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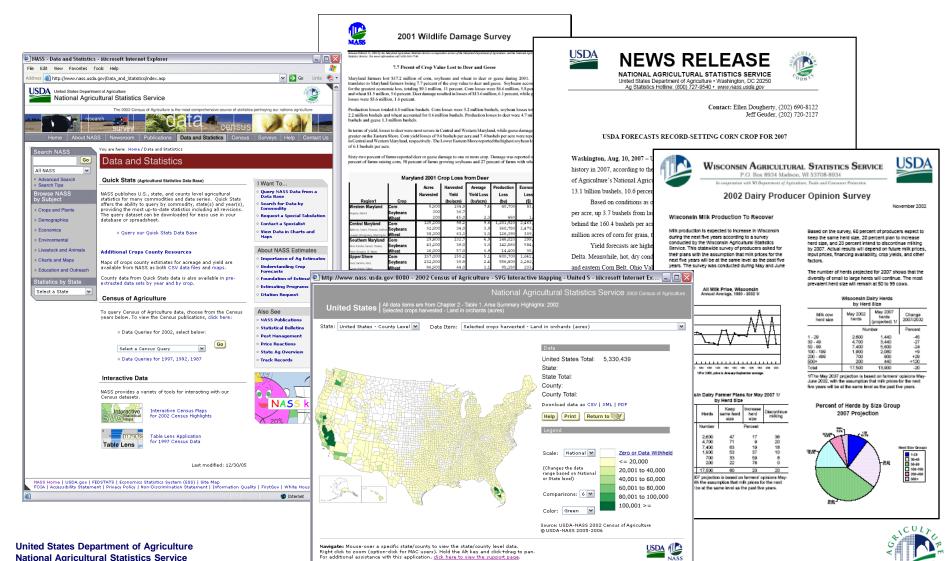
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NASS Overview

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



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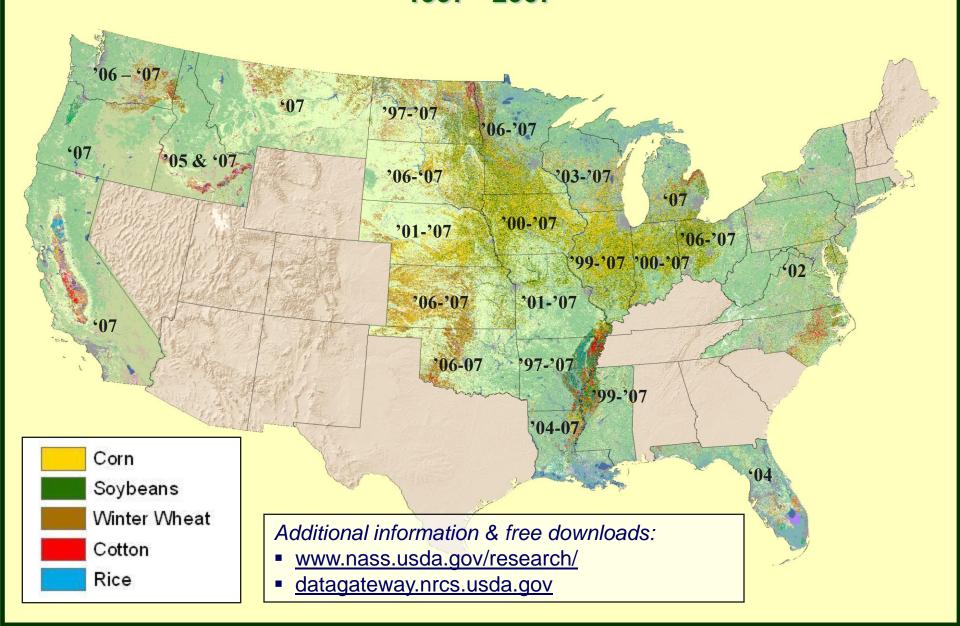
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Cropland Data Layers 1997 - 2007





Purpose of the Cropland Data Layer (CDL) Program

Typically, the CDL program goals are:

- 1) Combine remote sensing imagery, USDA/Farm Service Agency reported data and NASS survey data to produce <u>supplemental</u>, unbiased independent acreage estimates for the state's major commodities.
- 2) Production of a crop-specific digital land cover data layer for distribution in industry standard formats.

