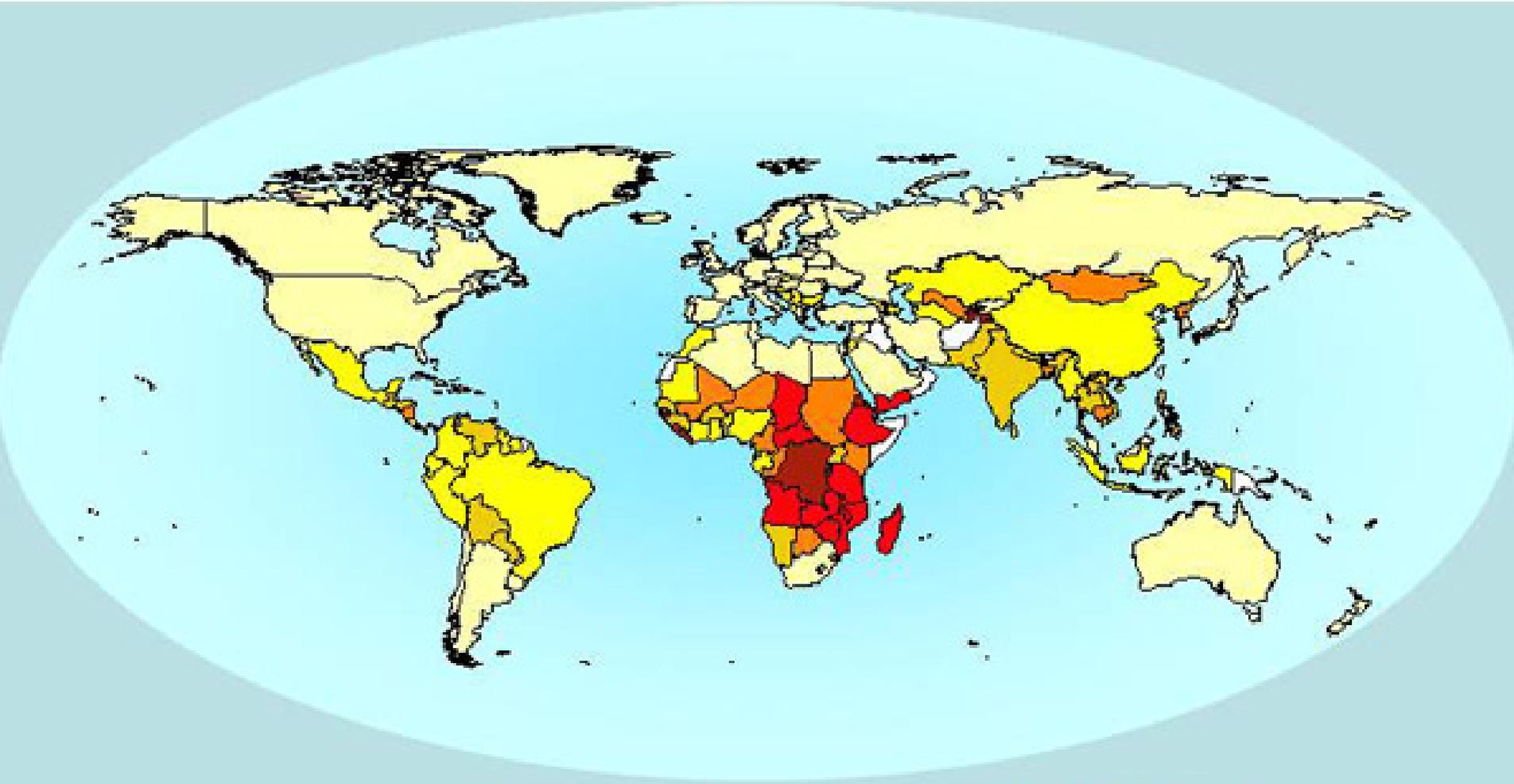


Expanding the Use of Land  
Imaging for Agriculture  
Decision Making:

*The Global Agriculture Monitoring*  
*(GLAM) Partnership*



# Hunger map



النسبة المئوية للبلدان التي تعاني من الجوع

飢餓不足人口

Undernourished population

Population sous-alimentée

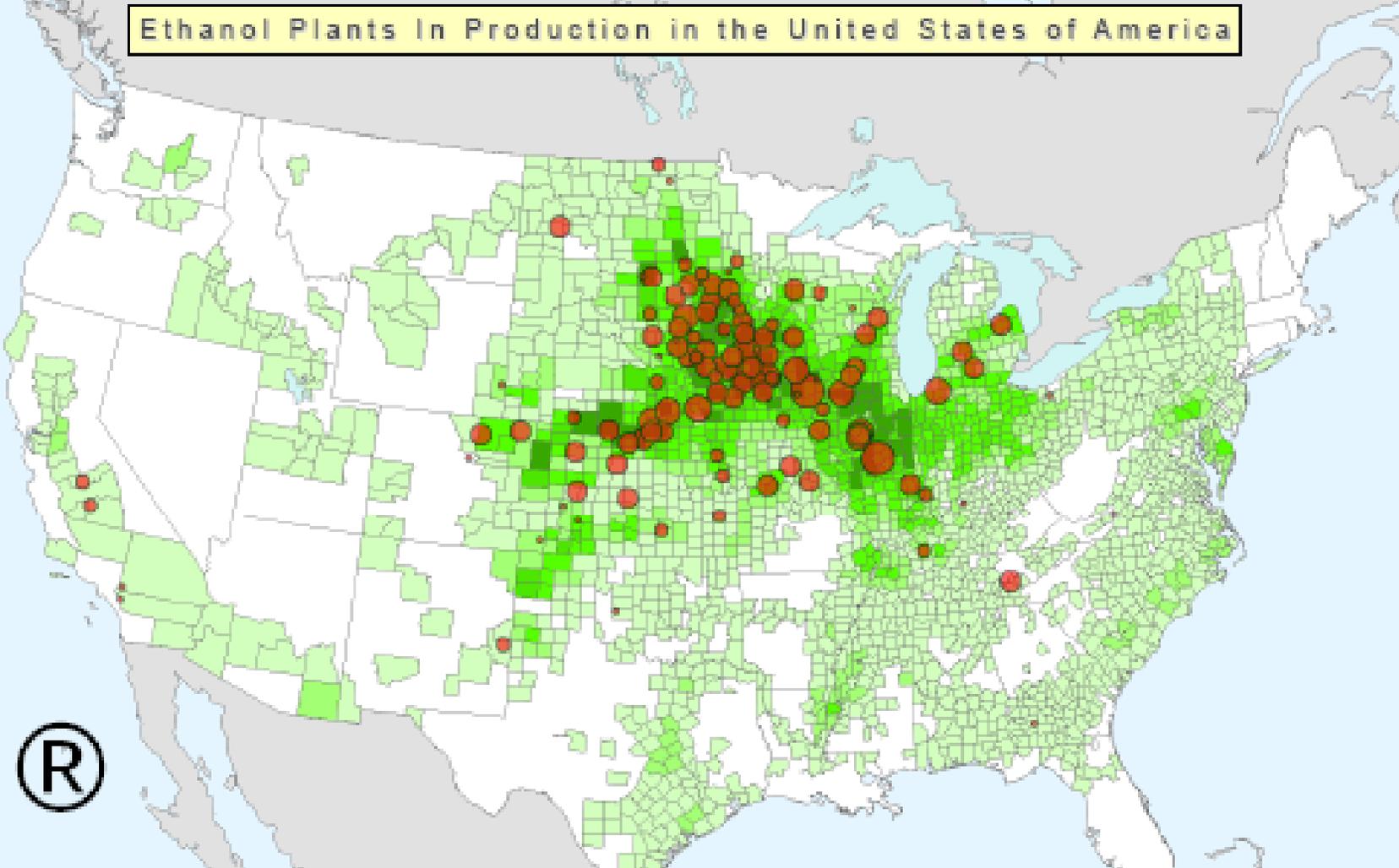
Población subnutrida

2002-2004

# U.S. Agricultural Exports and Imports



# Ethanol Plants In Production in the United States of America



Consumption (millions tons)	Average Corn Production (2002 - 2006) Avg. Production (millions tons)
0.000001 - 0.120000	0.000000 - 0.200000
0.120001 - 0.300000	0.200001 - 0.200000
0.300001 - 0.600000	0.200001 - 0.400001
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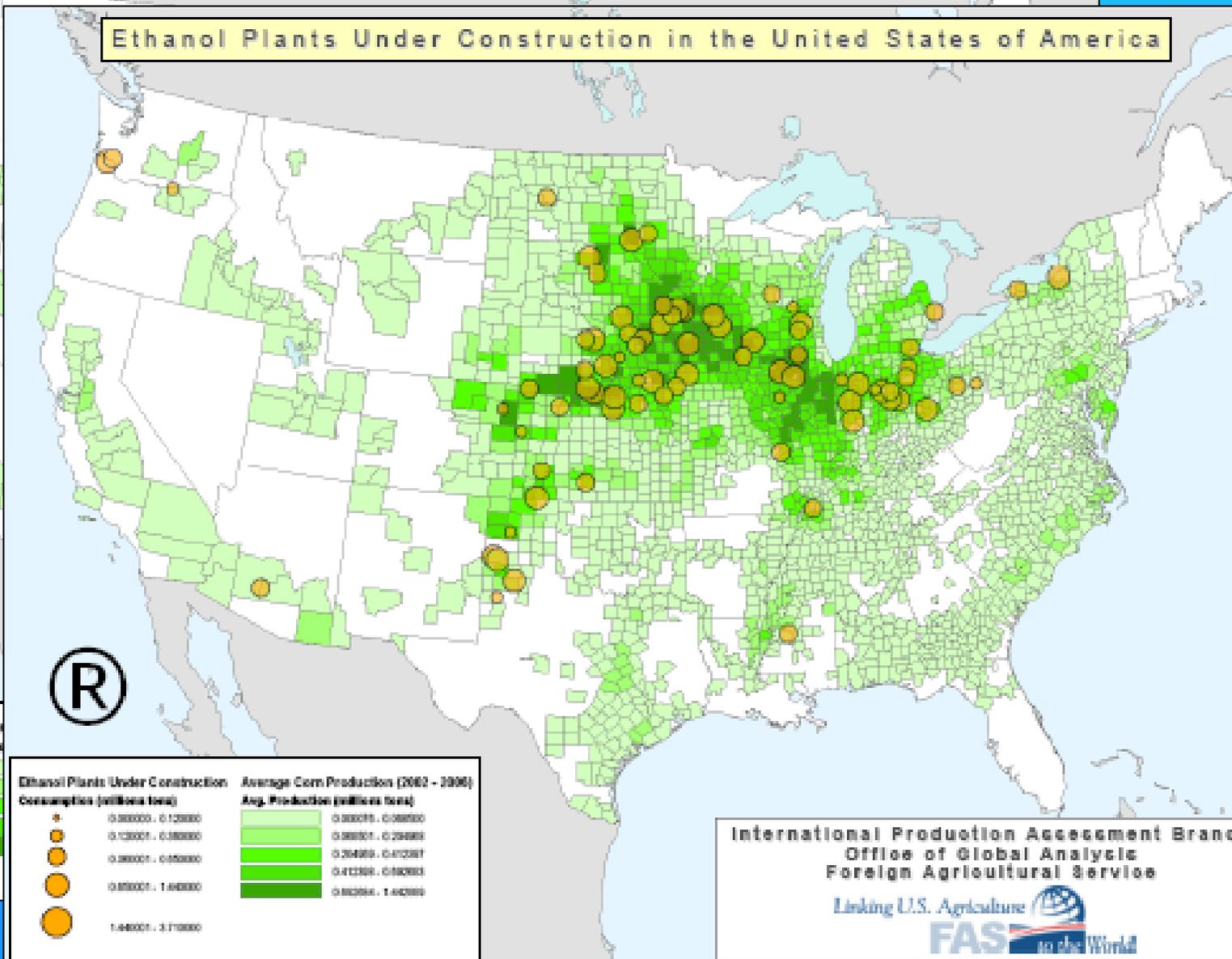
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Linking U.S. Agriculture  to the World

**FAS**  to the World

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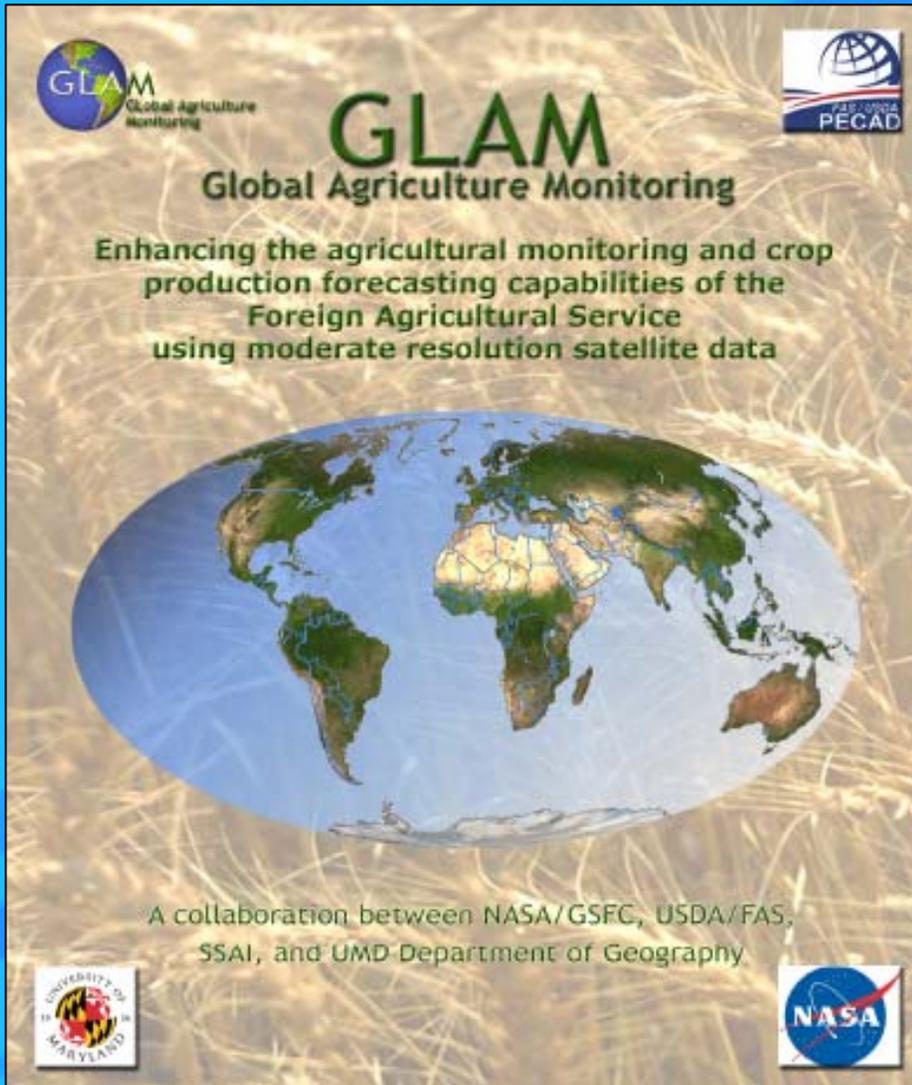


