Remote Sensing of Agriculture

NASS' Cropland Data Layer Program

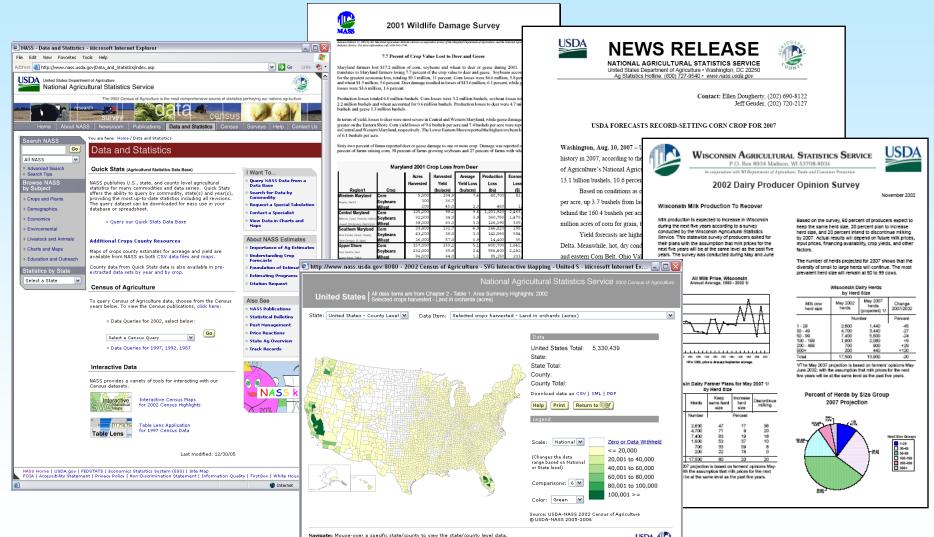
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NASS Overview

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

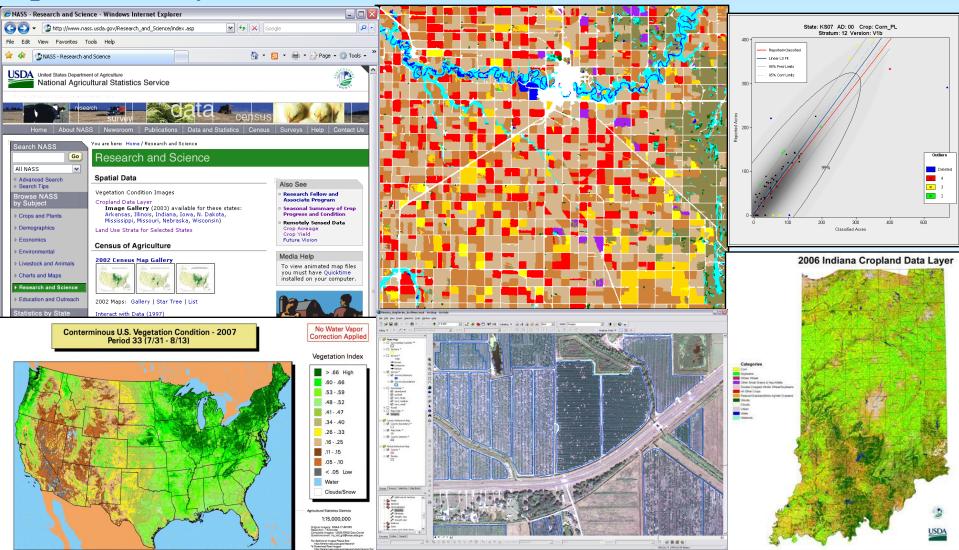


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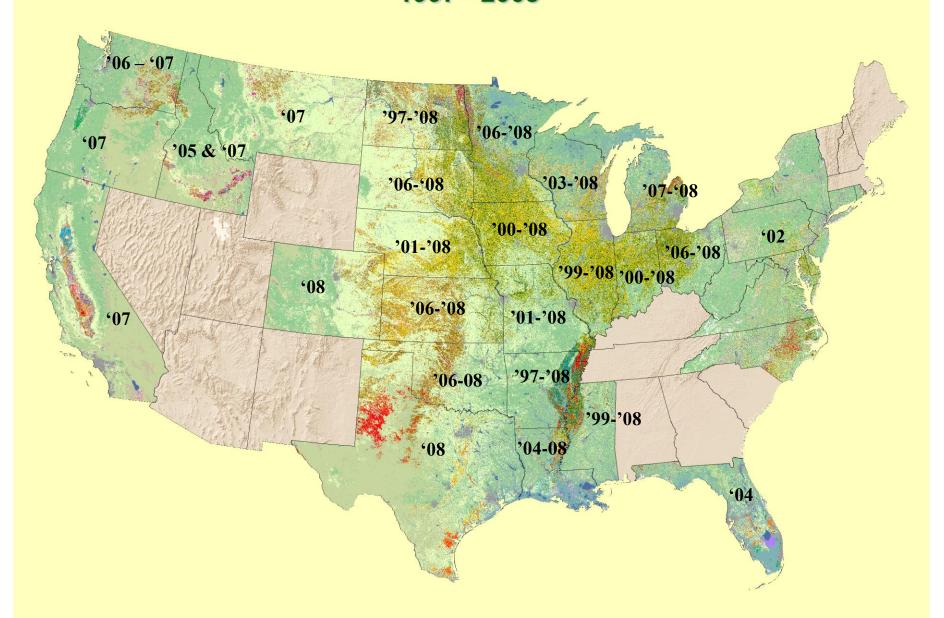
Remote Sensing Acreage Estimation Program Objectives

