USDA/NASS Geospatial Products: The Cropland Data Layer

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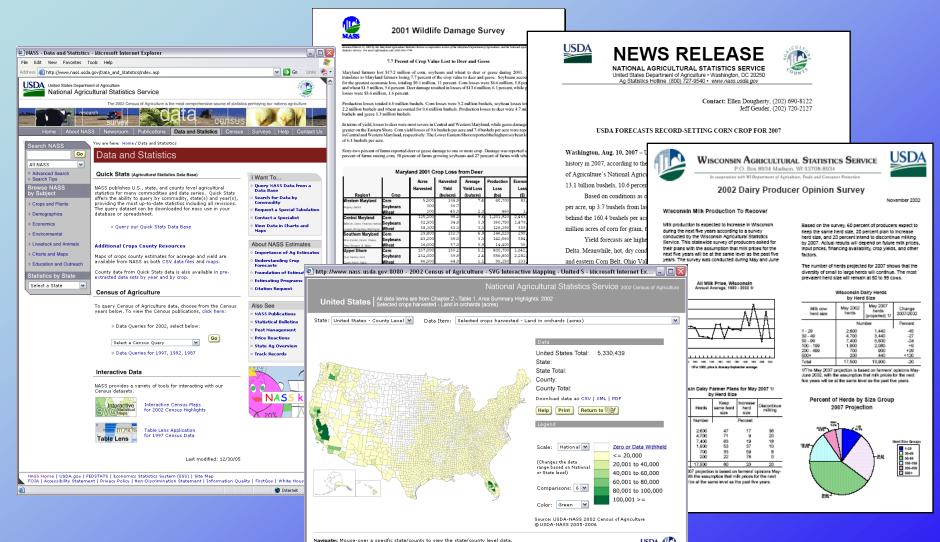