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LACIE & AgriStars pioneer multi-agency collaboration for monitoring agriculture with satellites

*NRC, <http://www.nap.edu/ssb/rapch2.htm>*

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From FAS Mission Statement and Appropriations:

- ...maintain a world-wide agriculture reporting system
- ...analyze production and trade
- ....using remote sensing and other technologies

FAS\_Brazil3

04/17/07 (Day 107 of 2007)

7-2-1 Composite (SWIR/NIR/RED)



**Terra (AM)**  
Pixel size:  
250m | 500m | 1km



**Aqua (PM)**  
Pixel size:  
250m | 500m | 1km



**Terra (AM)**  
Pixel size:  
250m | 500m | 1km

Previous Day  
Last 30 Days All Images

MODIS Image Gallery  
FAS\_Brazil3



(MODIS Image Archive is available from 01/01/2004)

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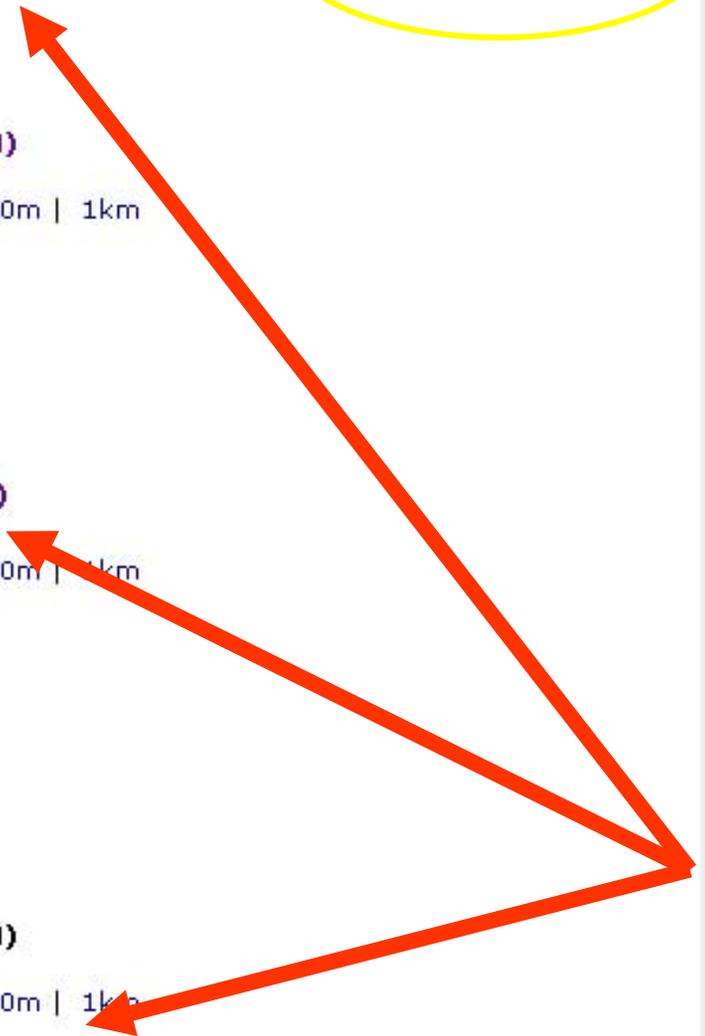
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# Crop Explorer



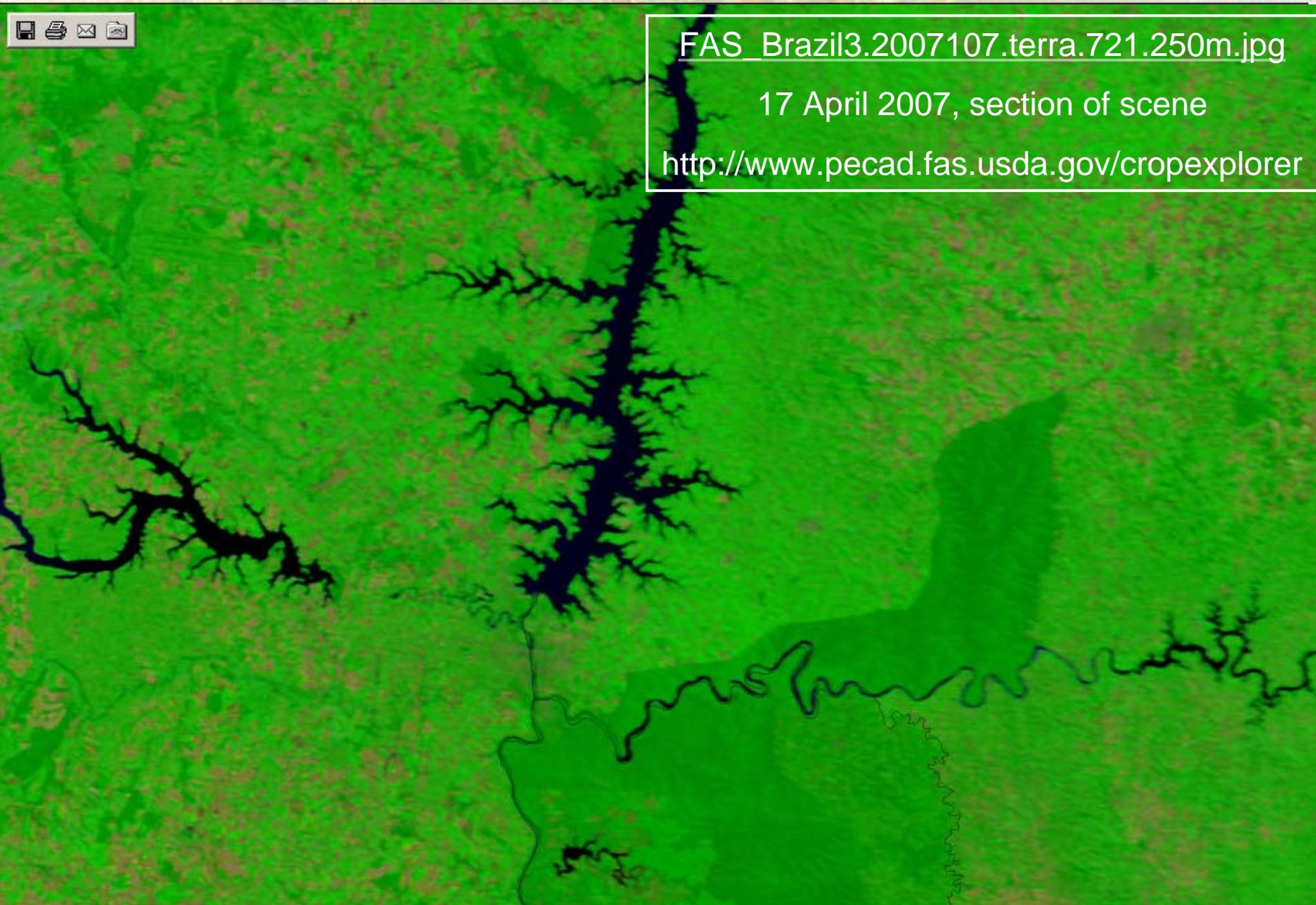
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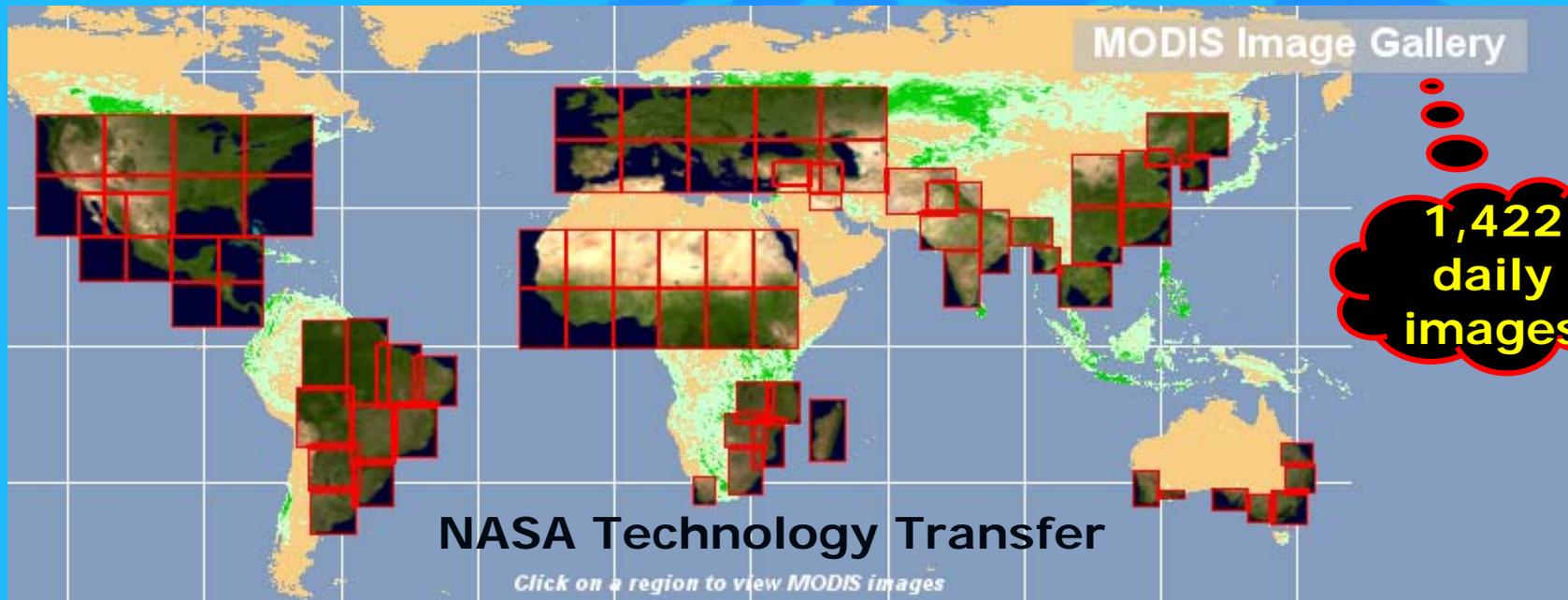
17 April 2007, section of scene

