# Identifying Crops in the Lower Forty Eight

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### Overview of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service

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



### 2009 Cropland Data Layers

First time ever – "Major Crops" identified in the same growing season!







# 2009 Craighead County Arkansas

#### Land Cover Categories

#### AGRICULTURE





# Cropland Data Layer (CDL) Objectives

- "Census by Satellite"
  - Annually cover major program crops and regions
  - Crops accurately geo-located
- Deliver in-season remote sensing acreage estimates
  - NASS Official Reports
  - Update planted area
  - Reduce respondent burden
- Provide timely, accurate, useful estimates
  - Measurable error
  - Unbiased/independent estimator
  - State, District, County
- Public domain crop specific crop classification
  - Hosted @ <u>NRCS Geospatial Data Gateway</u> or <u>http://www.nass.usda.gov/research/Cropland/SARS1a.htm</u> or
  - Google "Cropland Data Layer"



# **CDL** Program

#### Inputs

- Resourcesat-1 AWiFS imagery
- Farm Service Agency Common Land Unit
- NASS June Ag Survey
- Ancillary data
  - NLCD & derivative produce
- Outputs
  - Acreage Estimates
  - Cropland Data Layer
- Process
  - Commercial so





# **Commercial Software Suite**







- **ERDAS** Imagine
- Image classification
  - Decision tree software
    - See5.0 www.rulequest.com







- **Ground Truth Preparation** 
  - **ESRI ArcGIS**
- Acreage Estimation
  - SAS/IML workshop

### **IRS Resourcesat-1 AWiFS Imagery**

740 km swath width

5-day revisit

#### 4 spectral bands

- B2: 0.52 0.59
- B3: 0.62 0.68
- B4: 0.76 0.86
- B5: 1.55 1.7

56 m nadir/70 m field edges

Data provided through USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), Satellite Image Archive



### **Crop Progress and Condition**



http://www.nass.usda.gov/Charts\_and\_Maps/Crop\_Progress\_&\_Condition/index.asp

# **AWiFS Imagery Time Series**



# July AWiFS Collection Drought



# **AWiFS Mid-Summer Acquisitions**



# Landsat to the Rescue

Landsat Coverage downloaded August 18, 2009



## Agricultural Ground Truth FSA Common Land Unit



United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency



# Agricultural Ground Truth



United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency

- Common Land Unit (CLU)
- 578 attributed reporting data



# Ground Truth – Land Cover

#### **Agricultural Ground Truth**

- Provided by FSA
- Id's known fields and crops
- Divide known fields into 2 sets
  - ½ used for training software
  - ½ used for validating results

#### Non-Agricultural Ground Truth

- USGS National Land Cover
  Dataset
- Identifies urban infrastructure and non-agriculture land cover
  - Forest, grass, water, cities



## Ancillary Data – USGS/NASA Products



Elevation



Imperviousness



Forest Canopy

NASA MODIS Terra (16-day NDVI composite)



## **CDL** Processing Method



# Data Partnerships

- Foreign Agricultural Service
  - Resourcesat-1 AWiFS
- Farm Service Agency
  - Common Land Unit "ground truth" USD
- US Geological Survey
  - National Land Cover Dataset
- US Geological Survey/ NASA
  - Landsat TM 5 & 7
  - MODIS



Linking U.S. Agriculture









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ECOSYSTEMS SERVICES RESEARCH PROGRAM

#### ENTIFIC FOUNDATION FOR SOUND

### Mapping and the National Atlas of Ecosystem Services (NAtl-ES)

**Office of Research and Development** US EPA

Through Interagency Agreement:

**Supported NASS Creation of Cropland Data Layers** For the 21 Non-Operational States

# Validating CDLs

### Measures CDL Accuracy

#### Compare

- Classified pixels from CDL
- Known pixels, not used for classifying imagery, from FSA

### Track

- Producer Accuracy & Errors of Omission % of pixels from CDL that match groundtruth
- User Accuracy & Errors of Commission % of pixels from CDL that don't match groundtruth



## **Accuracy Assessments**

	Cover Type	Attribute Code	*Correc Pixel	ct Produce Ls Accura	er's O acy	mission Error	Kappa	User's Accuracy	Commission Error	Cond'l Kappa
IA	Corn Soybeans	1 5	219771 147109	19 96.5 94 96.2	88 248	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	225821 133908	19 98.0 39 96.3	)6% 36%	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	185642 84924	22 97.2 19 95.8	29% 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 5	80323 7073	51 94.2 83 95.0	29% )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	L			
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 very 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.

# **Regression-based Acreage Estimator**

### Simple Linear Regression

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

Outlier segment detection - removal from regression analysis

Using regression results in estimates reduces error rates over using JAS alone



Acreage not just about counting pixels

# **CDL** Satellite Future

- Aging satellite fleet
  - Landsat 5 (1984)
  - Landsat 7 SLC-off (1999)
  - Indian Resourcesat-1/AWiFS (2003)
- Future
  - Resourcesat-2 (operational ~late 2010)
  - Landsat Data Continuity Mission (LDCM) ~2013
  - French Spot 4/5

# Current Coverage – SPOT 4 and 5



# **CDL** Future

- National CDL crop year 2009
  - Funded in part by EPA released Jan 2010
- Fund Geospatial CDL portal
  - George Mason U/Center for Spatial Information Science and Systems
- National Commodity Crop Productivity Index
  - NRCS dynamic soils layer



# **NASS Cropland Data Layer Applications**



### **CDL Distribution & Information**

- http://datagateway.nrcs.usda.gov
  - All CDL's and Metadata
  - Download by State (all years for that State)
- http://www.nass.usda.gov/research/Cropland/SARS1a.htm
  - Most current year only
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### NASS Estimation Systems



\*NASS uses Geospatial Decision Support Systems to provide updated information to the Ag Statistics Board and data users.