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NASS Overview

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

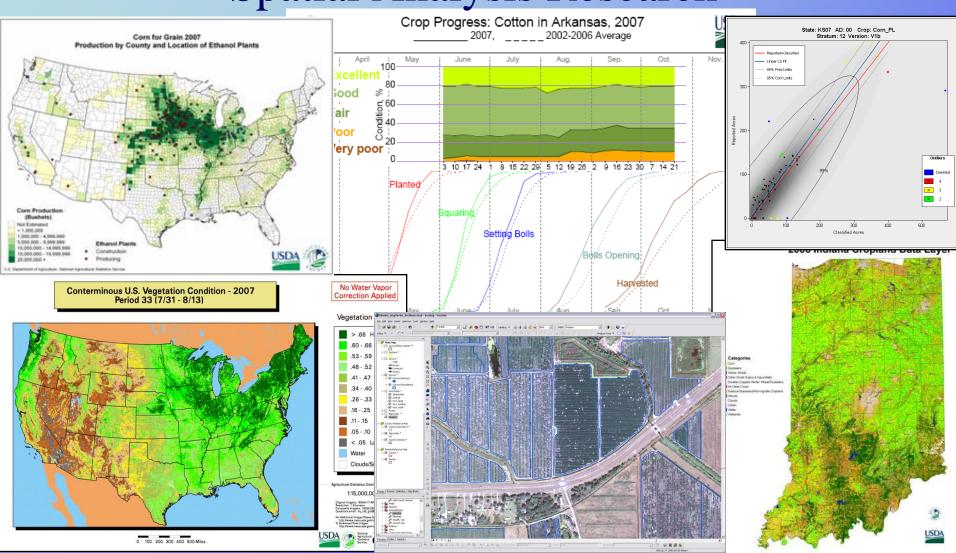


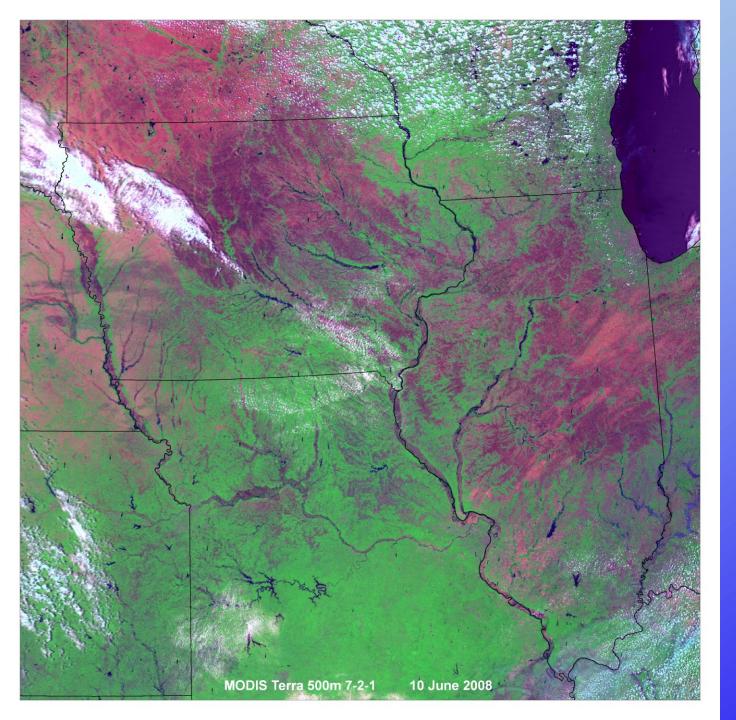
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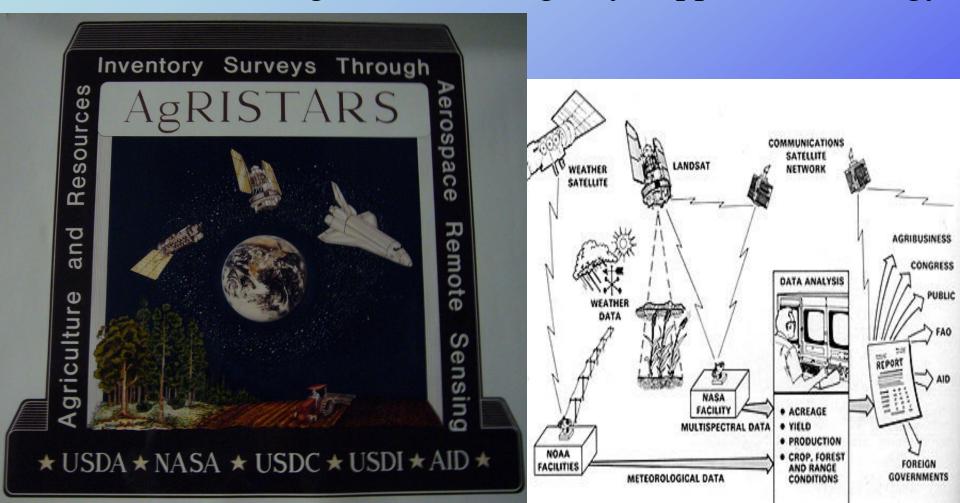




MODIS Terra 500m 6/10/08

Cropland Data Layer (CDL) Discussion

- Legacy program
 - Issues: Budget/Satellites/Agency Support/Technology



CDL Program Objectives

- "Census by Satellite"
 - Annually cover major producing corn and soybean regions
 - Indications reflect actual location of the crops
 - Not address on record via survey

Provide timely, accurate, useful indications

- Measurable error
- Unbiased/independent estimator
- State, county and watershed level

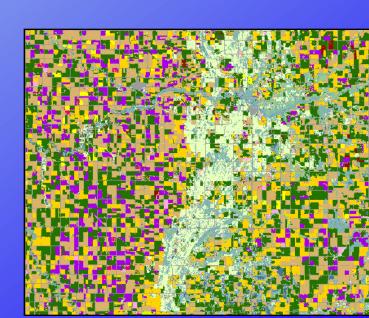
Operationalize indications delivery

- For June, August, and October
 - Ag Statistics Board

Output crop specific CDL

- Distribute to public at the cost of reproduction
 - NRCS Geospatial Data Gateway
- Publish accuracy statistics/metadata