<http://www.pecad.fas.usda.gov/cropexplorer>



# MODIS Rapid Response Image Gallery

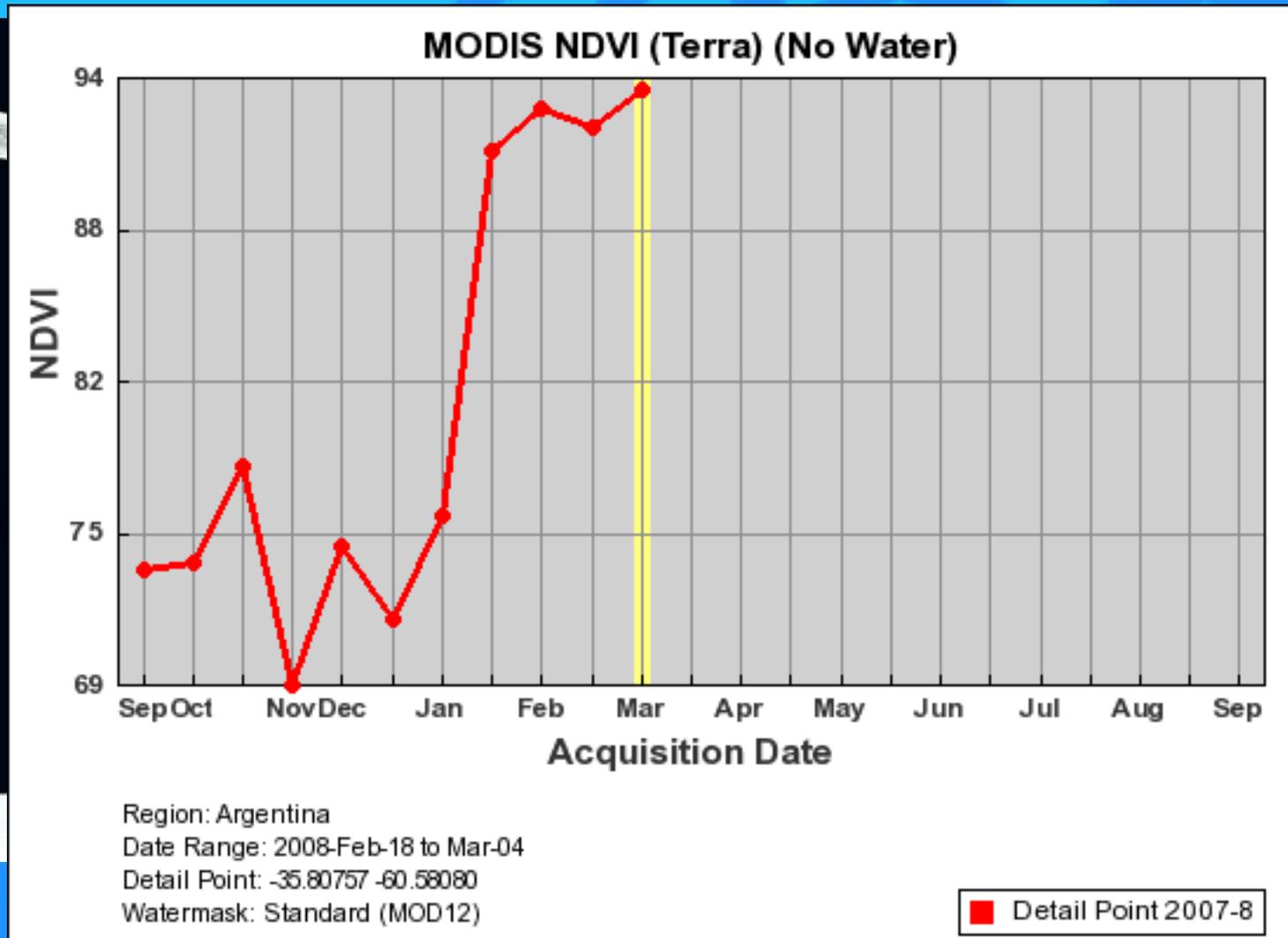
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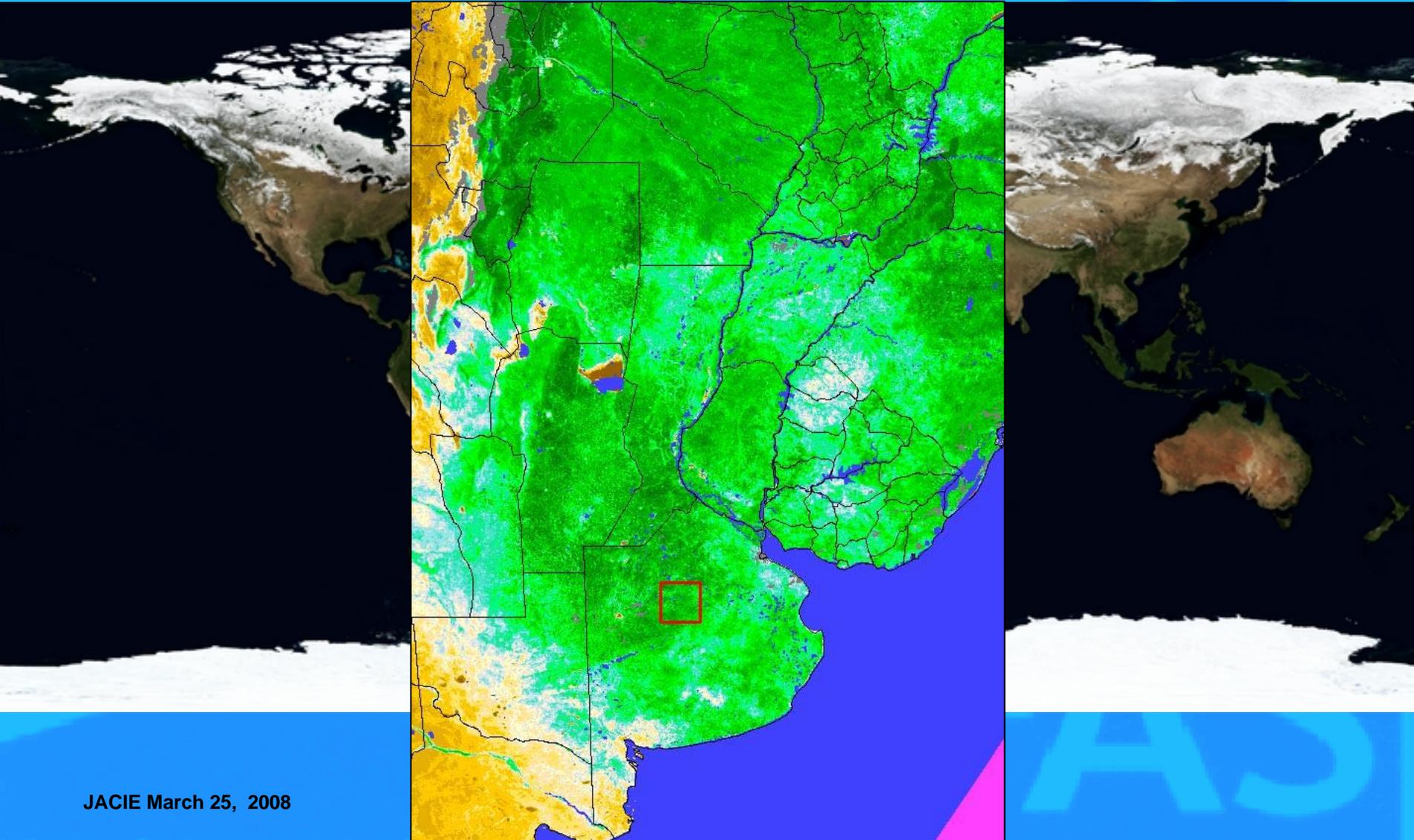
**MODIS provides rapid views of agricultural regions.**

- Two satellites (aqua & terra); three resolutions (250m, 500m, & 1,000m); two formats (jpg & geoTiff); three band combinations (true color; 7,2,1; and NDVI).
- Images are available ~ **six hours** after acquisition.

# Global Vegetation Conditions in Time-Series



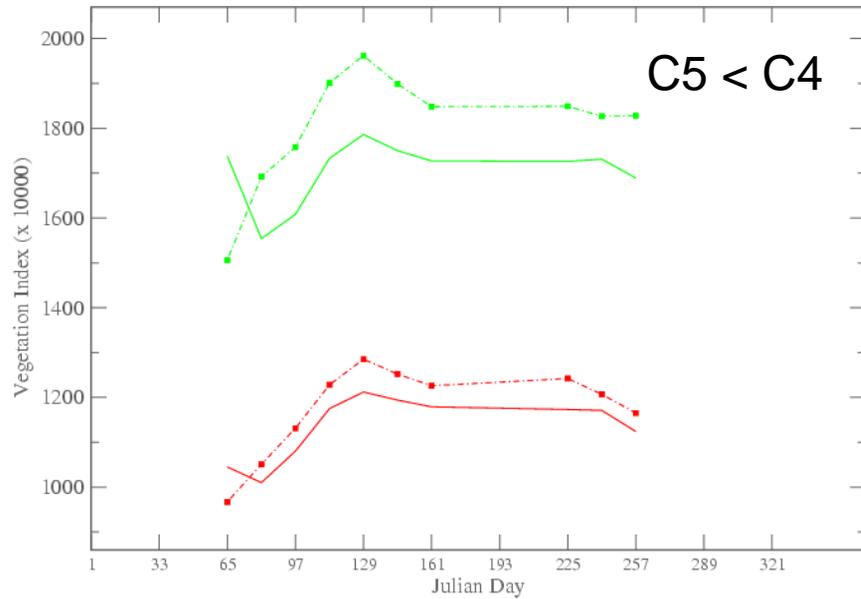
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# Terra C5 Vs. C5 Southwestern US Shrubland and Grassland Biomes (LDOPE)

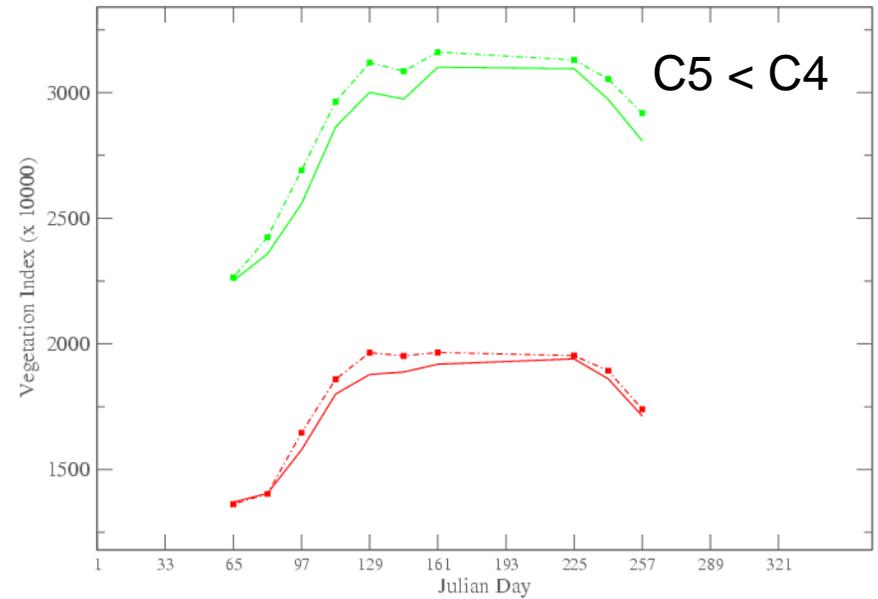
## Shrubland Biome

C4 dashed line, C5 solid line



## Grassland Biome

C4 dashed line, C5 solid line



Tue Jan 16 17:11:25 2007

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C4 – dashed line

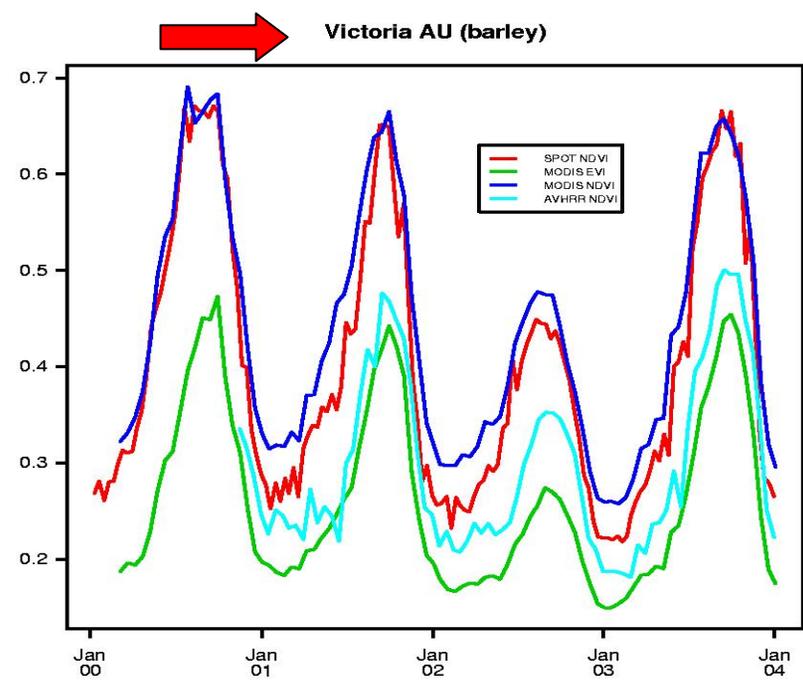
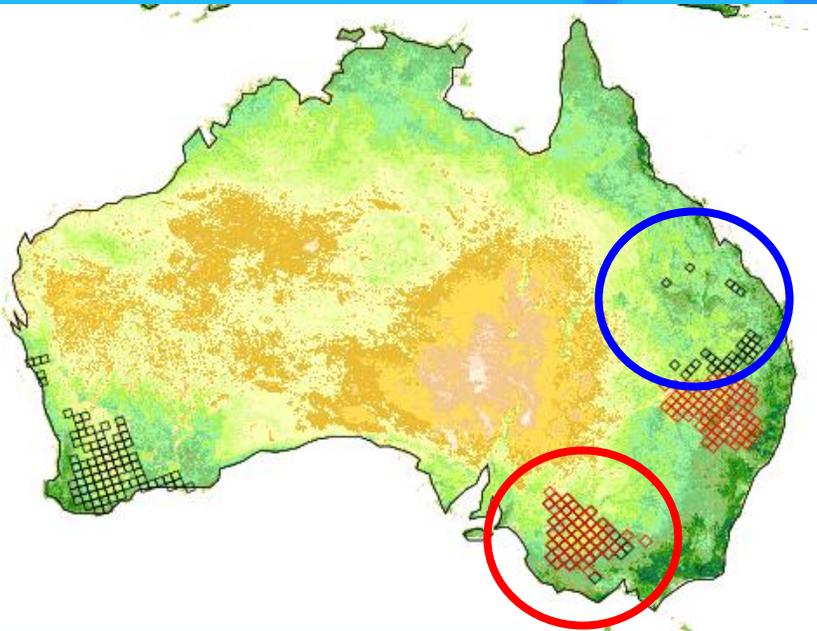
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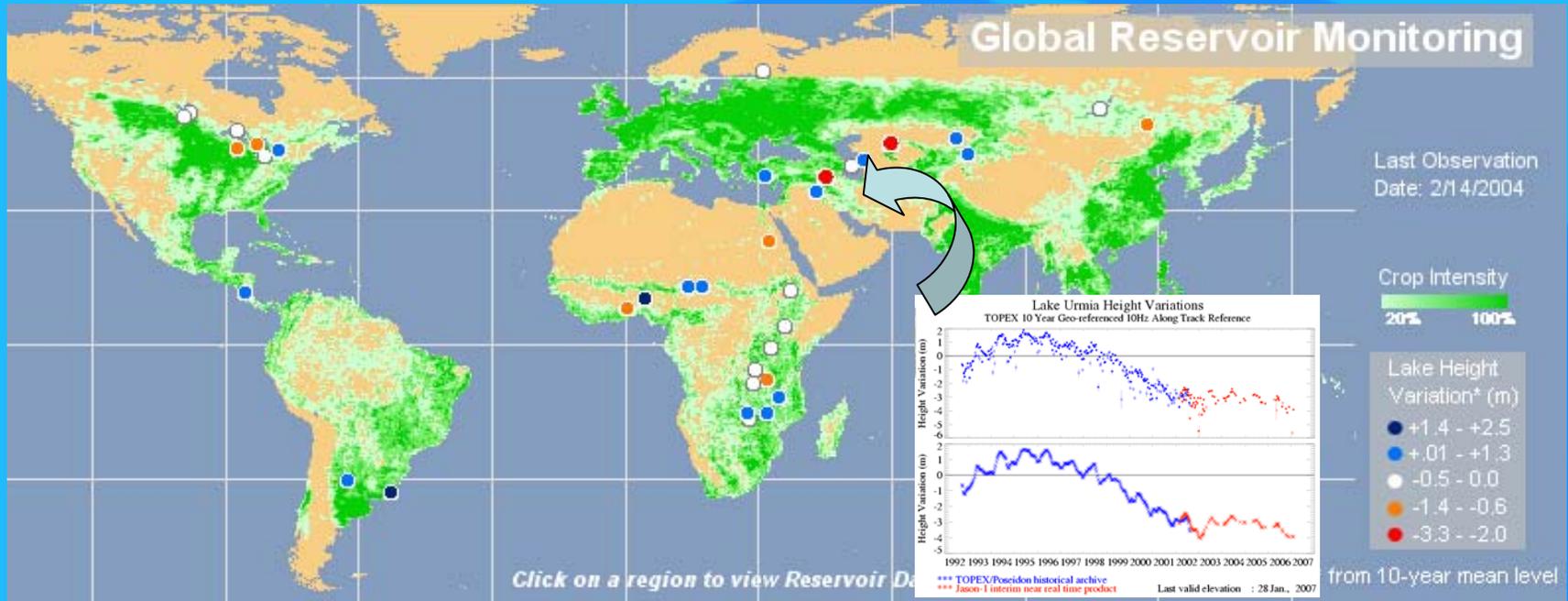