- "Census by Satellite"
 - Without area duplication
 - Major corn and soybean regions
- Provide timely, accurate, useful independent estimates
 - Measurable error
 - County and state level
- Output crop specific Cropland Data Layer
 - Distribute free to public <u>NRCS Geospatial Data Gateway</u> or http://www.nass.usda.gov/research/Cropland/SARS1a.htm
 - Publish accuracy statistics/metadata
 - County and state level



Cropland Data Layers 1997 - 2008

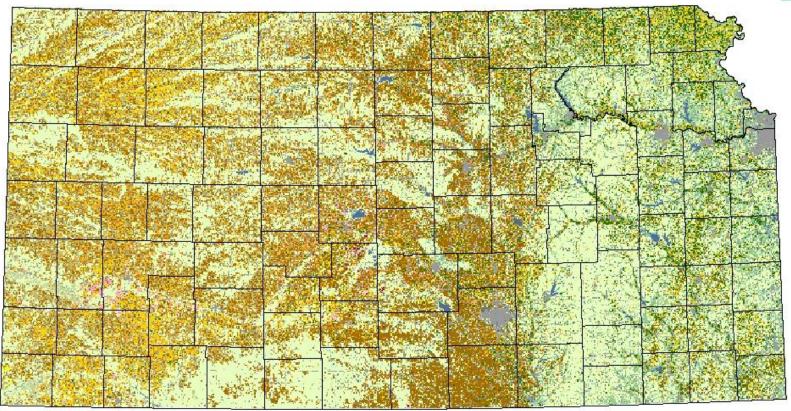






Kansas 2008 Cropland Data Layer





Land Cover Categories

(Ordered by Decreasing Acreage) Agriculture Non-Agriculture Pasture/Grass W. Wht./Soy. Dbl. Crop. Potatoes Urban/Developed Winter Wheat Seed/Sod Grass Woodland Sunflowers Corn Rye Canola Water Fallow/Idle Cropland Cotton Millet Wetlands Other Small Grains Shrubland Sorghum Other Crops Soybeans Clover/Wildflowers Barley Barren Other Tree Nuts & Fruits Alfalfa Oats

Cropland Data Layer Program Components



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Landsat Imagery 1997-2005

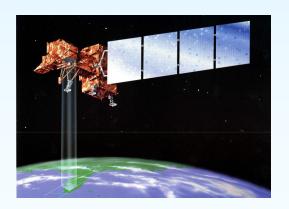
Landsat 5 launched 1984 (3 yr design life!)

Thematic Mapper (TM) Sensor

Landsat 7 launched 1999 Thematic Mapper (ETM+) Sensor

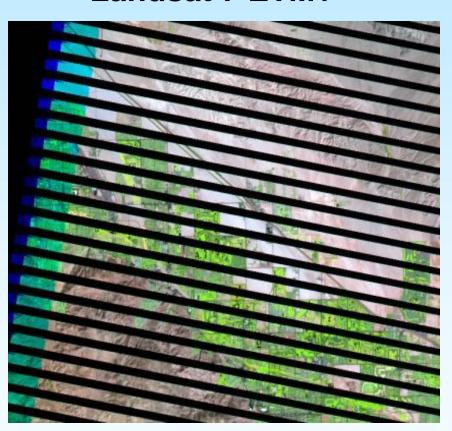






The Landsat Data Gap

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

Indian Remote Sensing Satellite: RESOURCESAT-1

Advanced Wide Field Sensor (AWiFS)

States Targeted for Data Collection in August 2004

>AWiFS: Swath: 370 km each head, 740 km combined 56 m resolution at nadir, 70 m resolution at field edges

>Spectral Bands

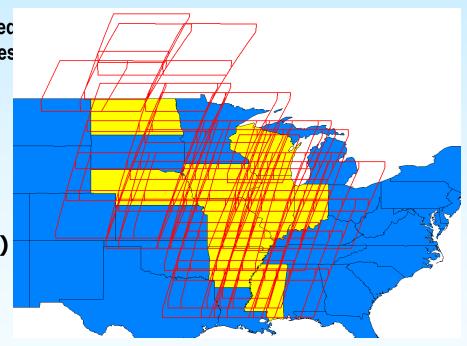
>B2: 0.52-0.59 (Visible Green)

>B3: 0.62-0.68 (Visible Red)

>B4: 0.77-0.86 (Near Infrared)

>B5: 1.55-1.70 (Shortwave Infrared)

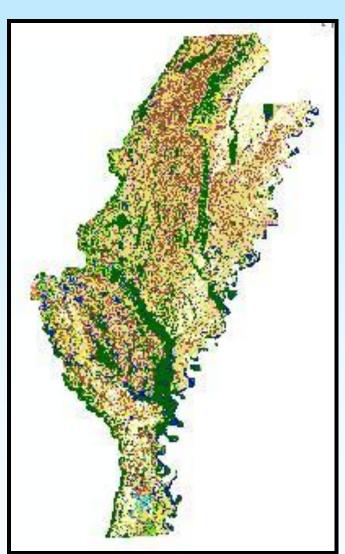
▶ Temporal Resolution (5 Days)



Sensor Specifications Compared

	<u>TM</u>	<u>AWiFS</u>	
Altitude	705 km	817 km	
Equatorial crossing time	9:45 ± 15 minutes	$10:30 \pm 5$ minutes	
Temporal Resolution	16 days	5 days	
Spatial Resolution	30 x 30 m (reflective) 120 x 120 m (thermal)	56 x 56 m	
Radiometric Resolution	8 bit (256)	10 bit (1024)	
Spectral Resolution	6 (B, G, R, NIR, SWIR, MIR) + Thermal IR	4 (G, R, NIR,SWIR)	
Swath wide	185 km	737 km	
Scene size	184 x 152 km	370 x 370 km	