Annual CDL states traditionally focused in the Midwest and Mississippi Delta States

- Corn, Cotton, Rice, Soybeans, Winter Wheat



Corn



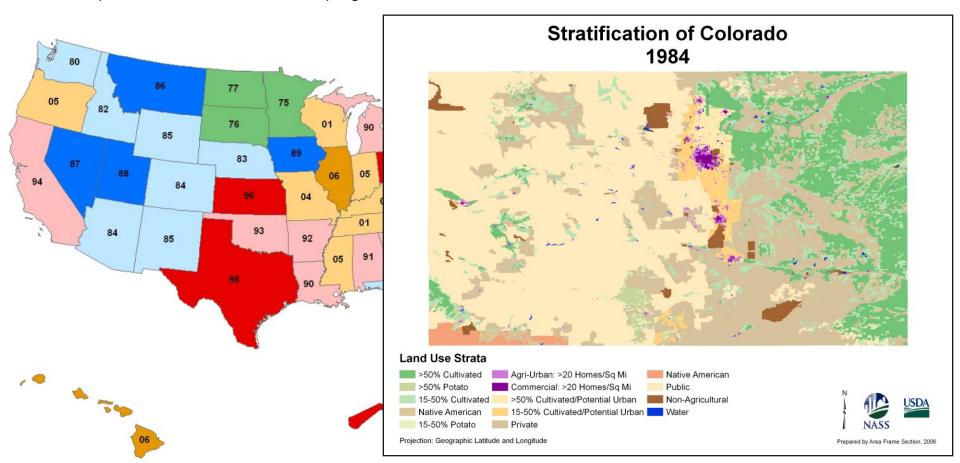
Soybeans



Purpose of the Cropland Data Layer (CDL) Program

The 2007 California CDL intended as a one-time special project

- Done at the request of NASS' Area Frame Section
- Update of the California area sampling frame



		Top 20	Commoditie	s for 2004-2006			
_		Value and Rank					
Commodity		2004	2004 2005 \$1,000			2006	
Milk and Cream		5,365,992	(1)	5,223,062	(1)	4,492,229	(1)
Grapes, All		2,764,534	(2)	3,197,820	(2)	3,032,655	(2)
Nursery and Greenhouse Products		2,297,363	(3)	2,433,346	(4)	2,775,000	(3)
Almonds		2,189,005	(4)	2,525,909	(3)	2,040,357	(4)
Cattle and Calves		1,633,740	(6)	1,744,403	(5)	1,676,354	(5)
Lettuce, All		1,748,826	(5)	1,416,117	(6)	1,607,572	(6)
Strawberries, All		1.205.513	(7)	1.122.834	(8)	1.194.379	(7)
Tomatoes, A11		1 100 257	(0)	010 360	(10)	1 120 641	(8)
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2007 California Cropland Data Layer Agricultural (California Specific) Almonds Land Cover Categories Tomatoes Agricultural (California Specific) Non-Agricultural Walnuts NLCD - Open Water Pistachios NLCD - Perennial Ice/Snow Triticale (Wheat Hybrid) NLCD - Developed/Open Space Lettuce NLCD - Developed/Low Intensity Onion NLCD - Developed/Medium Intensit Carrots NLCD - Developed/High Intensity Asparagus NLCD - Barren Garlic NLCD - Deciduous Forest Cantaloupe NLCD - Evergreen Forest Prunes NLCD - Mixed Forest Olives NLCD - Shrubland Oranges NLCD - Grassland Herbaceous Honeydew Melons NLCD - Woody Wetlands Broccoli NLCD - Herbaceous Wetlands Herbs Grass/Grazing Cherry Orchard Grass/Forage Peppers Grass/Left Standing Pomegranates Grass/Seed Nectarine Grass/Sod Cucumber Greens Plums Strawberries Squash Apricots Vetch (flowering plant)