## Cross-Sensor Comparisons

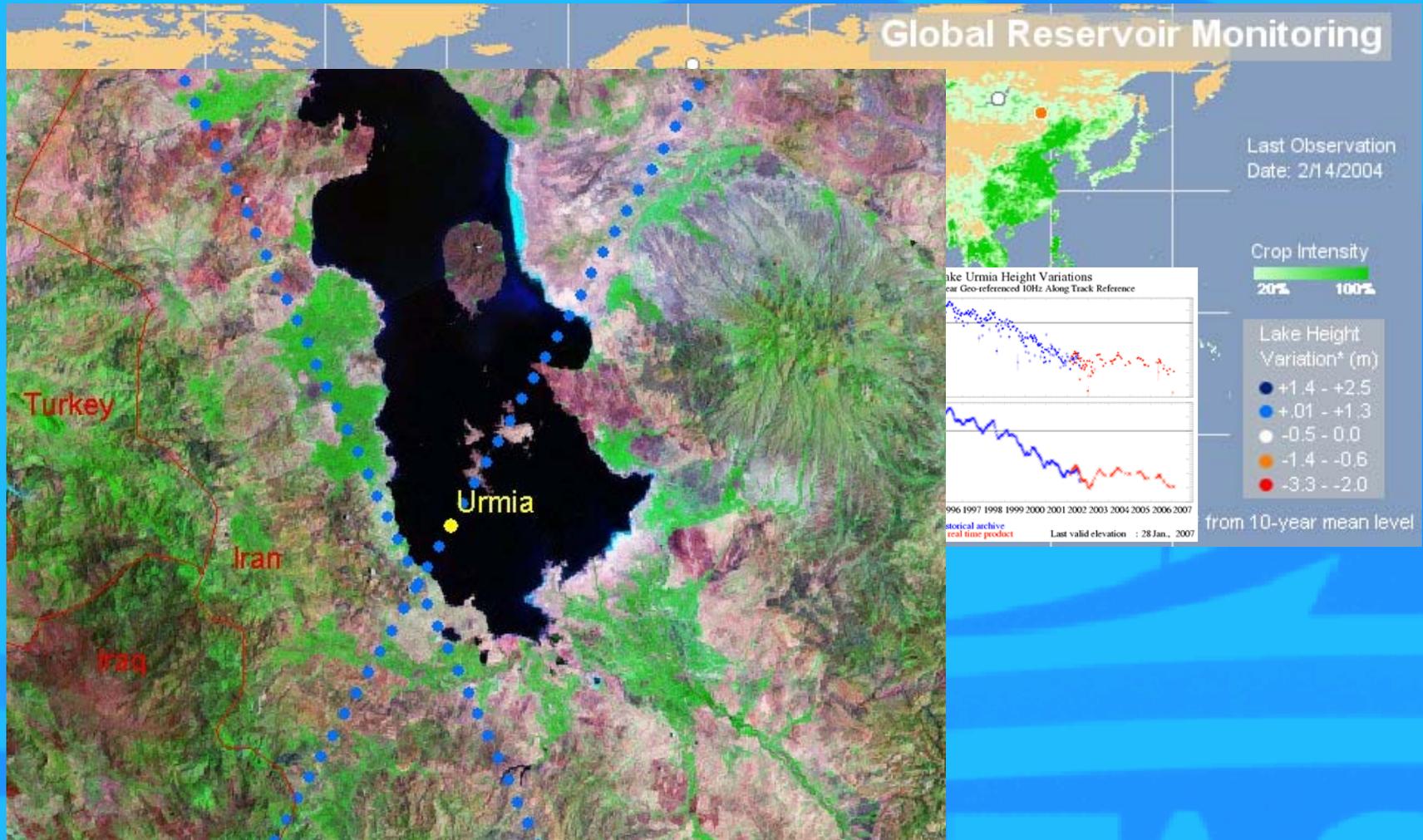


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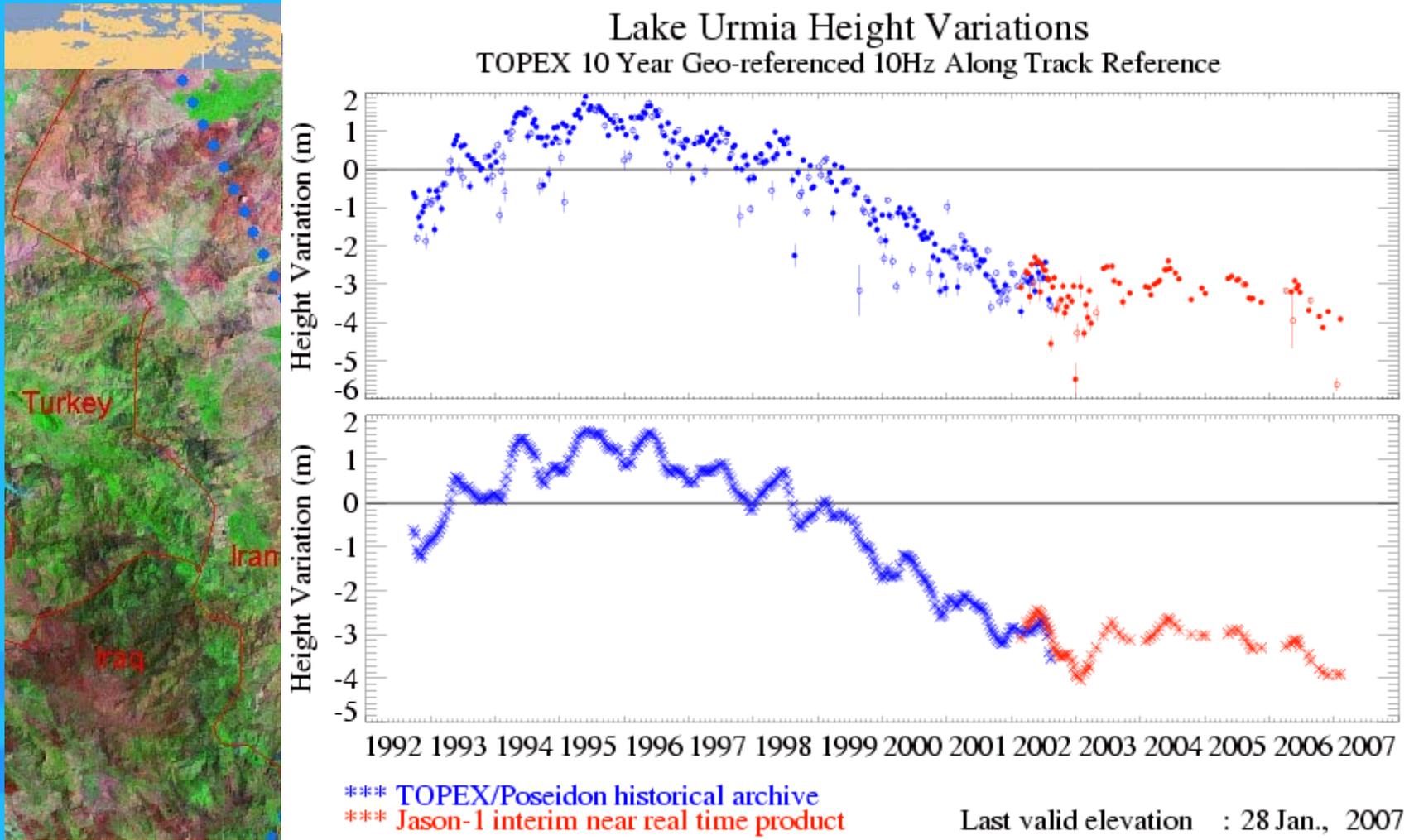
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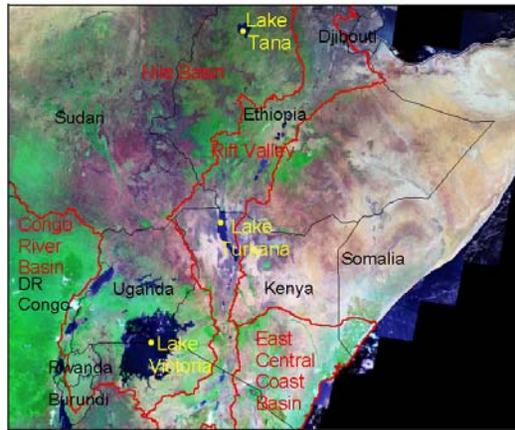
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# Examples: Variation in Reservoir/Lake Heights



Global Radar Altimetry: Global Reservoir and Lake Elevation Database - Lake Victoria - Microsoft I

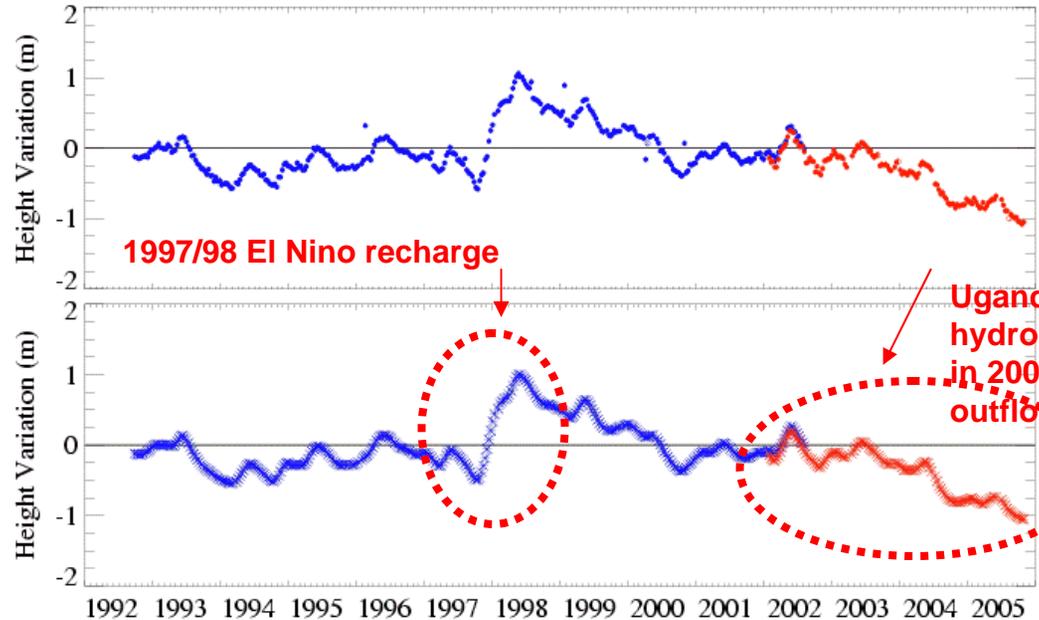
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http://www.pecad.fas.usda.gov/cropexplorer/global\_reservoir/gr\_regional\_chart.cfm?regionid=eafrica&region=&reservoir\_name



## Lake Level Variations from TOPEX/POSEIDON and Jason-1 Altimetry

Lake Victoria Height Variations  
TOPEX 10 Year Geo-referenced 10Hz Along Track Reference



\*\*\* TOPEX/Poseidon historical archive  
\*\*\* Jason-1 interim near real time product

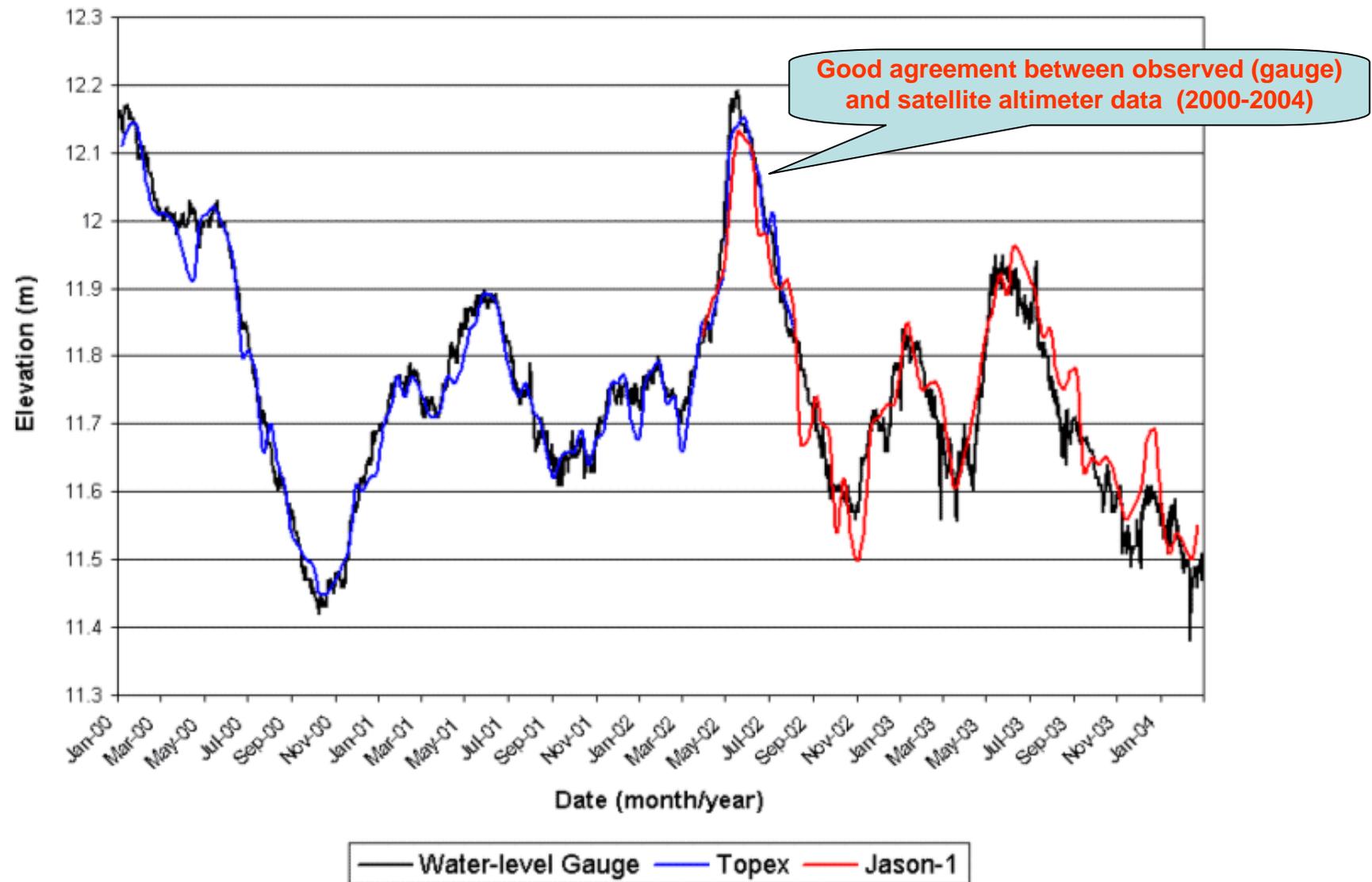
Last observation entry: 29 Oct., 2005  
Last valid elevation : 29 Oct., 2005