Crop Acreage Estimation: Landsat TM and AWiFS Assessments 2004-2005

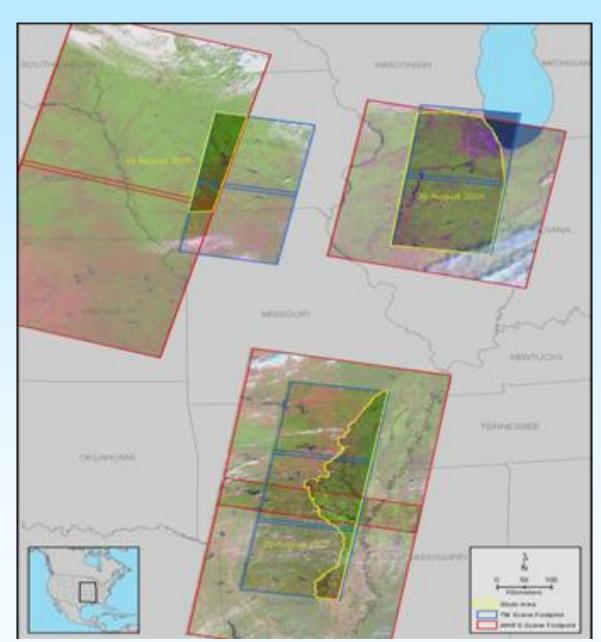


- •Nebraska, 2004
- •Arkansas (Delta Region), 2005
- •Nebraska, 2005
- •Coincident studies (AR, IL, IA) 2005

Coincident study sites

Three coincident areas chosen for analysis:

- Arkansas
 - 20 August 2005
- Iowa,
 - 18 August 2005
- Illinois
 - 29 August 2005



Need for Coincident Imagery

The best classification comparison would use not only data from the **same area** but from the **same time**. Thus controlling for variables including:



Atmospherics conditions

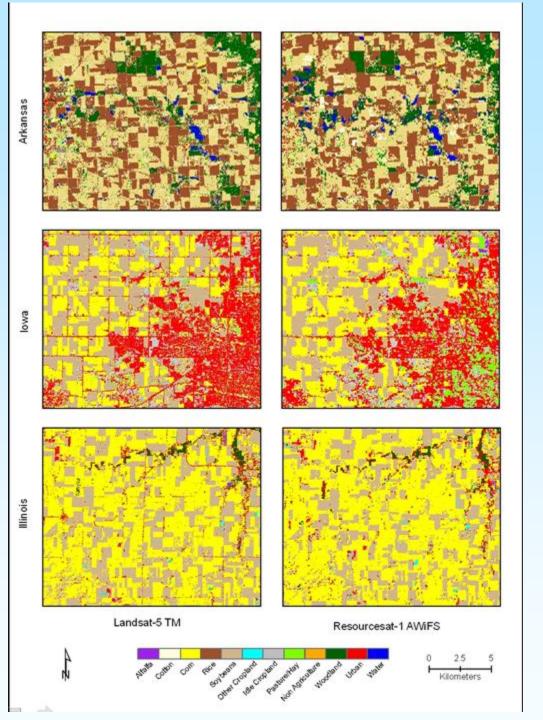
- Clouds
- Haze
- Smoke

Ground conditions

- Soil moisture
- Vegetation phenology

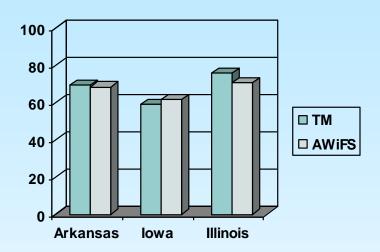
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Seasonal variation

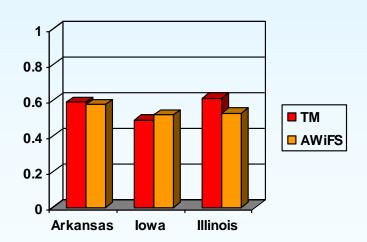


Results

Overall Accuracy



Overall Kappa



Conclusions:

AWiFS vs. TM evaluations 2004-2005

- AWiFS data are acceptable for crop acreage estimation over large crop areas such as the Midwest, the Delta and the Northern Great Plains.
- Improvements in classification accuracy are achieved due to increased temporal frequency of the AWiFS sensor (5 day) vs. the TM sensor (16 day) repeat cycle.
- The large footprint of the AWiFS sensor provides the opportunity to utilize training and ancillary data over large areas which leads to improved classification accuracies and production efficiencies.



IRS Resourcesat-1 AWiFS Imagery

340 km swath per head 740 km combined

5-day revisit

4 spectral bands

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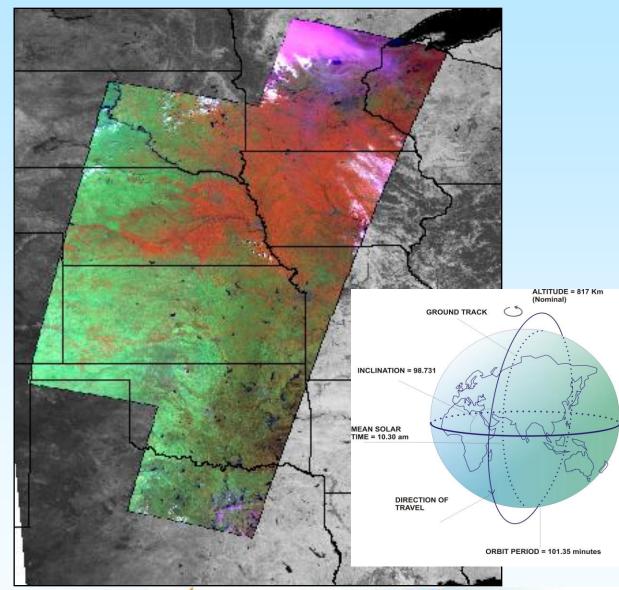
B4: 0.76 – 0.86