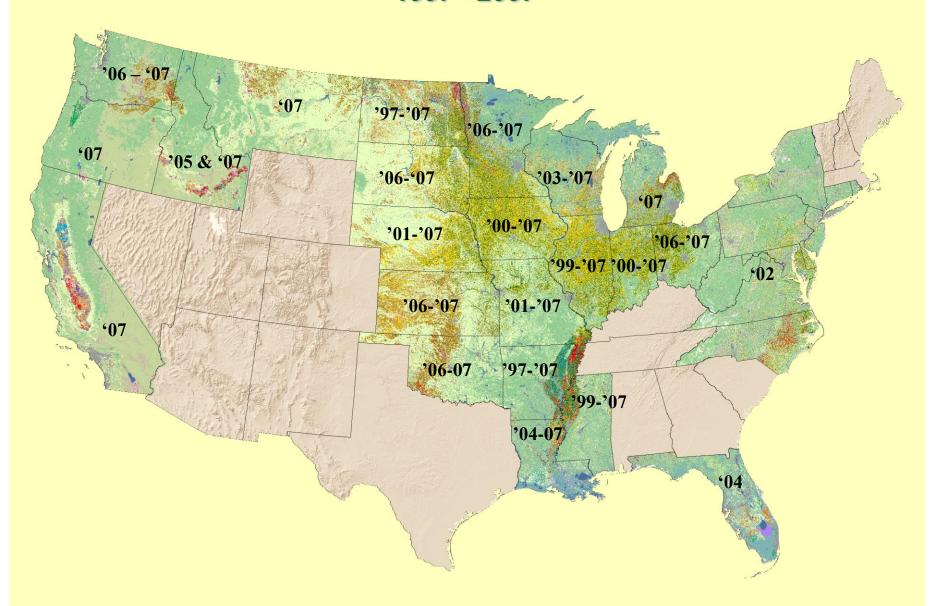






Cropland Data Layers 1997 - 2007





CDL Program



Inputs

- Resourcesat-1 AWiFS imagery
- Farm Service Agency Common Land Unit
- Ancillary data
- Commercial software suite