[LakeNet Profile](#)  
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JACIE March 25, 2008

[http://www.pecad.fas.usda.gov/cropexplorer/global\\_reservoir/](http://www.pecad.fas.usda.gov/cropexplorer/global_reservoir/)

# Water-Level Gauge Measurements Compared to Satellite Radar Altimeter Observations



Data Source:  
Water-level gauge data from Jinja, Uganda (near Lake Victoria's outlet)  
Satellite radar altimeter data from USDS/NASA/UMD at:  
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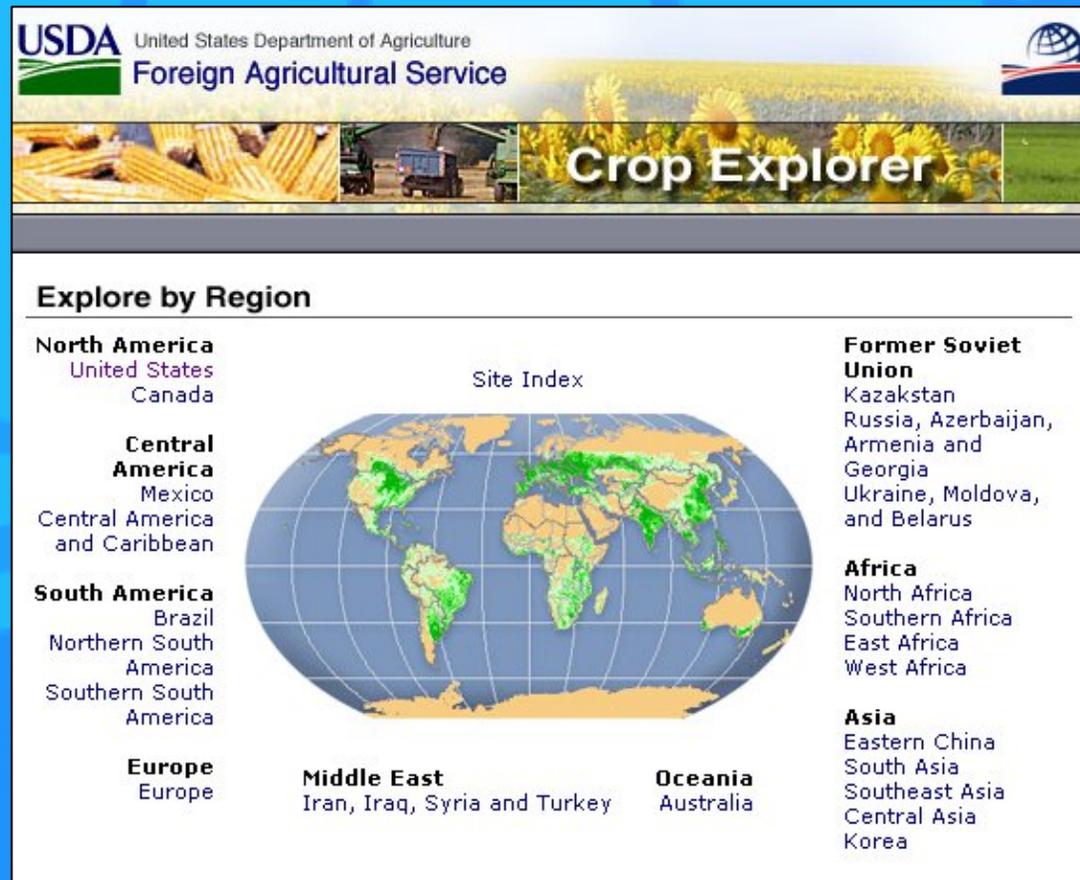


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Production Estimates & Crop  
Assessment Division (PECAD)

# Making GLAM Work

## *Defined technology to DSS process*

- Accepting the FAS DSS format
  - Crop Explorer (web portal)



The screenshot shows the Crop Explorer web portal. At the top, it features the USDA logo and the text "United States Department of Agriculture Foreign Agricultural Service". Below this is a banner with images of crops and the text "Crop Explorer". The main content area is titled "Explore by Region" and includes a "Site Index" map of the world. The map is color-coded to show the distribution of crop data across various regions. The regions listed are:

- North America**
  - United States
  - Canada
- Central America**
  - Mexico
  - Central America and Caribbean
- South America**
  - Brazil
  - Northern South America
  - Southern South America
- Europe**
  - Europe
- Middle East**
  - Iran, Iraq, Syria and Turkey
- Oceania**
  - Australia
- Former Soviet Union**
  - Kazakhstan
  - Russia, Azerbaijan, Armenia and Georgia
  - Ukraine, Moldova, and Belarus
- Africa**
  - North Africa
  - Southern Africa
  - East Africa
  - West Africa
- Asia**
  - Eastern China
  - South Asia
  - Southeast Asia
  - Central Asia
  - Korea

# CE: Template for Data Integration and Distribution

## Responsible Organizations

USDA  
NASA HQ  
NASA GSFC (3 labs)  
NASA Stennis  
USGS  
USAID  
Raytheon  
SSAI  
ASRC  
UMD  
UA  
UMo  
SDSU



## Explore by Region

### North America

United States  
Canada

### Central America

Mexico  
Central America  
and Caribbean

### South America

Brazil  
Northern South  
America  
Southern South  
America

### Europe

Europe

Site Index



### Former Soviet Union

Kazakstan  
Russia, Azerbaijan,  
Armenia and  
Georgia  
Ukraine, Moldova,  
and Belarus

### Africa

North Africa  
Southern Africa  
East Africa  
West Africa

### Asia

Eastern China  
South Asia  
Southeast Asia  
Central Asia  
Korea

### Middle East

Iran, Iraq, Syria and Turkey

### Oceania

Australia

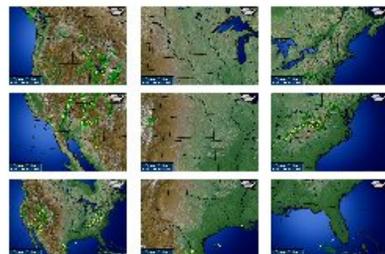


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- Reports
- Historical Data
- Historical Volatility
- Commentaries
- Delivery Reports
- Liquidity Analyzer
- Weather**
- Data Vendors
- Market Data Online Billing

## Weather as of October 5, 2006 6:05 PM

	Four-Panel rainfall distribution map		Forecast next 7 days
	Latest hour's temperatures		Latest totals
	Yesterday's high temperatures		Latest month-to-date rainfall totals
	Latest month-to-date rainfall totals		Latest windchill temperature values
	Latest windchill temperature values		Latest knots

### US Regional Radar Maps



http://www.pecad.fas.usda.gov - Crop Explorer for Major Crop Regions - Home - Micros...

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## Crop Explorer

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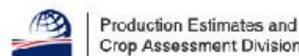
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<p><b>Europe</b> Europe</p>		<p><b>Asia</b> Eastern China South Asia Southeast Asia Central Asia Korea</p>

Internet

The Crop Explorer Web Site features near-real-time global crop condition information based on satellite imagery and weather data. Thematic maps of major crop growing regions depict vegetative vigor, precipitation, temperature, and soil moisture. Time-series charts depict growing season data for specific agro-meteorological zones. Regional crop calendars and crop area maps are also available for selected regions.

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# Technology Transfer from Space Agencies through USDA FAS to Agricultural Audience

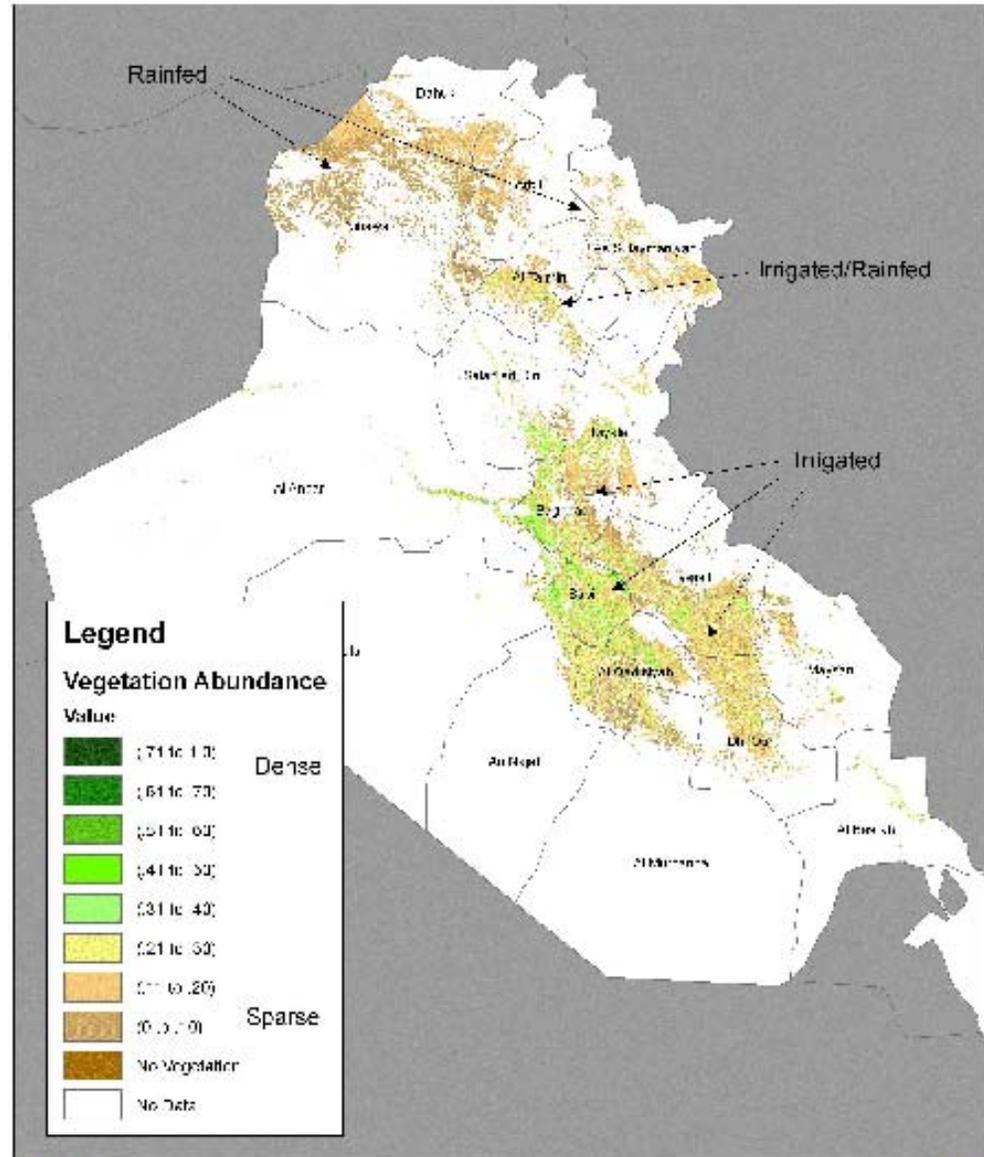
## Related Sites

- [Agricultural Production](#)
- [Future of Land Imaging](#)
- [Global Reservoirs/Lakes](#)
- [Landsat GloVis](#)
- [MODIS Image Gallery](#)
- [MODIS NDVI Gallery](#)
- [MODIS NDVI Time Series](#)
- [MPA Accumulated Rainfall Maps](#)

- In CY2008 planned USDA “footprint” at NASA/GSFC:
  - to produce global agriculture information products from NASA data streams.
  - prepare processing systems for NPOESS

# Other new/proposed GLAM activities

- **Irrigated agriculture assessments(pending)**
  - University of Wisconsin
- **Enhanced/high-resolution global precipitation modeling**
  - USAF and NASA
- **High resolution imagery**
  - Field-sampling/area-frame strategies
  - Supplementing ground-truth



Data Source: AWIFS IRS-P6  
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 Supporting: USDA/FAS/IOGA  
 International Production Assessment

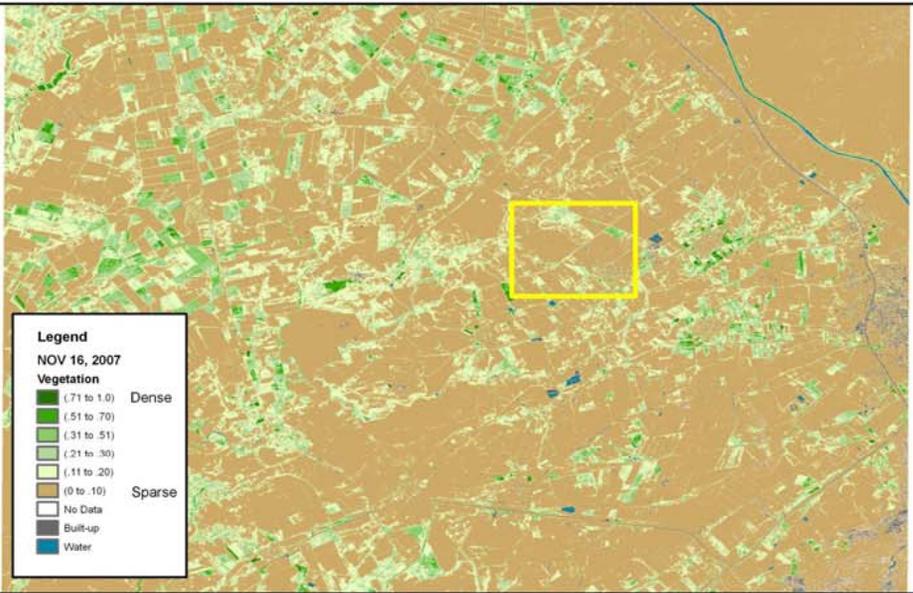


Figure 5: NDVI composite revealing highest crop abundance in irrigated regions. Rainfed areas reflect sparse vegetation only.