■ B5: 1.55 – 1.7

56 m nadir/70 m field edges

Data provided by Arctic Slope Regional Corporation



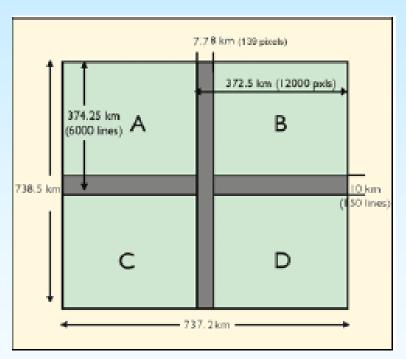


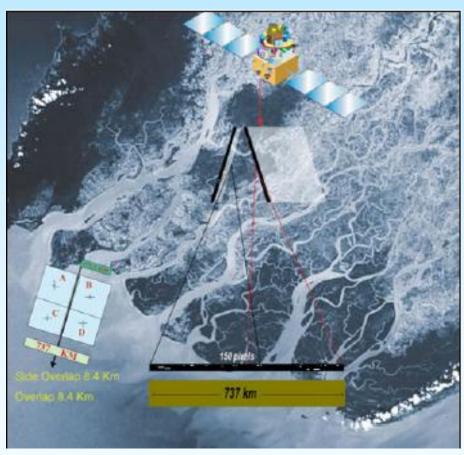
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IRS Resourcesat-1 AWiFS Imagery

>The AWIFS camera is split into two separate electro-optic modules (AWiFS- A and AWiFS-B) tilted by 11.94 degrees with respect to nadir









USDA Satellite Image Archive

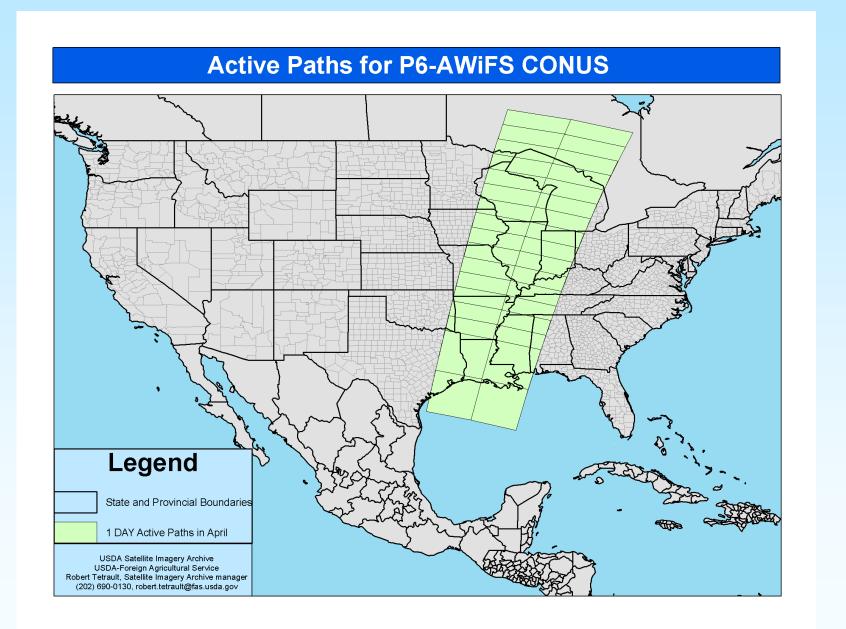
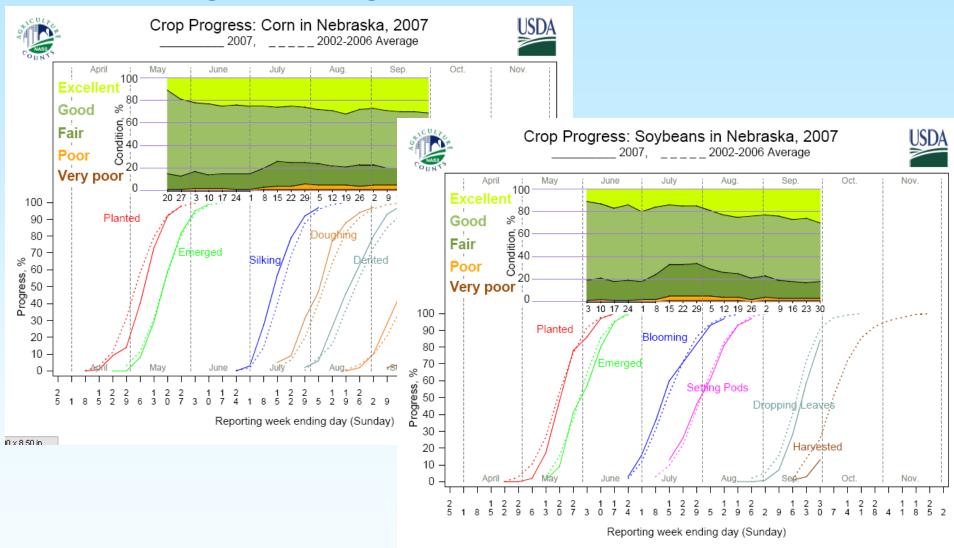
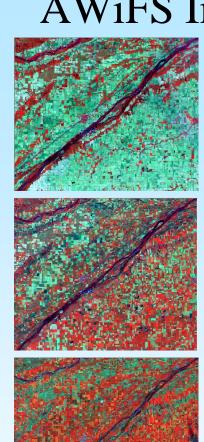