Outputs

- Acreage Estimates
- Cropland Data Layer

IRS Resourcesat-1 AWiFS Imagery

340 km swath per head 740 km combined

5-day revisit

4 spectral bands

B2: 0.52 - 0.59

B3: 0.62 - 0.68

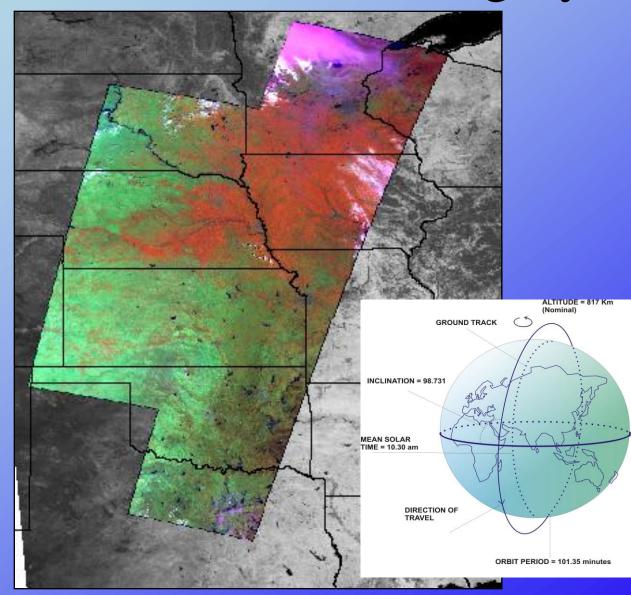
■ B4: 0.76 – 0.86

■ B5: 1.55 – 1.7

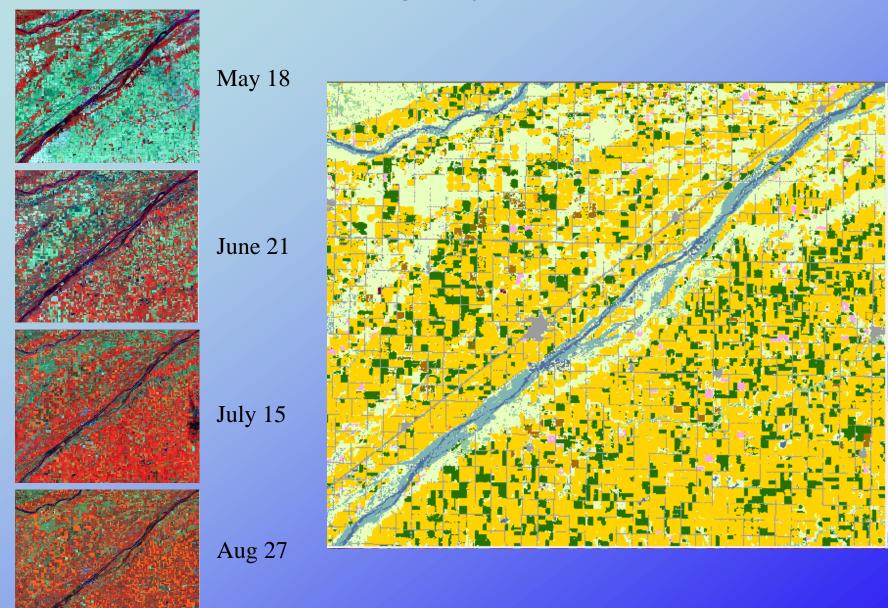
56 m nadir/70 m field edges

Data provided by Arctic Slope Regional Corporation





AWiFS Imagery Time Series





USDA Satellite Image Archive

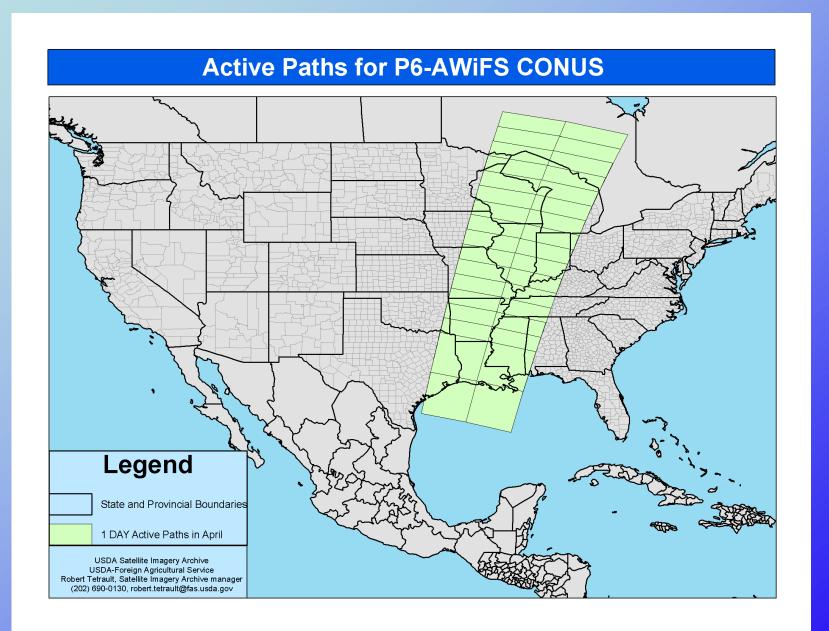
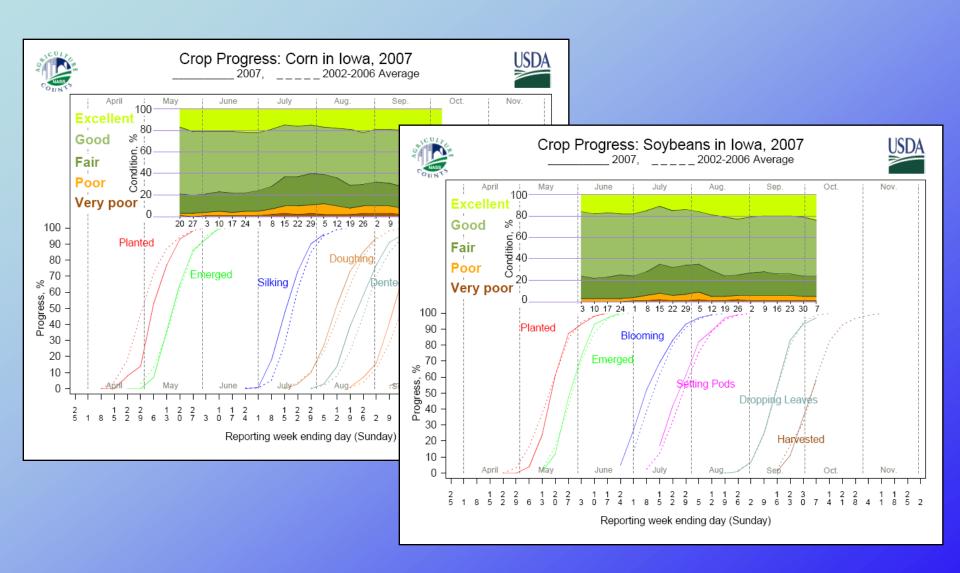
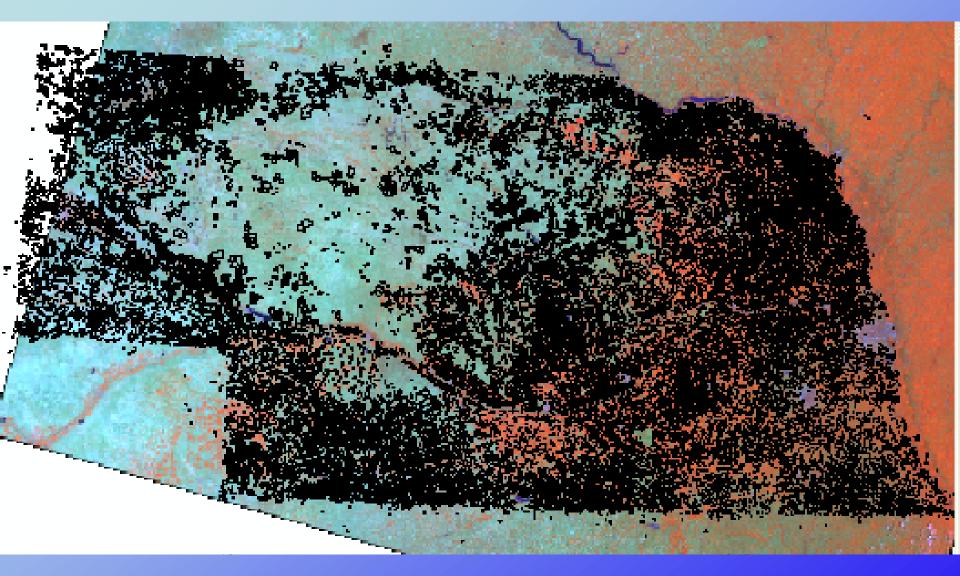