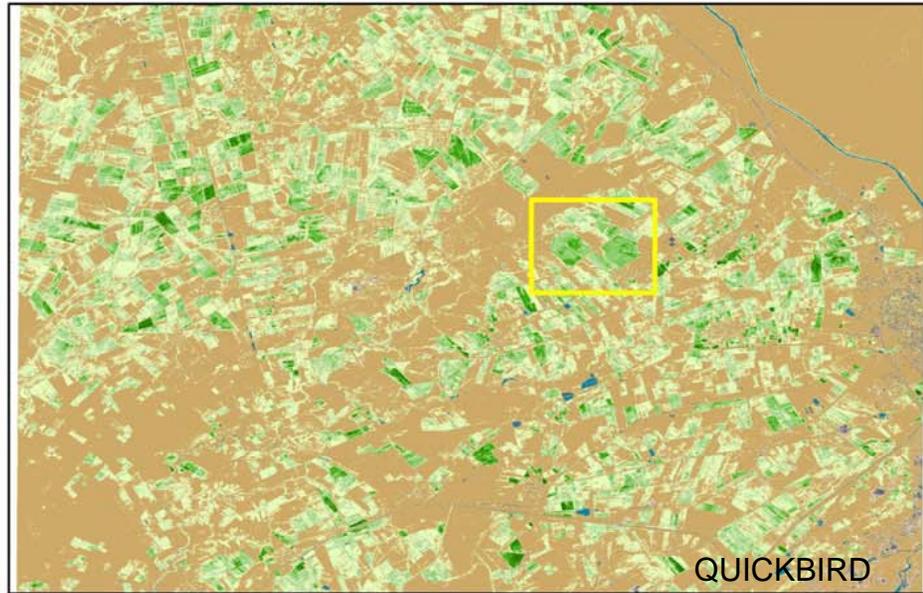
**NGA-OGA COLLABORATION IN IRAQ  
 PROVIDING ANALYSIS AND DATA  
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MODERATE RESOLUTION PROVIDES  
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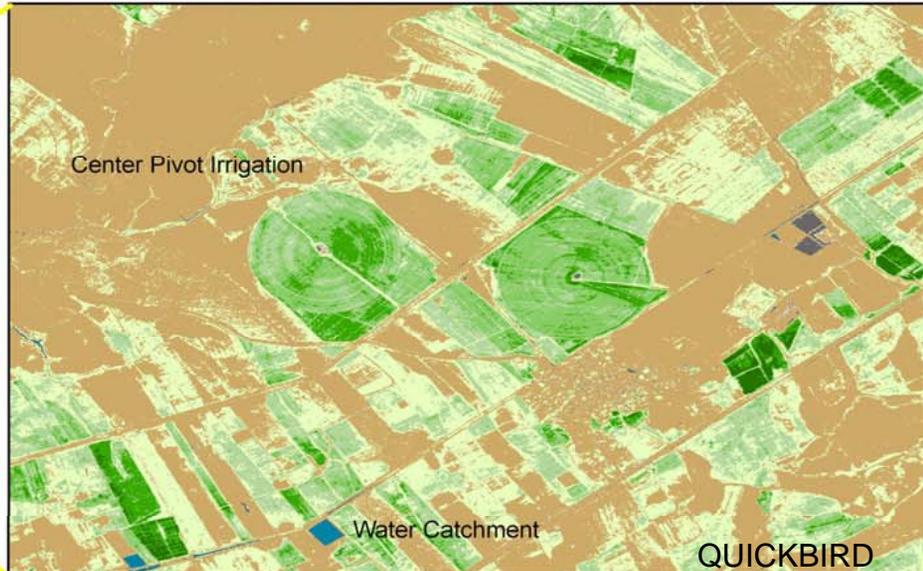
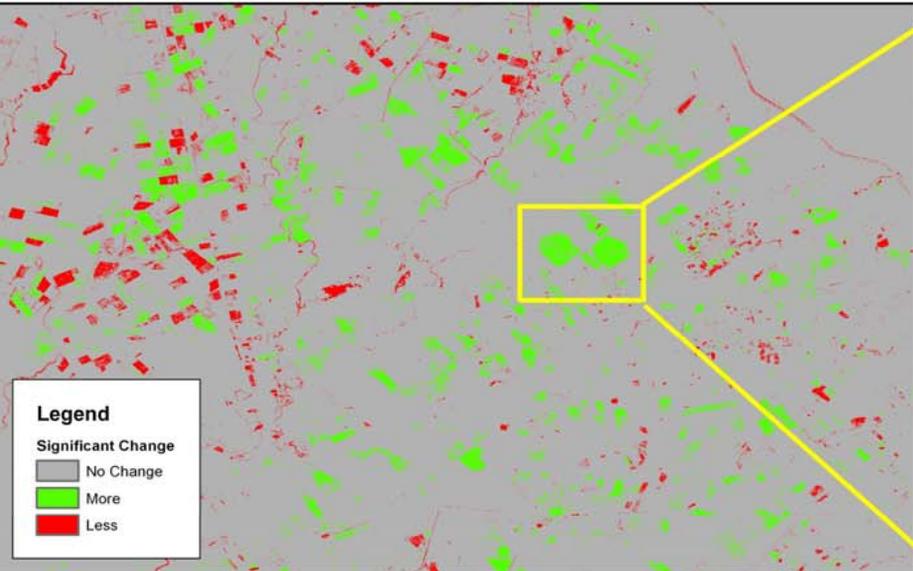
# Changes in Vegetation Abundance from Nov 16th, 2007 to Jan 20th, 2008 (AOI 16, Salah ad Din)



November 16th, 2007



January 20th, 2008



Data Source: Quickbird MS  
 Data Provided by: National Geospatial Intelligence Agency  
 Supporting: USDA/FAS/OGA  
 International Production Assessment



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# USDA-Satellite Imagery Archive (USDA-SIA)



# ACCESS



# Global Agriculture Monitoring

*in the framework of Group on Earth Observations*

**(GEO) 16-18 July 2007**

- Hosted at FAO and led by NASA
- Findings prepared for Nov 2007 Ministerial
  - <http://www.fao.org/gtos/igol/docs/meeting-reports/07-GEO-AG0703-Workshop-Report-nov07.pdf>
- Chair-Dr. Chris Justice, UMD
- Dep. Chair-rotating
- UN-Global Agriculture Monitoring representative at GEOS Secretariat -(India and China-pending)
- EU/Joint Research Center hosting “National Agriculture Monitoring Community of Best Practices Workshop” in June 2008.

<http://www.fao.org/gtos/igol/docs/meeting-reports/07-GEO-AG0703-Workshop-Report-nov07.pdf>

**Developing a Strategy for Global Agricultural  
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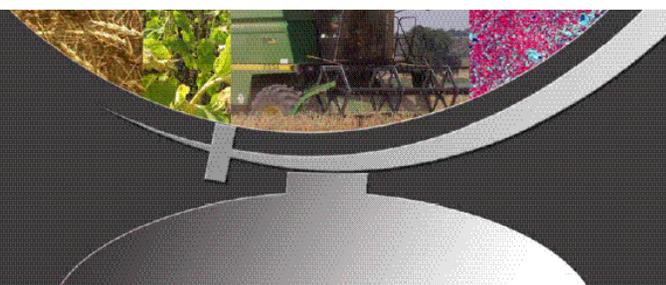


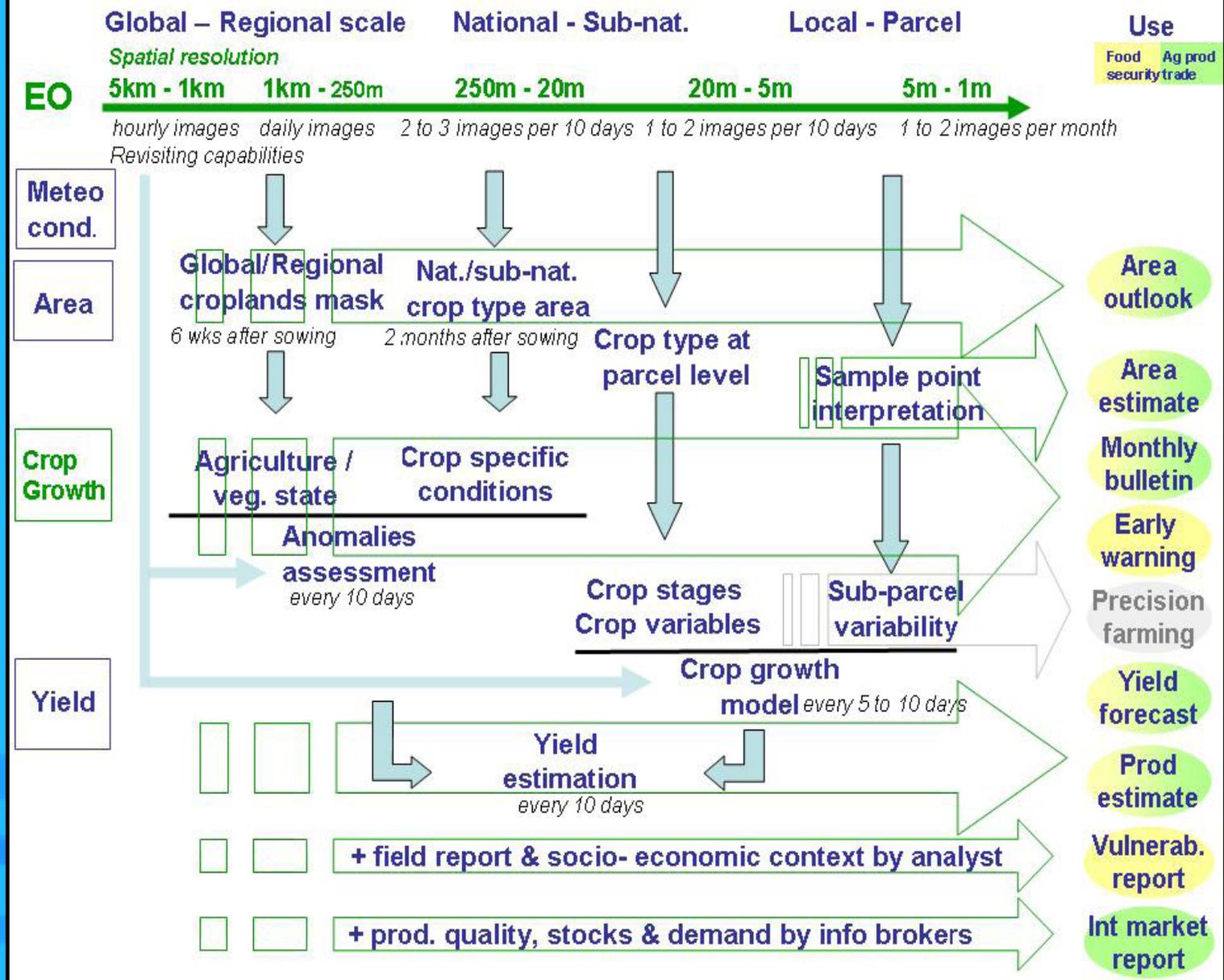
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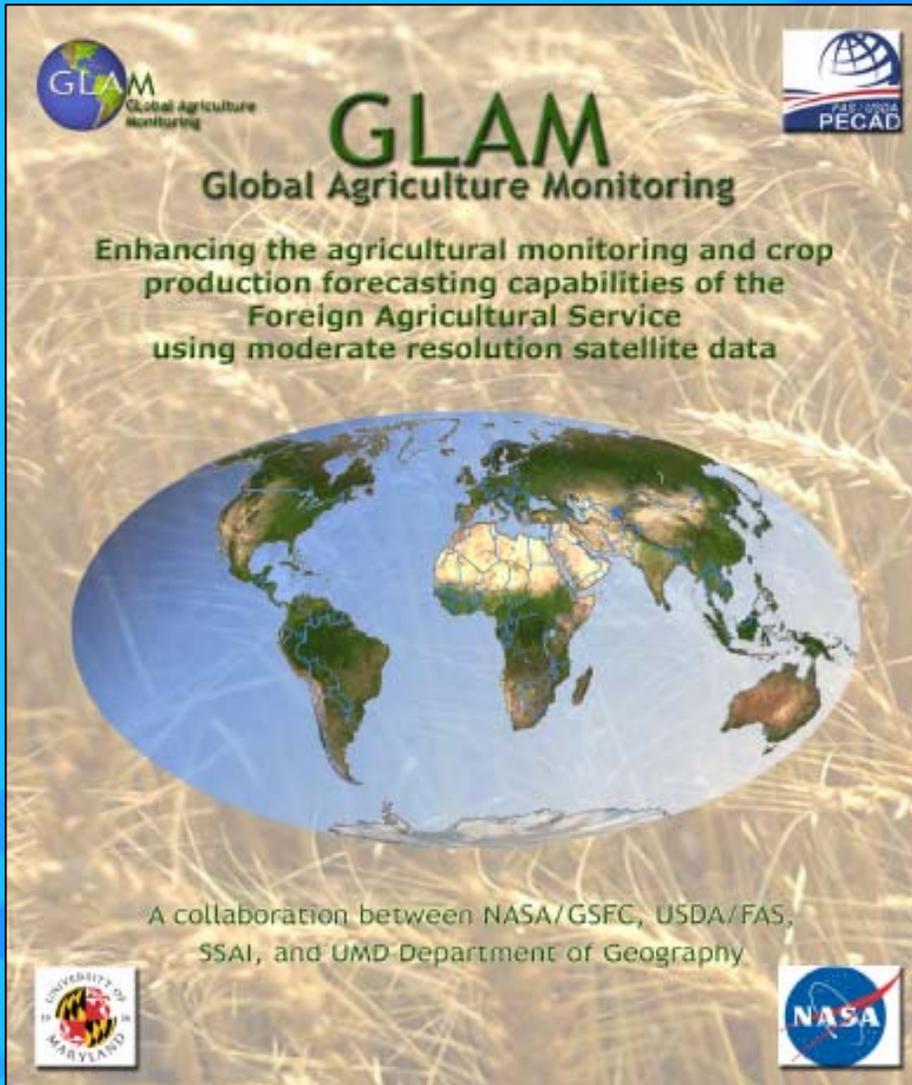