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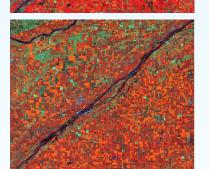
AWiFS Imagery Time Series



May 18



June 21



Aug 27

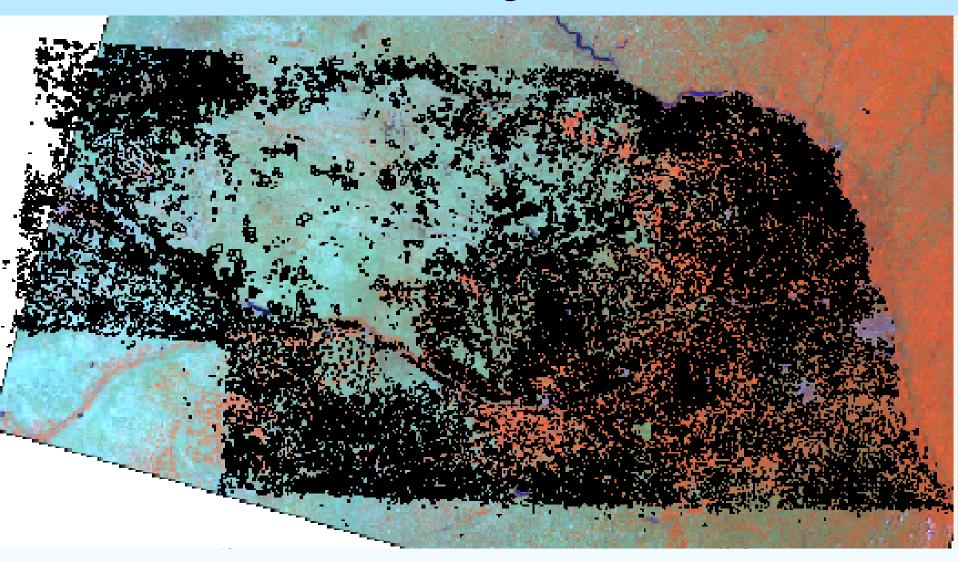


Cropland Data Layer Program Components

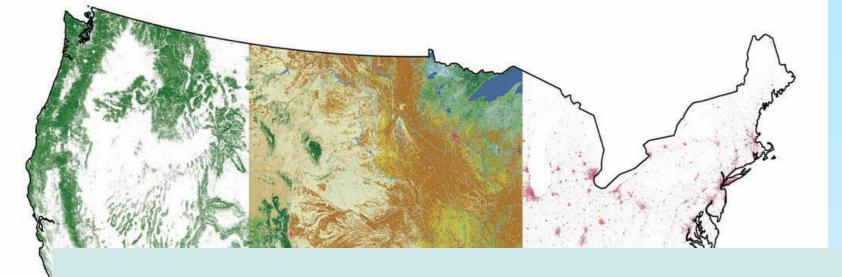


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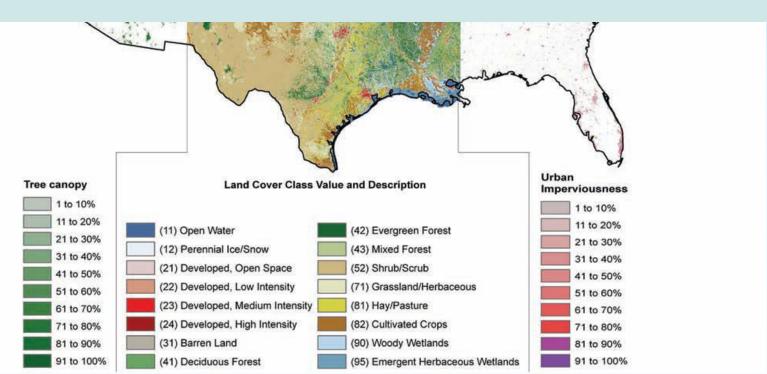
Ground Truth - Agriculture



NASS June Agricultural Survey (JAS) data still used for acreage estimation



Non-Agricultural Ground Truth USGS, National Land Cover Dataset 2001

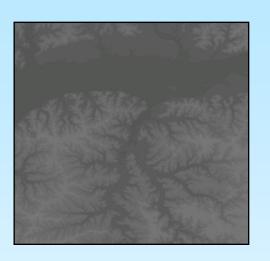


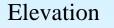
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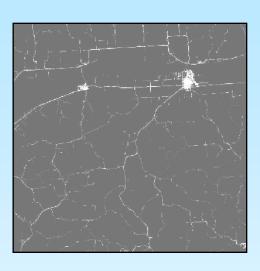


- Landsat TM and ETM+ vs. Advanced Wide Field Sensor (AWiFS)
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Ancillary Data – USGS/NASA Products