Methodology

- "Stack" satellite imagery and ancillary data layers within a raster GIS
 - 30 meter grid cells, Albers Conic Equal Area projection
- Sample spatially from stack within known ground truth from FSA and NLCD
- Data-mine samples using Boosted Classification Tree Analysis to derive best fitting decision rules
- Apply derived decision rules back to input data stack
- Create land cover map
- Create probability map
- Assess map accuracy
- Derive acreage estimates
- Commercial Software
 - Ground Truth Preparation: ESRI ArcGIS 9.2
 - Imagery Preparation: Leica Geosystems ERDAS Imagine 9.1
 - Decision-Tree Classification Software: Rulequest See 5.0

Methodology

- Ground Truth
 - Agricultural training & validation
 - Farm Service Agency (FSA) Common Land Unit (CLU)
 - NASS June Agricultural Survey (JAS)
 - Non-Agricultural training & validation
 - USGS 2001 National Land Cover Dataset (NLCD)
- Satellite Imagery
 - Landsat 5 TM
 - IRS Resourcesat-1 AWiFS
 - NASA Terra MODIS 16-day composite NDVI
- Ancillary data layers
 - USGS National Elevation Dataset (NED)
 - USGS NLCD 2001 Impervious and Tree Canopy layers
 - Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (2004 FMMP)

Ground Truth

- Agricultural Training & Validation
 - Farm Service Agency (FSA) Common Land Unit (CLU) Program
 - ½ used for training
 - ½ used for validation
 - NASS June Agricultural Survey (JAS)
- Non-Agricultural Training & Validation
 - USGS National Land Cover Dataset (NLCD) 2001
 - · Sampled proportionate to the amount of agricultural training data

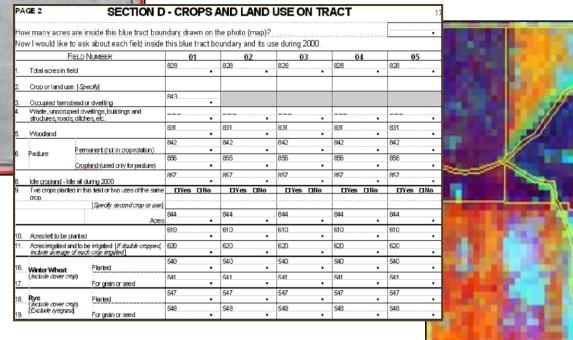


Ground truth - Agricultural Training & Validation



June Agricultural Survey (JAS) – National in Scope

- 41,000 farms visited
 - 11,000 one-square mile sample area segments
 - Most states contain 150 400 segments California 404 segments



Ground truth - Agricultural Training & Validation

Farm Service Agency (FSA) Common Land Unit (CLU)

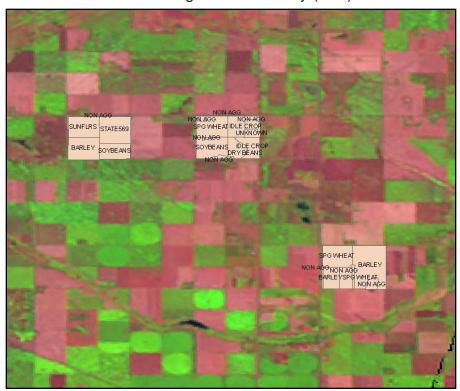
- USDA programs (crop subsidy, disaster relief)
- Program crops (may under report specialty crops)
- Much larger area of coverage than the JAS survey
- GIS-ready (less labor intensive for NASS)

JAS survey data is still used in the crop area estimation process



Ground truth - Agricultural Training & Validation

NASS June Agricultural Survey (JAS)