**GROUP ON  
EARTH OBSERVATIONS**





**Figure 4.** A schematic of the inputs and outputs for the Global Agricultural Monitoring System of Systems.



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# QUESTIONS



# BACKUP SLIDES



FAS

# Mission:

*To produce the most objective and accurate assessment of global agricultural production and conditions affecting food security in the world.*



**26-Year History.** Programs and archived data from 1979 (LACIE-AgriStars)

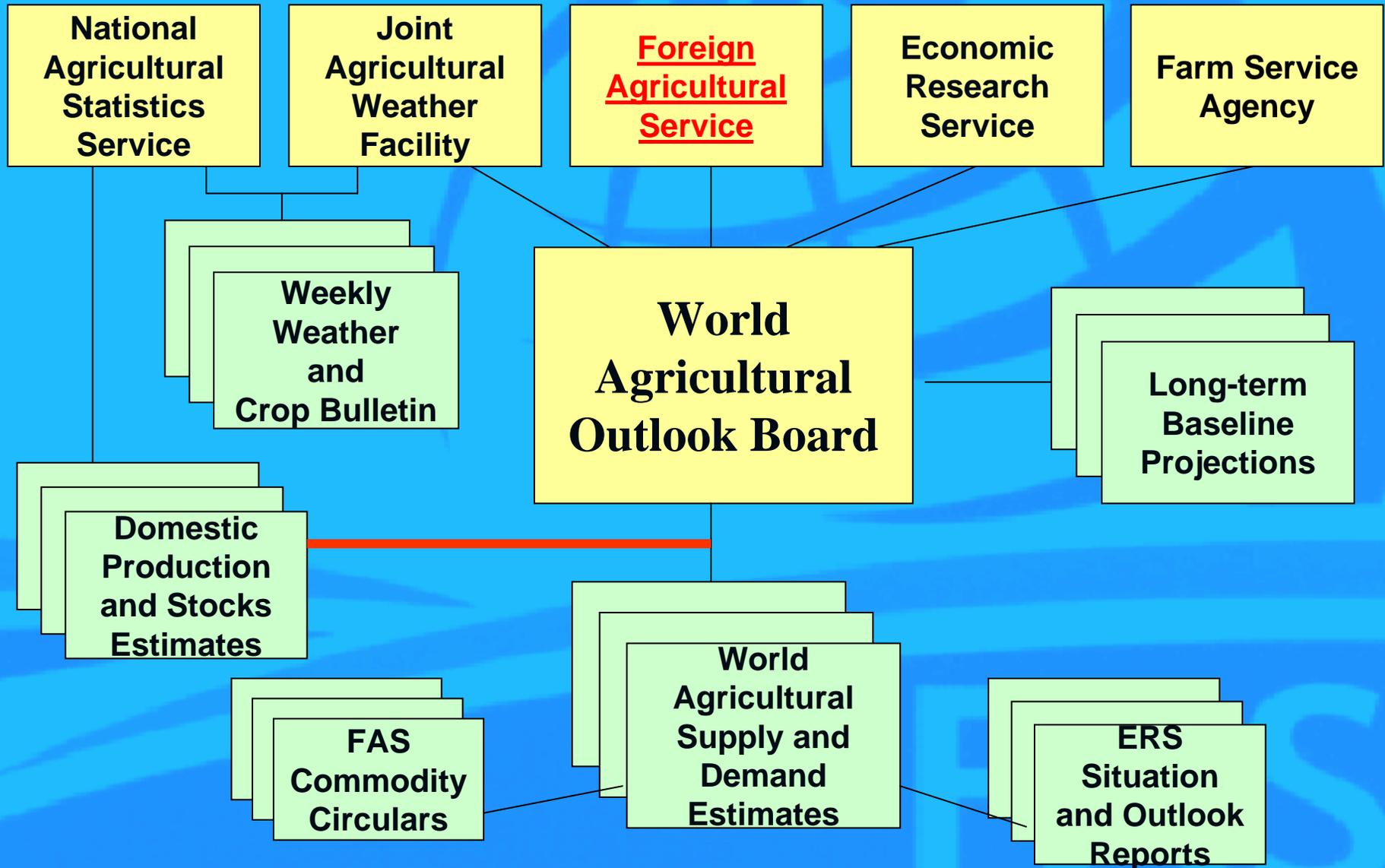
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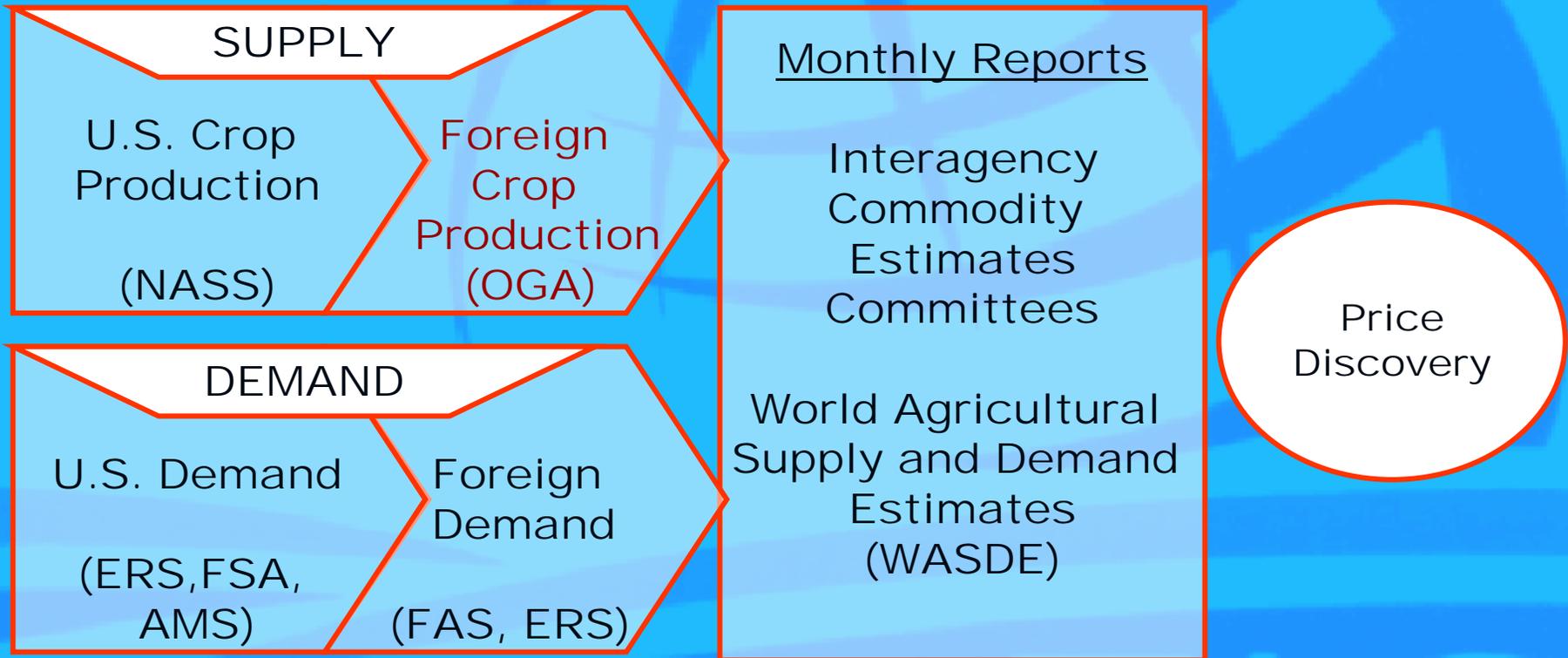
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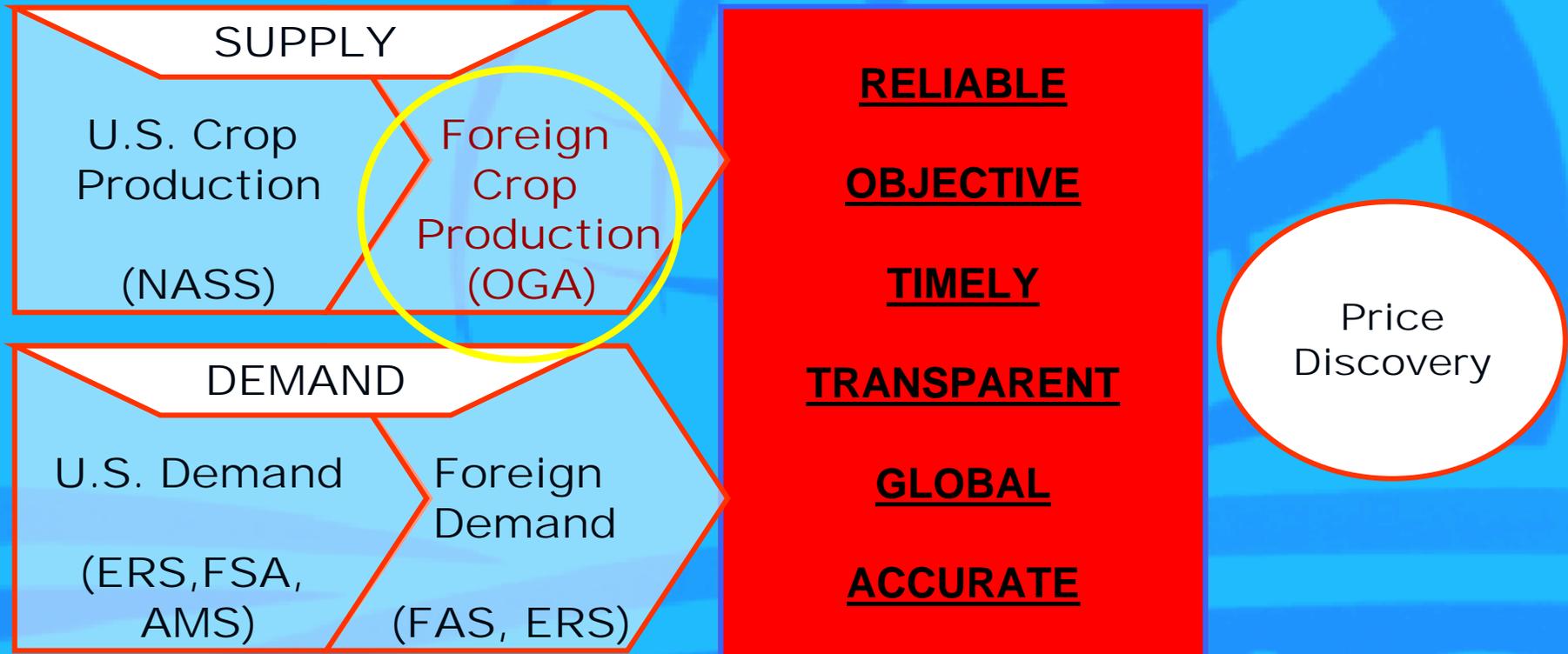
# USDA's Economic Information System



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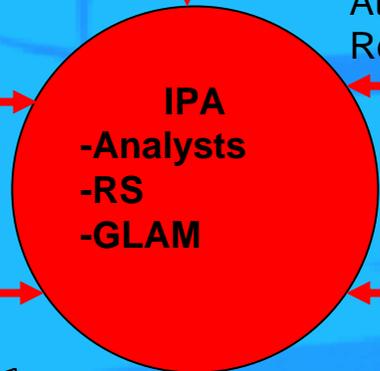
FAS Attaché Ground Truth



Land Surface  
Remote Sensing



Atmospheric  
Remote Sensing



IPA

- Analysts
- RS
- GLAM



Ground Truth

External Ground Truth  
(Cntry Rpts/News Services)

Global Food Supply

- US Ag Industry
- US Trade Industry
- US Gov't Policy Makers



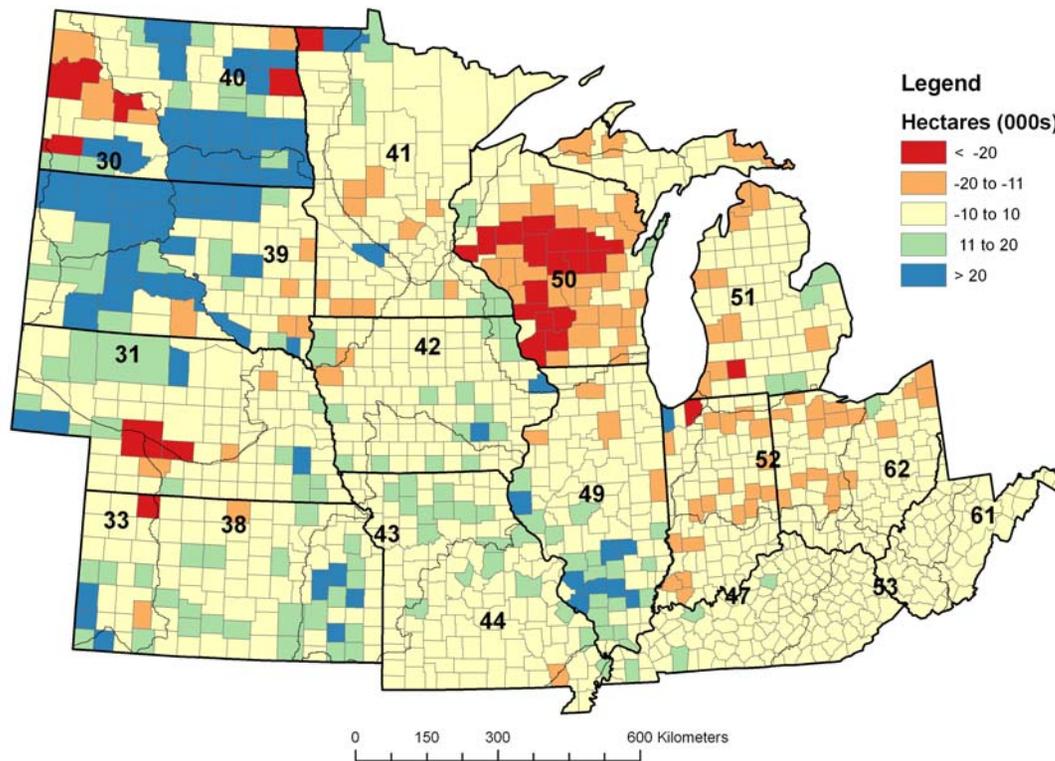


Figure 2a Hectares difference between 2002 USDA Census of Agriculture and 2001 NLCD cropland estimate at the county level. Counties represented in orange and red colors are where the NLCD estimates were higher than the Census estimate. Counties represented in green and blue colors are where the NLCD estimates were lower than the Census estimate.