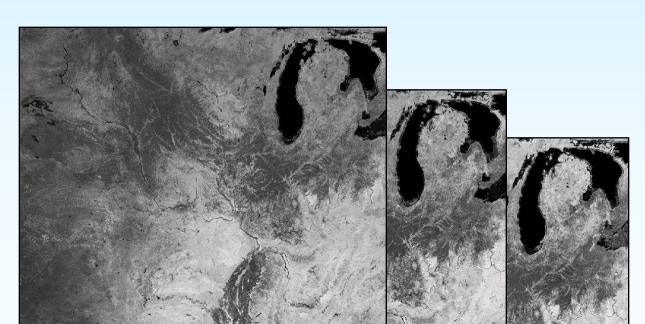


Imperviousness



Forest Canopy





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Commercial Software Suite

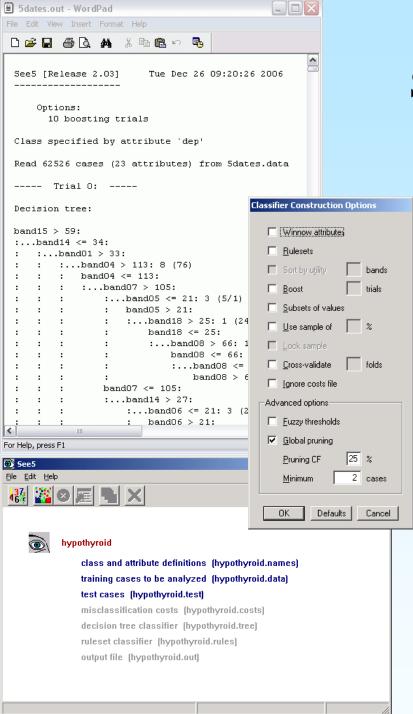
- Imagery Preparation
 - Leica Geosystems ERDAS Imagine
- Image classification
 - Decision tree software
 - See 5.0 www.rulequest.com
- Ground Truth Preparation
 - ESRI ArcGIS
- Acreage Estimation
 - SAS/IML workshop











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





See5 Decision Tree Classifier

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Advantages

- Efficient to construct and capable of handling large and complex data sets
- Ingests up to 83 bands of data and three million sampling points
- Incorporates missing and noncontinuous data
- Tolerant of outliers (i.e., clouds and errors in ground truth)
- Names files can be altered and different inputs run through classifier (Great for Testing!!)

Accuracy Measures



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

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

Accuracy Assessment

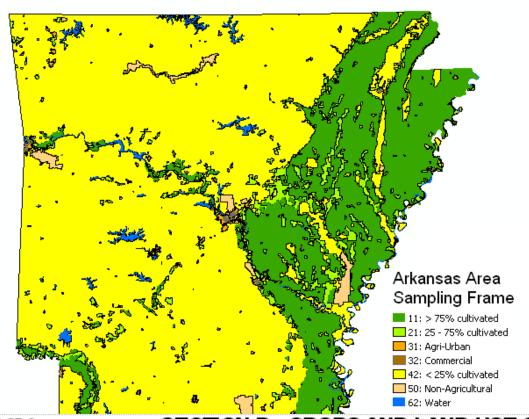
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Cotton	2	11757	95.08%	4.92%	0.9505	94.59%	5.41%	0.9456
Rice	3	2	28.57%	71.43%	0.2857	66.67%	33.33%	0.6667
Sorghum	4	21251	89.85%	10.15%	0.8972	92.46%	7.54%	0.9236
Soybeans	5	12885	86.15%	13.85%	0.8604	88.61%	11.39%	0.8851
Sunflowers	6	102	89.47%	10.53%	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
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Other Small Grains	25	1120	56.97%	43.03%	0.5694	93.57%	6.43%	0.9356
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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 Cropland	i 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 & Fr	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.

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SECTION D - CROPS AND LAND USE ON TRACT

How many acres are inside this blue tract boundary drawn on the photo (map)?. .

2000 Now I would like to ask about each field inside this blue tract boundary and its use during المحالات

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	FIELD NUMBER	01	02	
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3.	Occupied farmstead or dwelling	843	******	
4.	Waste, unoccupied dwellings, buildings and structures, roads, ditches, etc.			
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Permanent (not in crop rotation)

Estimation Components:

Area Sampling Frame+ June Ag Survey+

Questionnaire

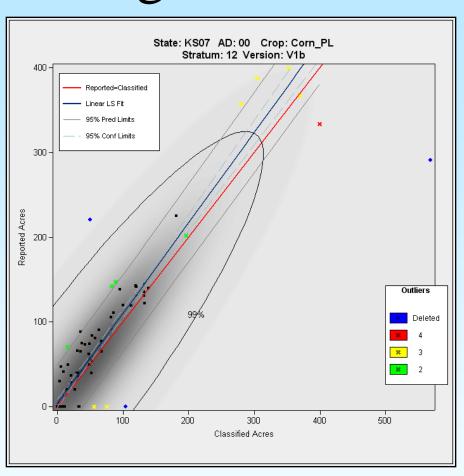
Regression-based Acreage Estimator

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 - correction or removal from regression analysis



Acreage not just about counting pixels

Cropland Data Layer Summary

Operational Program, 2007

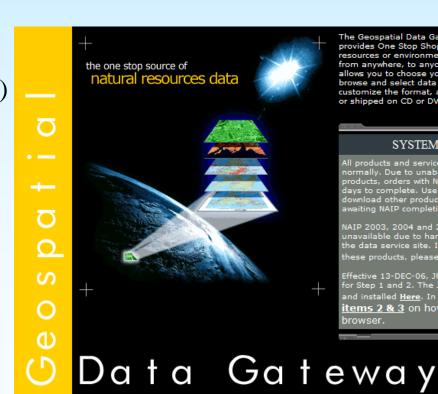
- Early delivery of estimates, 2008
 - Winter Wheat June
 - Corn and Soybeans August & October
- Provides measureable statistical error
- Results considered for setting national acreage estimate

Components

- AWiFS/MODIS
- Farm Service Agency
 - Common Land Unit (training/testing)
- Commercial Software
- June Agricultural Survey
 - Regression estimator

Distribution

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Cropland Data Layer Program Components



- Advanced Wide Field Sensor (AWiFS)
- Ground truth: FSA/CLU + 578 & NLCD
- Ancillary data sets
- Commercial Software Suite
- See5 Decision Tree Methodology
- Estimation
- Research

Research 2007-2008

AWiFS Essential Dates Assessment

Goal: To determine the necessary dates of AWiFS data for the identification of corn and soybean fields in the U.S. Heartland.