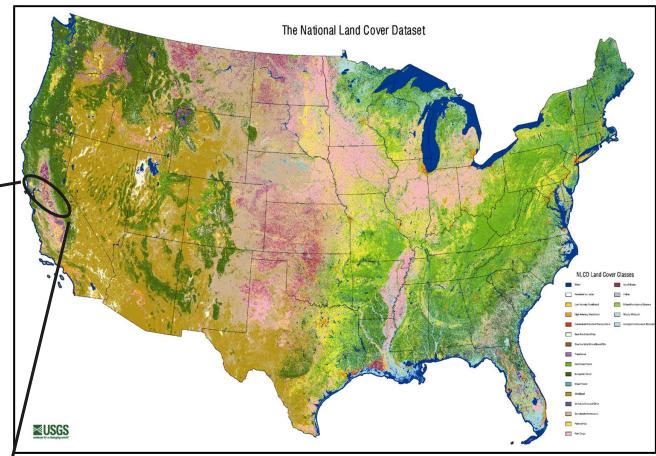
- 2007 California JAS summary
- 1,392 polygons
- ~125,150 acres (50,650 hectares)

Farm Service Agency (FSA) Common Land Unit (CLU)



- 2007 California FSA CLU summary
- 51,479 polygons
- ~2,413,500 acres (976,700 hectares)

Non-Ag Ground Truth – 2001 National Land Cover Dataset



- Proportional sampling approach
- Pasture/hay and cultivated categories ignored





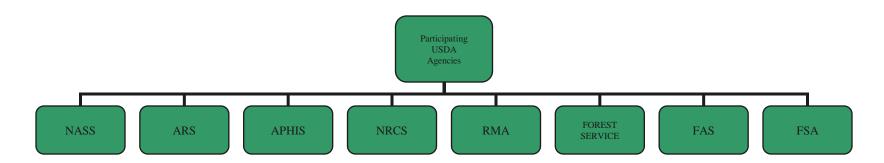
2007 CDL Inputs

- Landsat 5 TM
 - Minimum of three scenes during growing season
- IRS Resourcesat-1 AWiFS Imagery (raw reflectance)
 - Added dates
- NASA MODIS Terra (16-day NDVI composite derivative)
 - Fall scenes from previous year
- USGS Ancillary datasets
 - National Land Cover Dataset (NLCD 2001)
 - Impervious
 - Canopy
 - National Elevation Dataset (NED)
 - Elevation
- Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program
 - 2004 California prime farmland



USDA's Satellite Imagery Archive (USDA-SIA)

- Cost-sharing program to maximize the cost effectiveness of USDA's expenditures on satellite imagery
- Established March 16, 2000
- Affiliated with USGS/EROS
 - Broad MOU for cooperative efforts.
 - Based on subscription fees paid annually
- Reduce the per-image price paid by spreading acquisition costs over all USDA agencies
- Leverage the power of a single USDA purchasing body