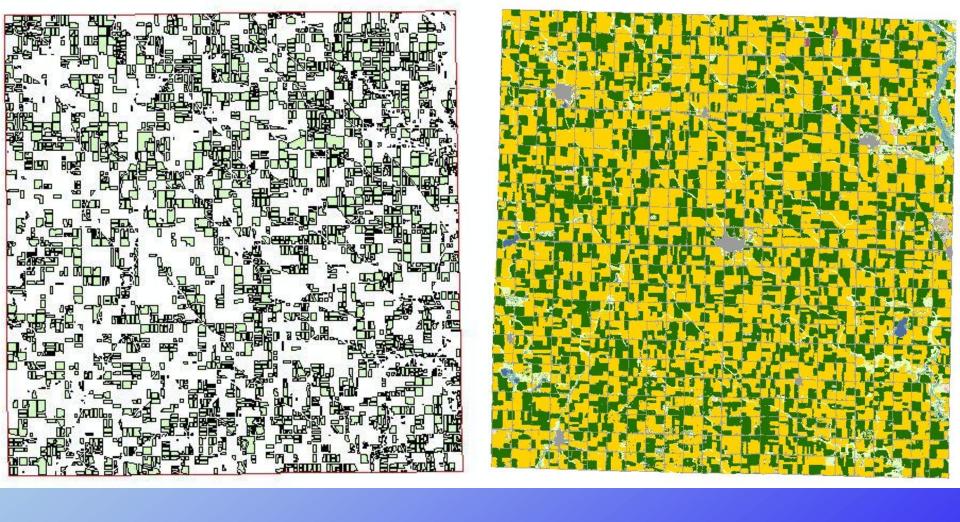
Image Timing



Ground Truth - Agriculture







Matching CLU's used for sampling (i.e., testing/training)