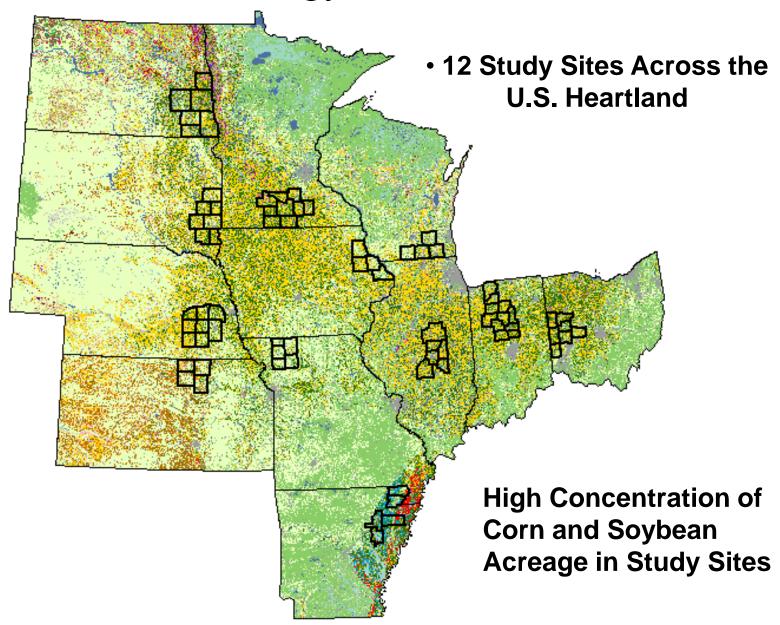




Corn

Soybeans

Methodology



Methodology

Identical Methodologies using ERDAS Imagine and See5 Decision Tree Software

Seven Classifications (per study site) vary only by the dates of AWiFS data used

- 4 dates- May, June, July, August
- 3 dates- May, June, July
- 2 dates- May, June
- 1 date May
- 1 date June
- 1 date July
- 1 date August

Average Corn and Soybean Accuracy U.S. Heartland

Percentage loss in accuracy highlighted from 4 date (May – Aug) classification

May	- Aug	May	- July	May ·	- June	May O	nly
C. P	C.U.	C.P	C.U.	C.P	C.U.	C.P	C.U.
94.55%	94.48%	92.61%	93.07%	82.58%	82.10%	74.34%	66.48%
		(1.94%)	(1.41%)	(11.97%)	(12.38%)	(20.21%)	(28.00%)

May	- Aug	May	- July	May ·	- June	May O	nly
S. P	S.U.	S.P	S.U.	S.P	S.U.	S.P	S.U.
93.90%	92.81%	89.88%	88.88%	72.25%	74.51%	47.39%	62.04%
		(4.02%)	(3.93%)	(21.65%)	(18.30%)	(46.51%)	(30.77%)

Accuracy Measures

C.P. - Corn Producer

S.P. - Soybean Producer

C.U. - Corn User

S.U. - Soybean User



Conclusions

Without August AWiFS Data- Reductions in Accuracy

Corn: 1.41% - 1.94%

Soybeans: 3.93% – 4.02%

Without July and August AWiFS Data-Reductions in Accuracy

• Corn: 11.97% - 12.38%

Soybeans: 18.30% - 21.65%

AWiFS collects through July are essential to produce highly accurate corn and soybean classifications.

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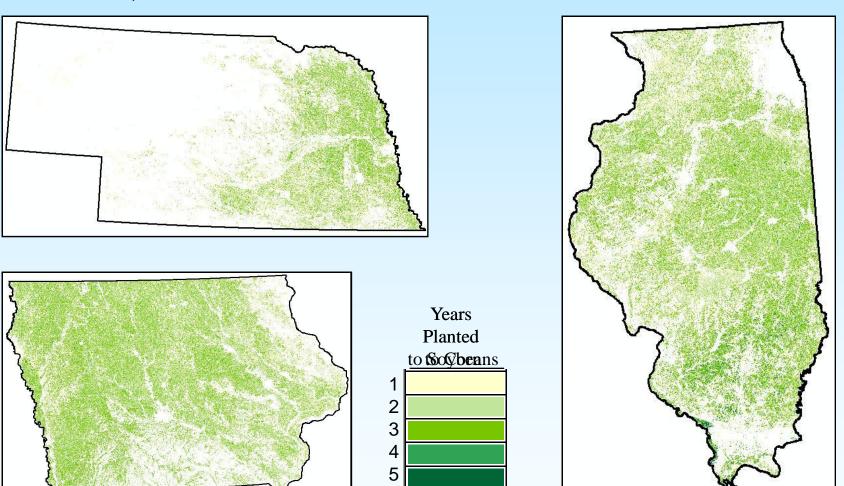
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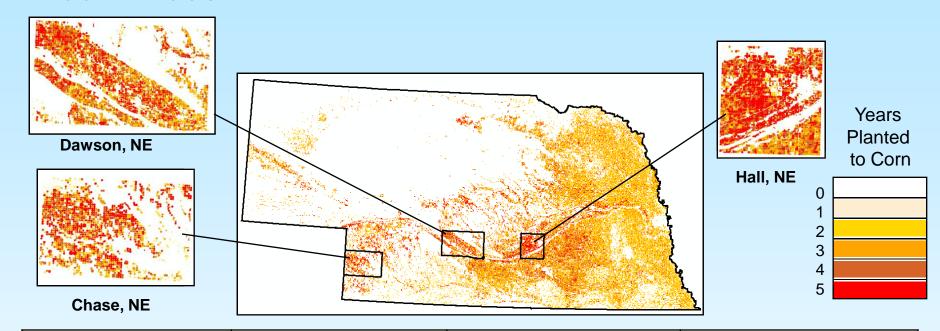
Research 2008-2009