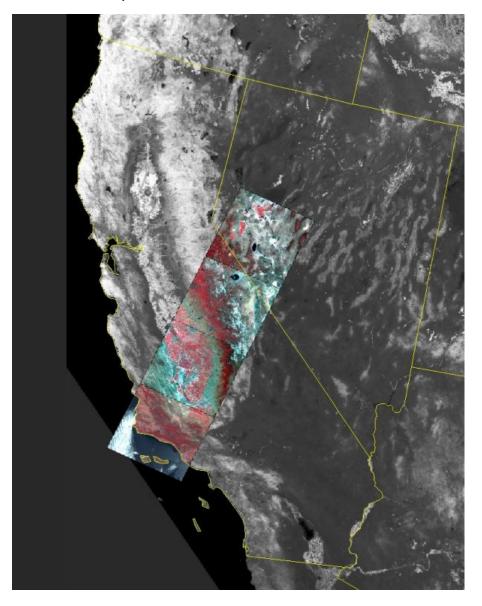
Sensor Specifications Compared

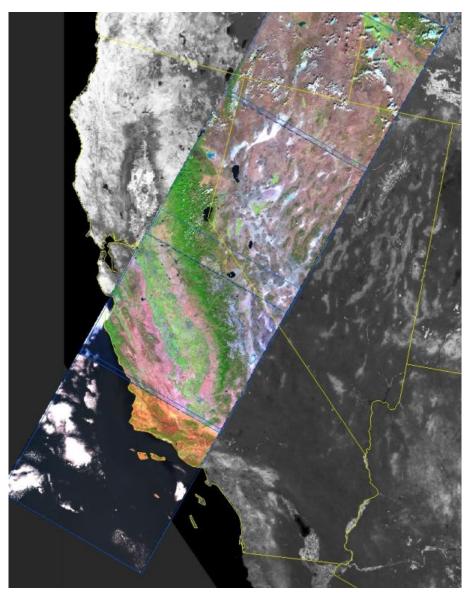
	<u>TM</u>	<u>AWiFS</u>		
Altitude	705 km	817 km		
Equatorial crossing time	9:45 ± 15 minutes	10:30 ± 5 minutes		
Orbit time	99 minutes	101 minutes		
Pixel size	30 x 30 m (reflective) 120 x 120 m (thermal)	56 x 56 m		
Quantization	8	10		
Spectral bands	6 (B, G, R, NIR, SWIR, MIR) + Thermal IR	4 (G, R, NIR,SWIR)		
Field of view	14.7°	42.1°		
Swath wide	185 km	737 km		
Scene size	184 x 152 km	370 x 370 km		