CDL Classification

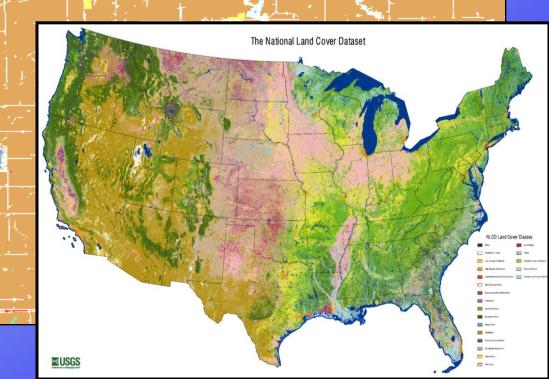
Ground Truth – Non Agricultural



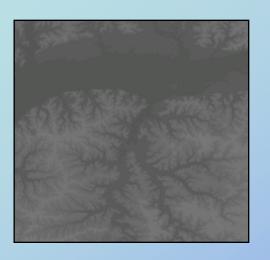
2001 National Land Cover Dataset from USGS

Improve CDL program coverage of non-ag

classes



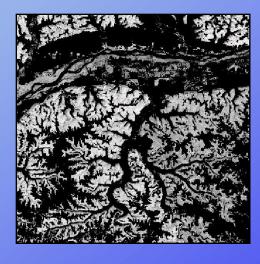
Ancillary Data – USGS/NASA Products



Elevation

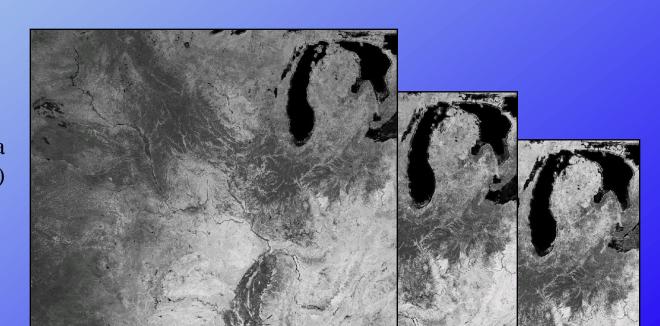


Imperviousness



Forest Canopy

NASA MODIS Terra (16-day NDVI composite)