Single Crop Planting Intensity, 2004 - 2008 Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois



Cropland Data Layers (CDLs) utilized in assessment: 2004 - 2008

Corn Planting Intensity in Nebraska 2004 - 2008



Hall County	Chase County	Dawson County	State Total
5 years in a row planted to corn: 43%	5 years in a row planted to corn: 28%	5 years in a row planted to corn: 21%	5 years in a row planted to corn: 7%
4 out of 5 years planted to corn: 22%	4 out of 5 years planted to corn: 21%	4 out of 5 years planted to corn: 29%	4 out of 5 years planted to corn: 13%



Crop Rotation Methodology

Inputs include: Cropland Data Layers (CDLs) for 2004 - 2008

2. CDLs are recoded to

2008: Corn: 1, Soy: 2, Other: 3

2007: Corn: 10, Soy: 20, Other: 30

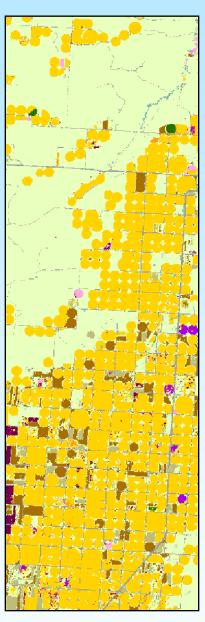
2006: Corn: 100, Soy: 200, Other: 300

2005: Corn: 1,000, Soy: 2,000, Other: 3,000

2004: Corn: 10,000, Soybeans: 20,000, Other: 30,000

The recoded CDLs are added together using the ERDAS Imagine Modeler

The output is the Crop Rotation Image which is ready for evaluation



Crop Rotation Results Nebraska

Crop Rotation Patterns (Corn and Soybean) 04- 08 As Percentage of Total Cultivated Cropland

Corn (04), Soy (05), Corn (06), Soy (07), Corn (08)	10.1%
Soy (04), Corn (05), Soy (06), Corn (07), Soy (08)	9.3%
Corn (04), Corn (05), Corn (06), Corn (07), Corn (08) (.3% < than 2003-2007)	7.5%
Additional acreage into corn production (07):	309,688 acres
Additional acreage into corn production (08):	503,221 acres

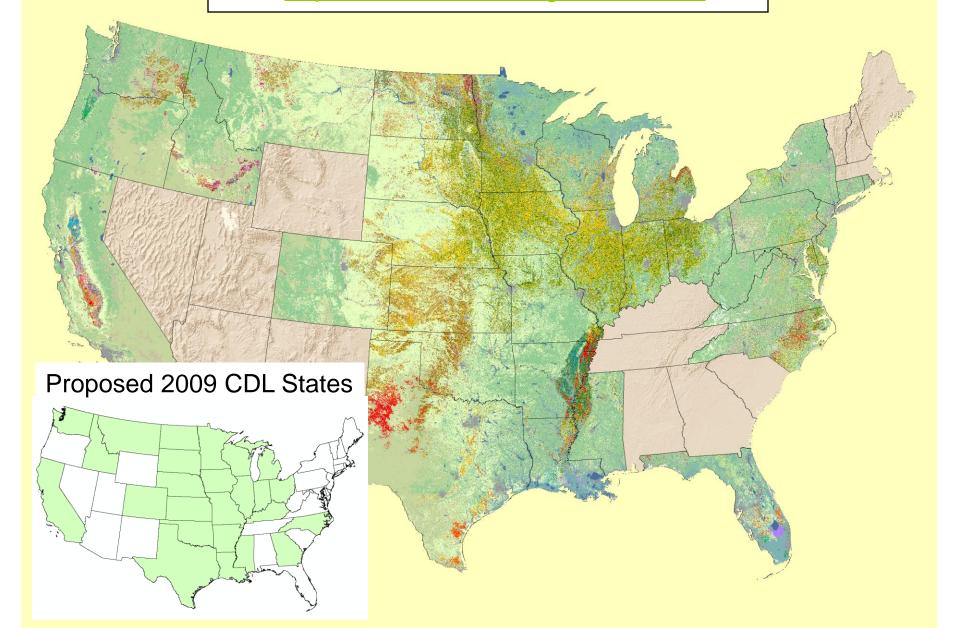
Total Cultivated Cropland derived from NASS' Nebraska 2008 CDL



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Bureau Of The Census

Department: Department Of Commerce

Agency: Bureau of the Census

Job Announcement Number:

ASF-09-312





Cartographer

SALARY RANGE: 43,521.00 - 95,026.00 USD per year

SERIES & GRADE: GS-1370-07/12

OPEN PERIOD: Thursday, April 02, 2009

to Thursday, April 23, 2009

POSITION INFORMATION: Full-Time

Type of Appointment: Competitive Service: Appointment may be permanent (career/career-conditional) or term (appointment not to exceed 2 years; may be extended

an additional 2 years)

DUTY LOCATIONS: vacancy(s) in one of the following locations: FEW vacancies - Washington, DC (Suitland, MD)

WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED:

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 12

Applications will be accepted from United States citizens.

Department of Commerce employees eligible for the Career Transition Assistance Program (CT

Applicants eligible for the Interagency Career Transition Assistance Program (ICTAP).

JOB SUMMARY:

POSITION AND SALARY: Cartographer

GS-1370-07 (\$43,521-\$53,574)

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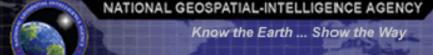
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