TM path 42, rows 33-36, 06/21/2007

AWiFS path 246, rows 40-45, quads B & D, 09/16/2007

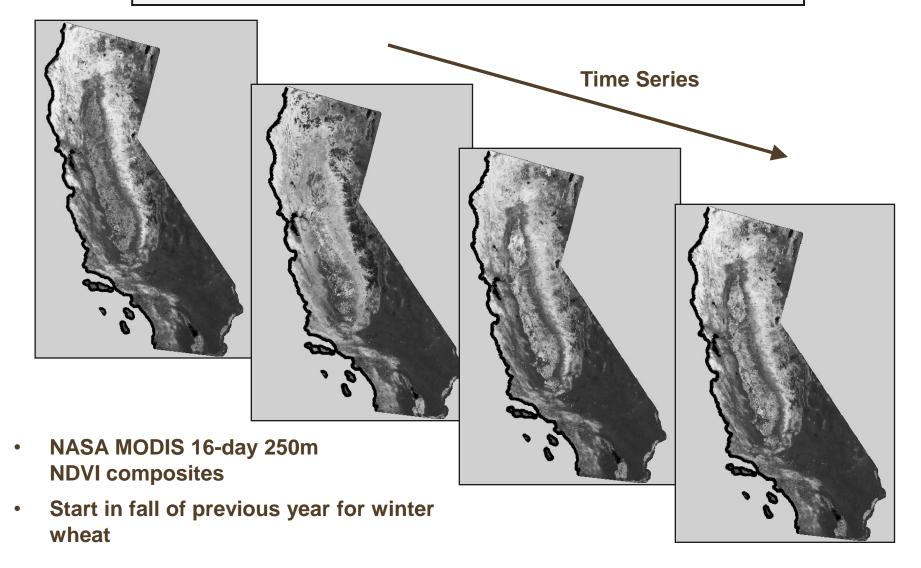






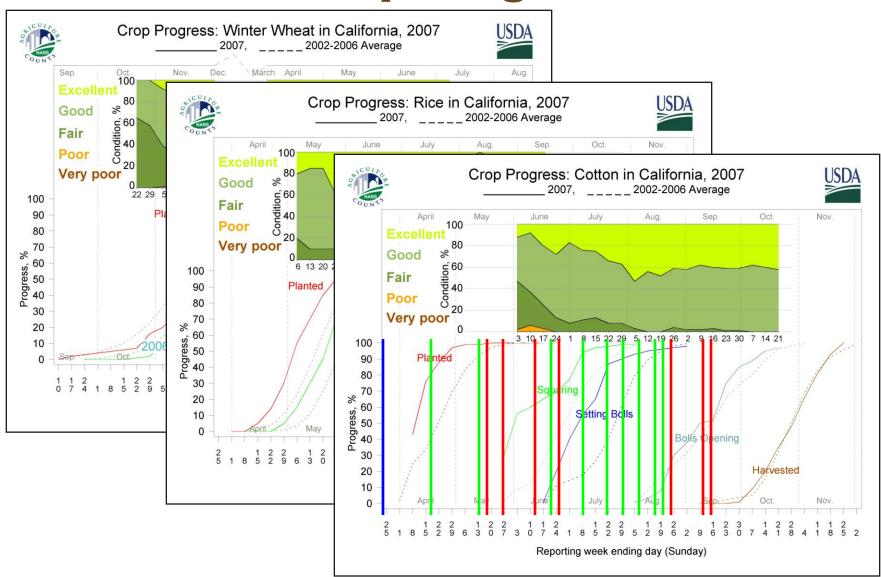


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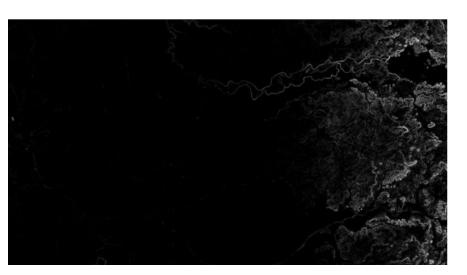