Commercial Software Suite

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





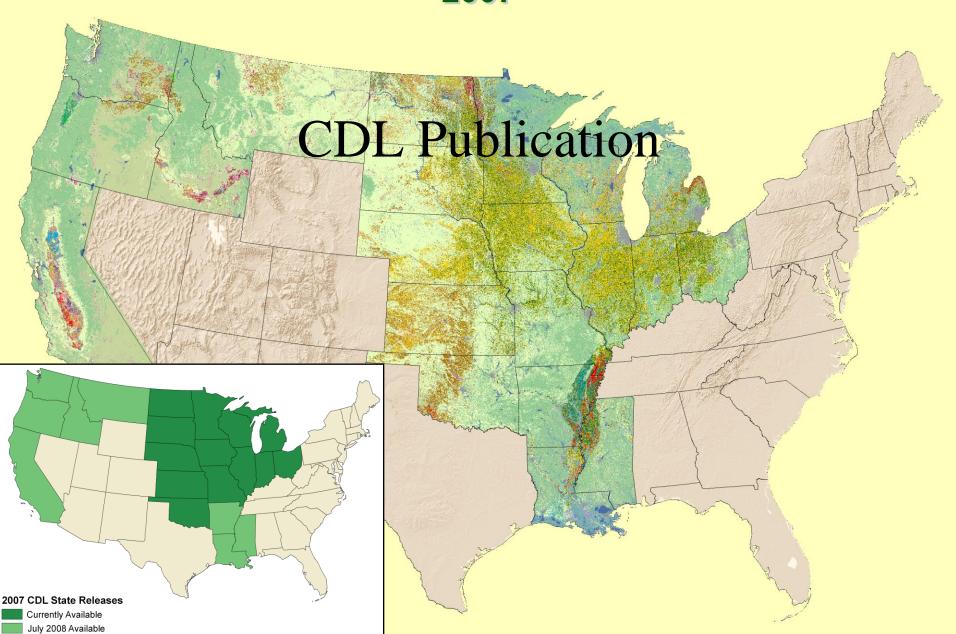






Cropland Data Layers 2007

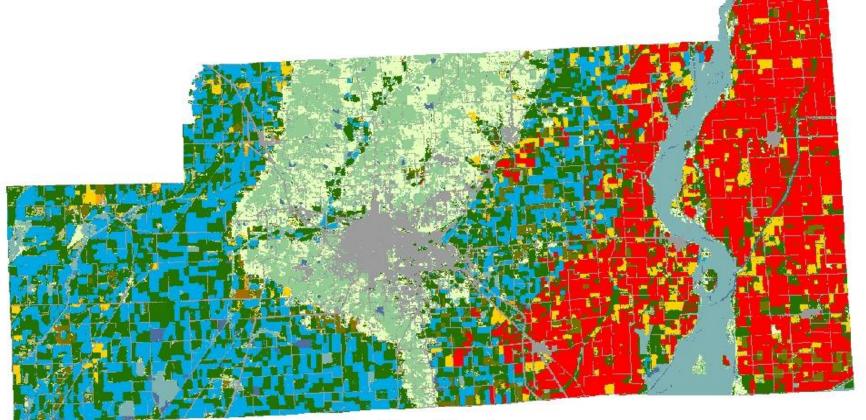






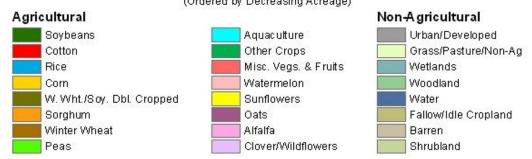
Craighead County, Arkansas 2007 Cropland Data Layer



