48%	9.52%	0.9025
Peaches	67	9	36.00%	64.00%	0.3600	100.00%	0.00%	1.0000
Other Tree Nuts & F	ruit 71	69	33.82%	66.18%	0.3382	83.13%	16.87%	0.8313

*Correct Pixels represents the total number of independent validation pixels correctly identifed in the error matrix.

Accuracy Assessments

	Cover Type	Attribute Code	*Corre Pixe	ct Produce ls Accura	er's On Cy	ission Error	Kappa	User's Accuracy	Commission Error	Cond'l Kappa
IA	Corn Soybeans	1 5	21977 14710	19 96.5 94 96.2	8% 4%	3.42% 3.76%	0.9226 0.9392	97.86% 95.78%	2.14% 4.22%	0.9509 0.9320
IL	Corn Soybeans	1 5	22582 13390	19 98.0 89 96.3)6%)6%	1.94% 3.64%	0.9527 0.9438	98.58% 97.96%	1.42% 2.04%	0.9650 0.9681
NE	Corn Soybeans	1 5	18564 8492	22 97.2 49 95.8	9% 3%	2.71% 4.17%	0.9605 0.9513	97.32% 96.95%	2.68% 3.05%	0.9608 0.9643
SD	Corn Soybeans	1	. 8032 5 7073	51 94.2 83 95.0	:9%)3%	5.71% 4.97%	0.9342 0.9439	95.78% 97.72%	4.22% 2.28%	0.9513 0.9741
	Crop-specific cove	rs only *	Correct	Accuracy	Error	Kappa				
IA	OVERALL ACCURACY		3688803	95.74%	4.26%	0.9145				
IL	OVERALL ACCURACY		3730093	97.05%	2.95%	0.9426		State lev are v	el accurac ery high	ies
NE	OVERALL ACCURACY		3071960	94.05%	5.95%	0.8981				
SD	OVERALL ACCURACY		2306428	87.51%	12.49%	0.8416				

Producer's Accuracy: relates to the probability that a ground truth pixel will be correctly mapped and measures errors of omission.

Errors of Omission: occur when a pixel is excluded from the correct category.

User's Accuracy: indicates the probability that a pixel from the classification actually matches the ground truth data and measures errors of commission. Errors of Commission: occur when a pixel is included in an incorrect category.

Kappa Coefficient: A statistics measure of agreement, beyond chance, between two maps.

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Regression-based Acreage Estimator

Regression used to relate categorized pixel counts to the ground reference data

- (X) Cropland Data Layer (CDL) classified acres
- (Y) June Agricultural Survey (JAS) reported acres

Using both CDL and JAS acreage results in estimates with reduced error rates over JAS alone

Outlier segment detection - removal from regression analysis



Acreage not just about counting pixels



NASS Cropland Data Layer Applications



CropScape Portal



nassgeodata.gmu.edu/CropScape

CropScape



- CropScape web portal
- A web service based interactive map visualization, dissemination and querying system for U.S. cropland
 - No burden on users
 - No client software development & installation
 - No special software tools needed
 - Equitable cropland information access, automatic and timely delivery, geospatial navigation, retrieval, queries and dissemination
- Collaboration with George Mason University/ Center for Spatial Information Science and Systems



CropScape Cont.

- State of the art CDL visualization, querying and dissemination tool
- Interactive geospatial statistical analysis tools - Online/interactive analytics, charting and mapping
 - Geospatial information access, navigation
 - CDL map and statistical result retrieval and dissemination web services
- Open geospatial standards compliant

CropScape Portal Defined





CropScape Change Analysis





C	hange Analysis	×
	Select the Reference Year: 2009 🗸	
	Select the Other Year:	
	Submit Cancel	

Cropland Data Layer Changes between 2009 and 2008

P	Note: Pixel counts are not offic	ial estimates.			
	2009	2008	Pixel Counts 🔻	Acreage	
	Rice	Soybeans	133502	103453.6	
	Soybeans	Rice	129916	100674.7	
	Cotton	Cotton	120872	93666.3	
	Soybeans	Soybeans	106428	82473.4	
	NLCD - Developed/Open Space	NLCD - Developed/Open Space	85414	66189.2	
	NLCD - Woody Wetlands	NLCD - Woody Wetlands	83660	64830	
	NLCD - Deciduous Forest	NLCD - Deciduous Forest	73312	56811.1	
	Other Hays	Other Hays	61496	47654.6	
	Rice	Rice	39116	30311.8	
			1177212	912239.6	



nassgeodata.gmu/CropScape



CropScape Download & Export



CD	L Downloading	- Please sp	ecify your o	choice(s)				
	Select Year(s)							
	Year:	2010	2009	2008	2007			
		2006	2005	2004	2003			
		2002	2001	2000	1999			
		1998	1997					
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		USA Contiguous Albers Equal Area Conic USGS						
	Degrees Lat/Lon, WGS84 Datum							
	UTM Zone 15							
	UTM Zone 16							
	UTM Zone 14							

Specify Years and Projection





nassgeodata.gmu/CropScape



CropScape w/ Google Earth







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CDL Distribution

- http://nassgeodata.gmu.edu/CropScape
- http://datagateway.nrcs.usda.gov
- http://www.nass.usda.gov/Research_and_Science



Thank you

Questions?

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