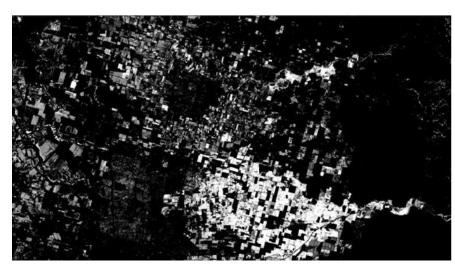


Crop Progress

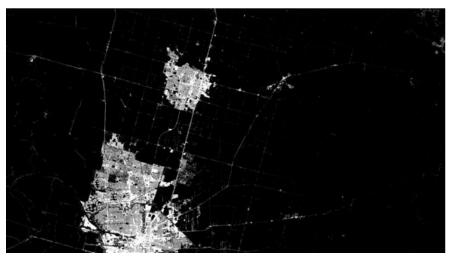


Ancillary - USGS Products





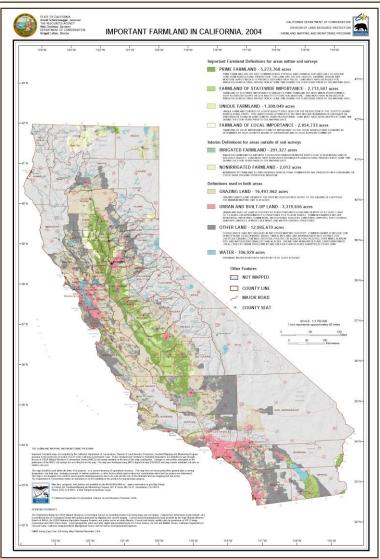
Elevation Canopy

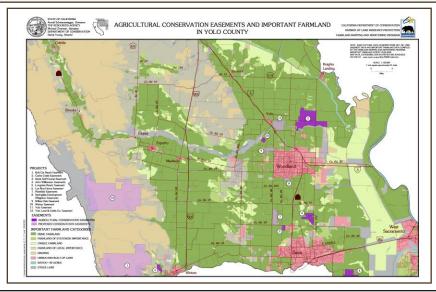


Impervious



California Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program

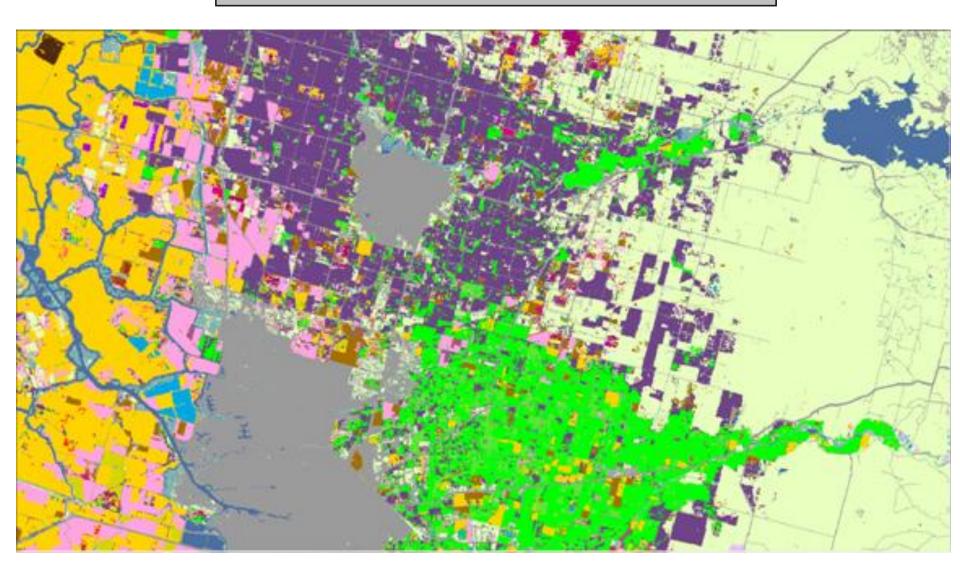




- Produces maps and statistical data used for analyzing impacts on California's agricultural resources
- Land is rated according to soil quality and irrigation status
- Maps are updated every two years with the use of aerial photographs, computer mapping, public review, and field work



2007 California Cropland Data Layer (30 meter)





USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2007 California Cropland Data Layer AGRICULTURAL ACCURACY REPORT (CENTRAL VALLEY ONLY)

Crop-specific covers only	*Correct	Accuracy	Error	Kappa
OVERALL ACCURACY	409276	97.15%	2.85%	0.9657

Cover Type	*Correct Pixels	Producer's Accuracy	Omission Error	Kappa	User's Accuracy	Commission Error	Cond'l Kappa
Rice	126989	99.88%	0.12%	0.9987	99.36%	0.64%	0.9930
Alfalfa	81423	99.16%	0.84%	0.9911	96.19%	3.81%	0.9597
Winter Wheat	55422	98.46%	1.54%	0.9839	96.25%	3.75%	0.9610
Corn	35459	98.78%	1.22%	0.9875	97.76%	2.24%	0.9771
Almonds	23519	97.13%	2.87%	0.9708	95.94%	4.06%	0.9587
Oats	10934	92.65%	7.35%	0.9259	92.54%	7.46%	0.9248
Cotton	10531	98.89%	1.11%	0.9888	97.70%	2.30%	0.9768
Walnuts	9898	95.47%	4.53%	0.9543	94.43%	5.57%	0.9439
Barley	9247	94.84%	5.16%	0.9481	93.82%	6.18%	0.9378
Grapes	9094	96.82%	3.18%	0.9680	95.28%	4.72%	0.9525
Safflower	6631	97.37%	2.63%	0.9736	97.30%	2.70%	0.9729
Pistachios	5272	96.75%	3.25%	0.9674	97.02%	2.98%	0.9701
Durum Wheat	3348	96.35%	3.65%	0.9634	99.20%	0.80%	0.9920
Rye	2909	93.66%	6.34%	0.9364	95.57%	4.43%	0.9556
Tomatoes	2748	97.07%	2.93%	0.9706	97.31%	2.69%	0.9730
Spring Wheat	2593	98.63%	1.37%	0.9863	96.90%	3.10%	0.9689
Prunes	2571	94.28%	5.72%	0.9427	93.66%	6.34%	0.9365
Triticale (Wheat Hybrid) 2198	90.98%	9.02%	0.9096	96.62%	3.38%	0.9661
Olives	1606	94.58%	5.42%	0.9458	92.03%	7.97%	0.9203
Double-crop Winwht/corn	1181	90.71%	9.29%	0.9070	97.28%	2.72%	0.9728