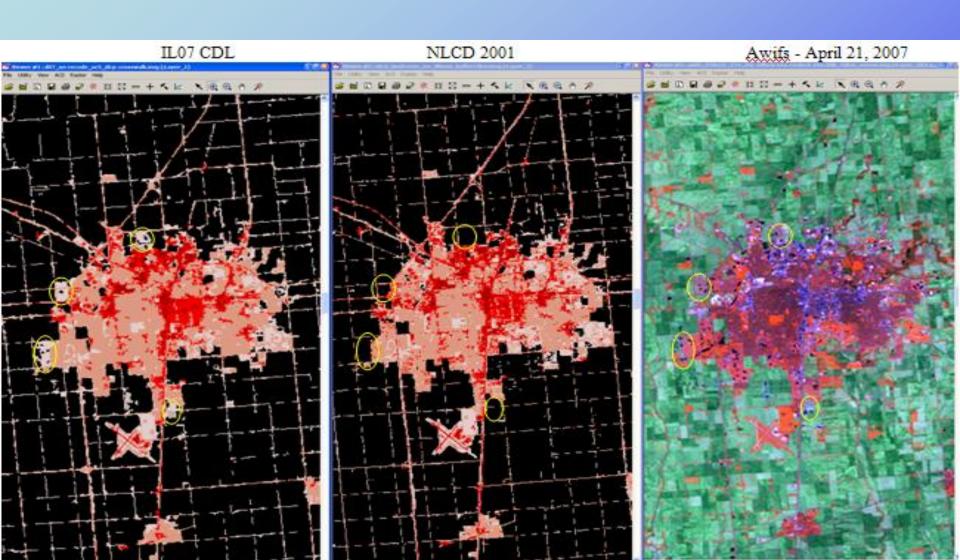


Land Cover Categories

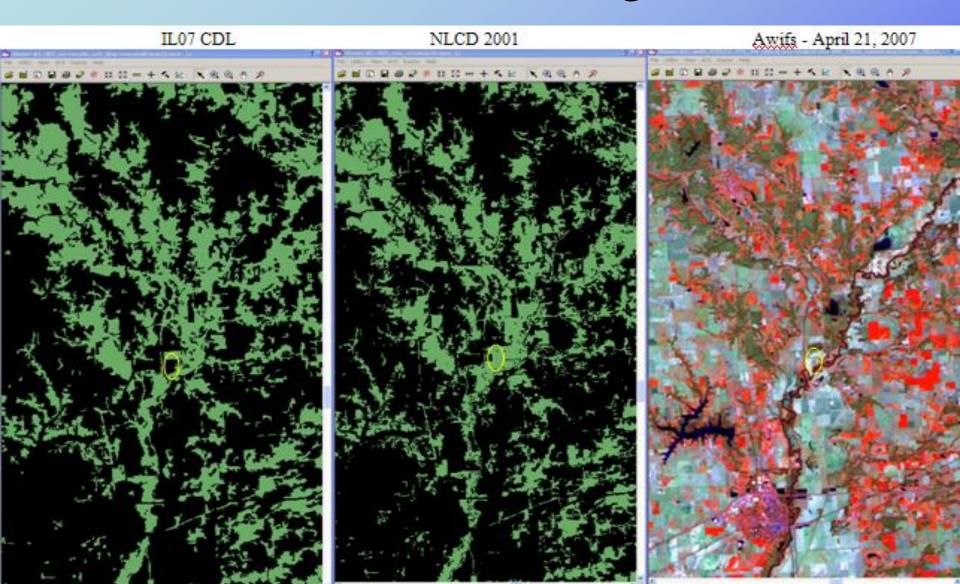
(Ordered by Decreasing Acreage)



Non Ag NLCD Updates (urban sprawl)



Non Ag NLCD Updates (forest clearing)



Accuracy Statistics

Crop-specific covers only *Correct Accuracy Error Kappa

USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2007 California Cropland Data Layer

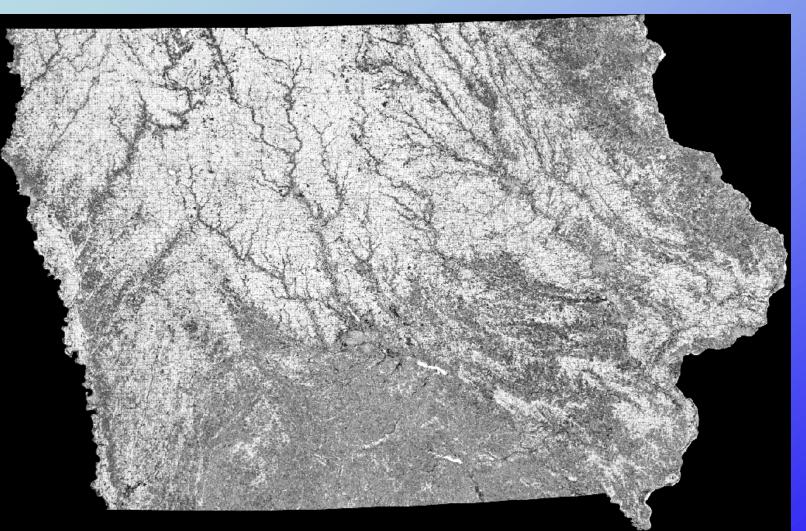
Metadata:

- Identification Information
- Data Quality Information
- Spatial Data Organization Information
- Spatial Reference Information
- Entity and Attribute Information
- Distribution Information
- Metadata Reference Information

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	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 & Fruit	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.

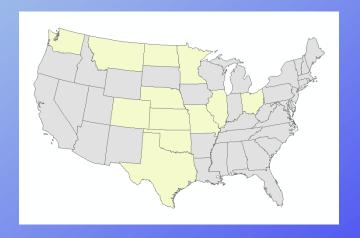
Confidence Map



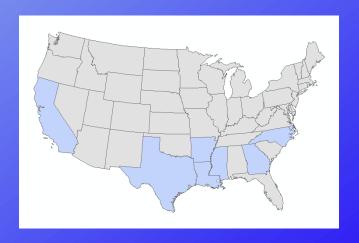
Light High Dark Low

Cropland Data Layer Future

- Expand geographic scope
 - Cotton, Winter, Durum and Spring Wheat
- Derivatives
 - Change detection
 - Crop rotation patterns
- National program
 - Leverage resource partnerships



Primary Wheat States



Primary Cotton States



Program Summary



- Cropland Data Layer Method
 - AWiFS imagery
 - FSA CLU dataset
 - Commercial software
 - Ancillary data
- CDL Stakeholder Distribution:
 - Annually after county estimates published
 - Metadata/accuracies/confidence layer
- Access:
 - http://datagateway.nrcs.usda.gov