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

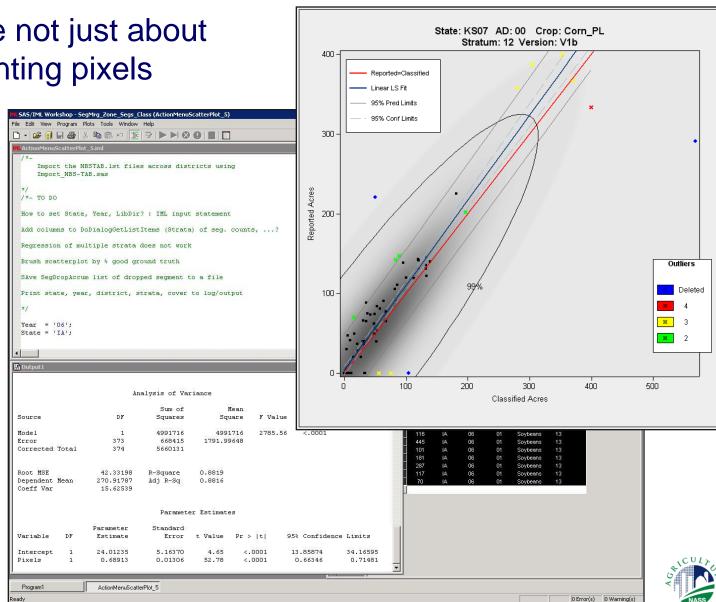


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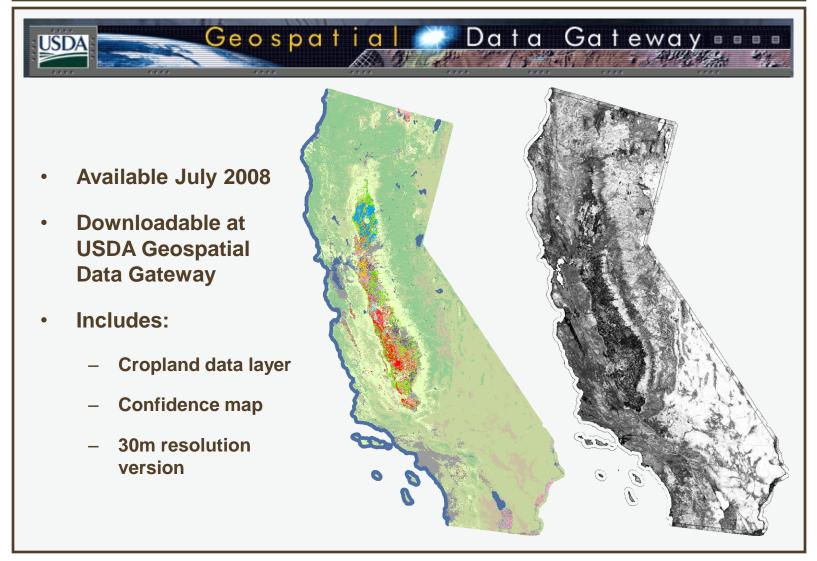
Acreage not just about counting pixels

NASS Inputs

- June Survey summaries
- Area Sampling Frame
- **CDLs**



California Cropland Data Layer





California Cropland Data Layer

2007 California CDL, one-time special project for NASS' Area Frame Section

Opportunity for program expansion via Federal, State and University cooperative partnering **Current Cooperators:**











Past Cooperators:

















CDL 2008?



Primary Wheat States



Primary Cotton States

- Expand geographic scope?
 - Wheat states next priority
 - Mid-Atlantic region (often asked about)
- Improved categories?
 - Grassland
 - Pasture (chewed grass)
 - Hay (cut grass)
 - Natural (quasi-native)
- Imagery?
 - More frugal use of
 - Future sensors
 - Finer resolution
- Derivatives?
 - Change detection
 - Crop rotation patterns
- Other ancillary data?
 - Soils
 - Climate





Thank You