Figure 2a Hectares difference between yesterday's Country X official reports and news wires and FAS-OGA analysis at the sub-national level.

## An Analogy of OGA Role in Reporting Process



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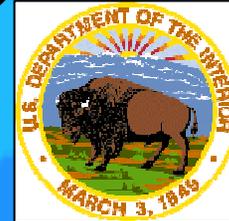


Commercial Contracts

+11 satellites  
+13 satellite ground processing stations

# Satellite Imagery

# US Government Space Agency sources



Cost-Reimbursement Agreements

Technology Transfer  
Cost Reimbursement Agreements

## FAS Global Crop Production Information

CADRE

Attache Reports

News Services

Crop Travel

Weather Stations

Other Intel.

Analysis

Producers  
Agri-business

EGOV

USDA Satellite Imagery Library

Satellite imagery redistribution

Saves Millions

SAT. IMAGERY

## OPERATIONAL PROCESS

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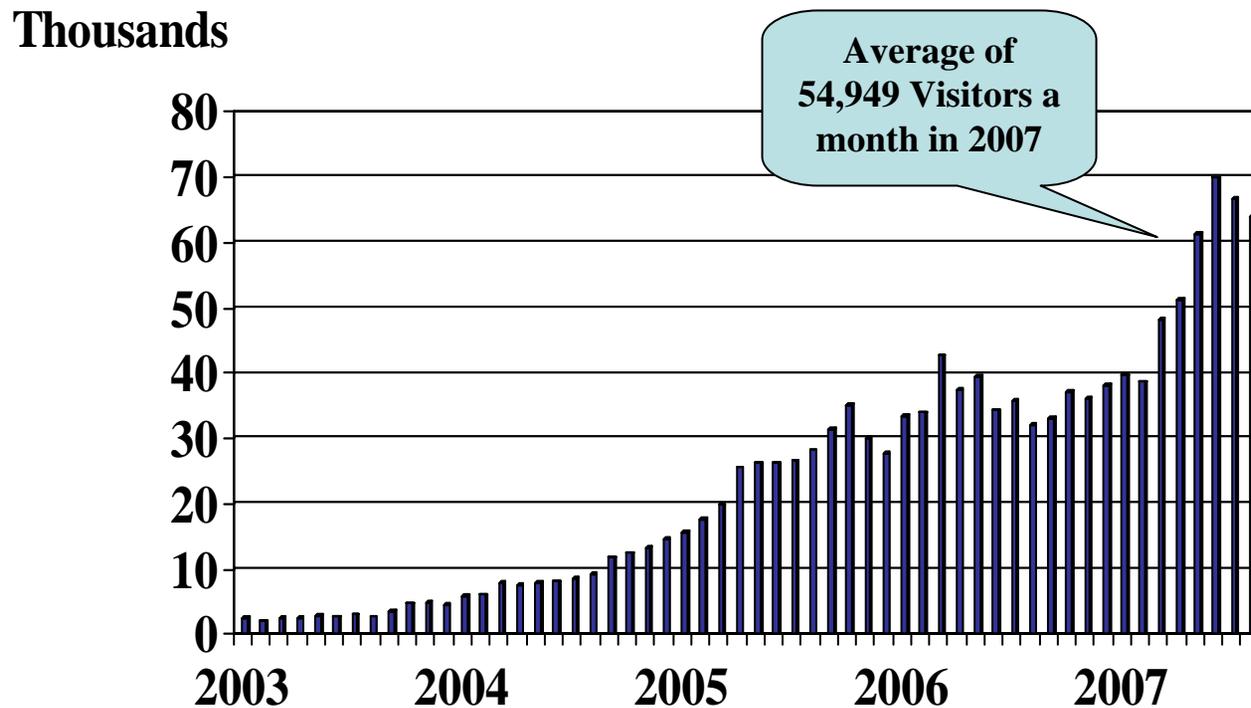
## Public/Stakeholders

- **Academia**
- **Private Sector**
- **Government**
- **featured on 100's of web-sites, e.g. Chicago Board of Trade, John Deere, Cargill,....**

## USDA SIA Members

- **APHIS**
- **FSA**
- **RMA**
- **ARS**
- **NASS**
- **USFS**
- **CSREES**
- **FAS**
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- **International Partners**

# Visits to Crop Explorer



Source: WebTrends Monthly Report  
Data through Aug. 31, 2007

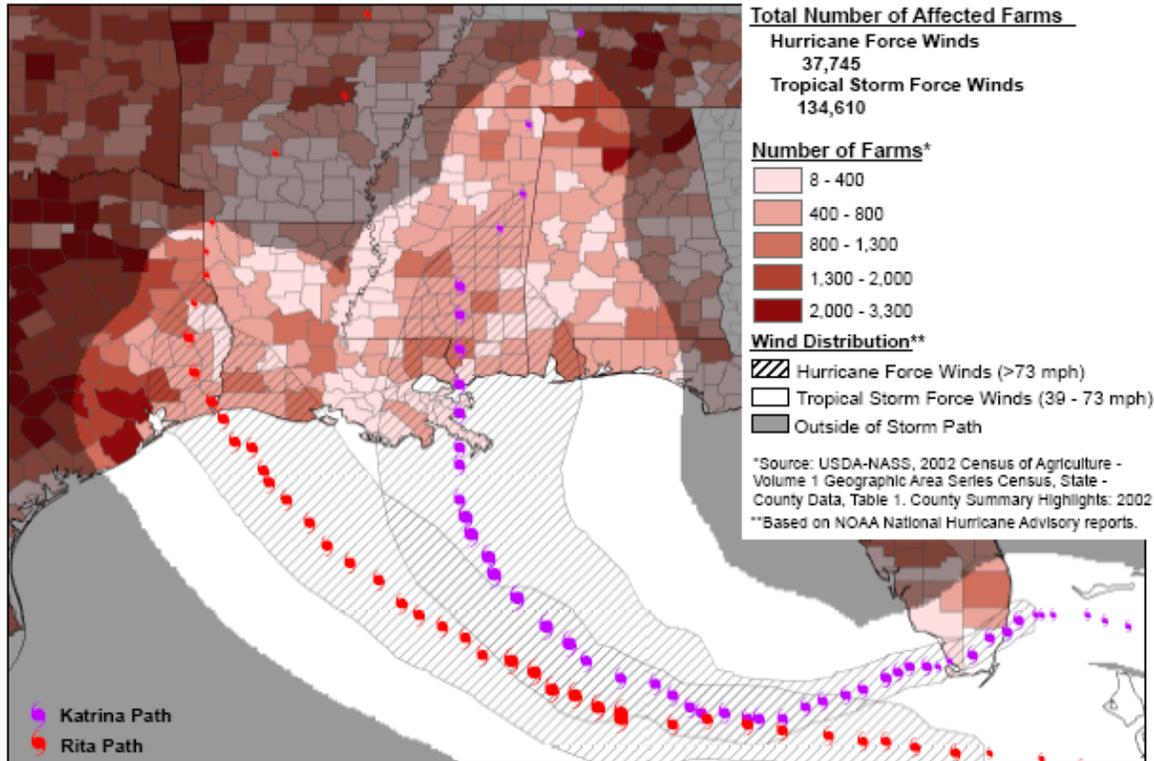
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  - Market and Food Security Intelligence/Analysis
- **FSA Early Warning and Crop Conditions-**  
*Department program efficiency (CCC, MOU)*
  - Direct report to FSA administration
- **USDA Satellite Imagery Archive (SIA)-**  
*Department program efficiency (CCC, MOU, CFR)*
  - USDA space program leadership and centralized acquisition management

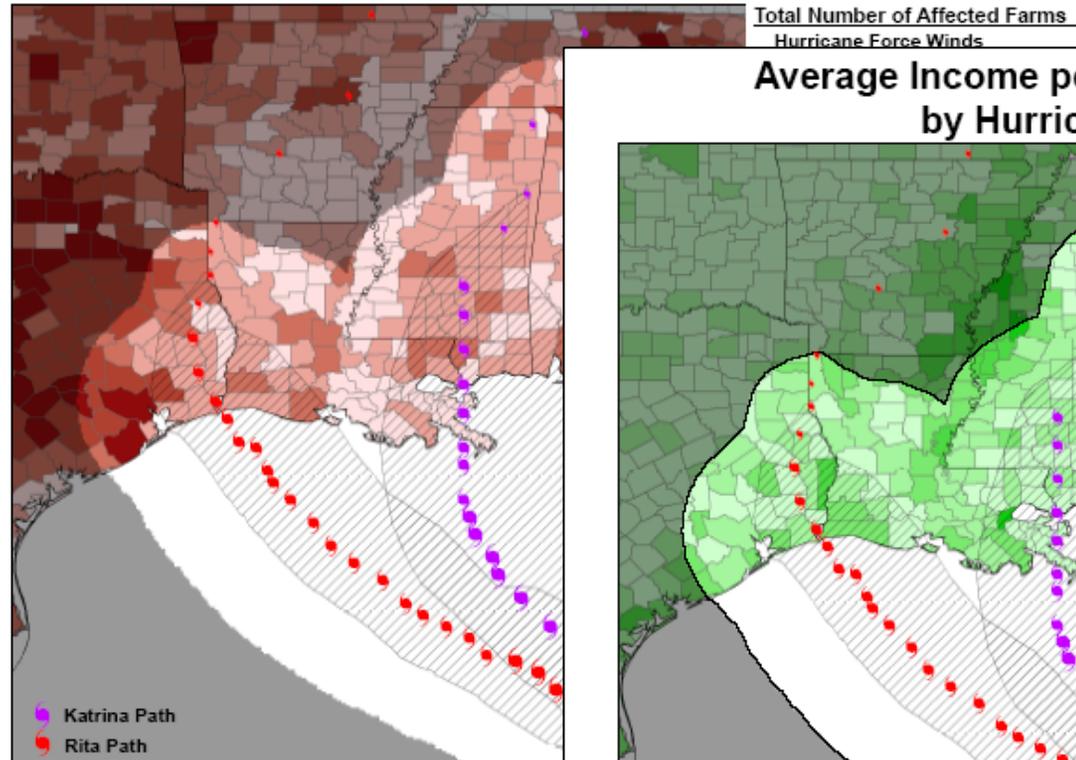
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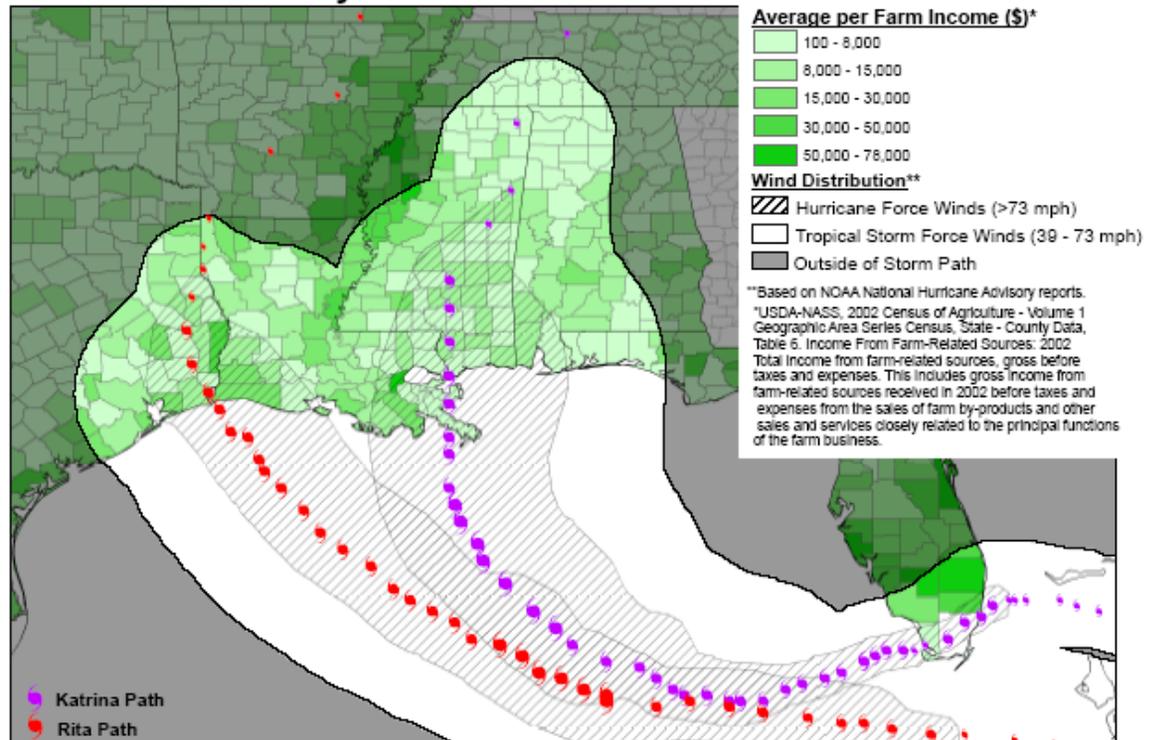


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# Hurricane Analysis WITHOUT Remote Sensing Program



NOAA Weather Map

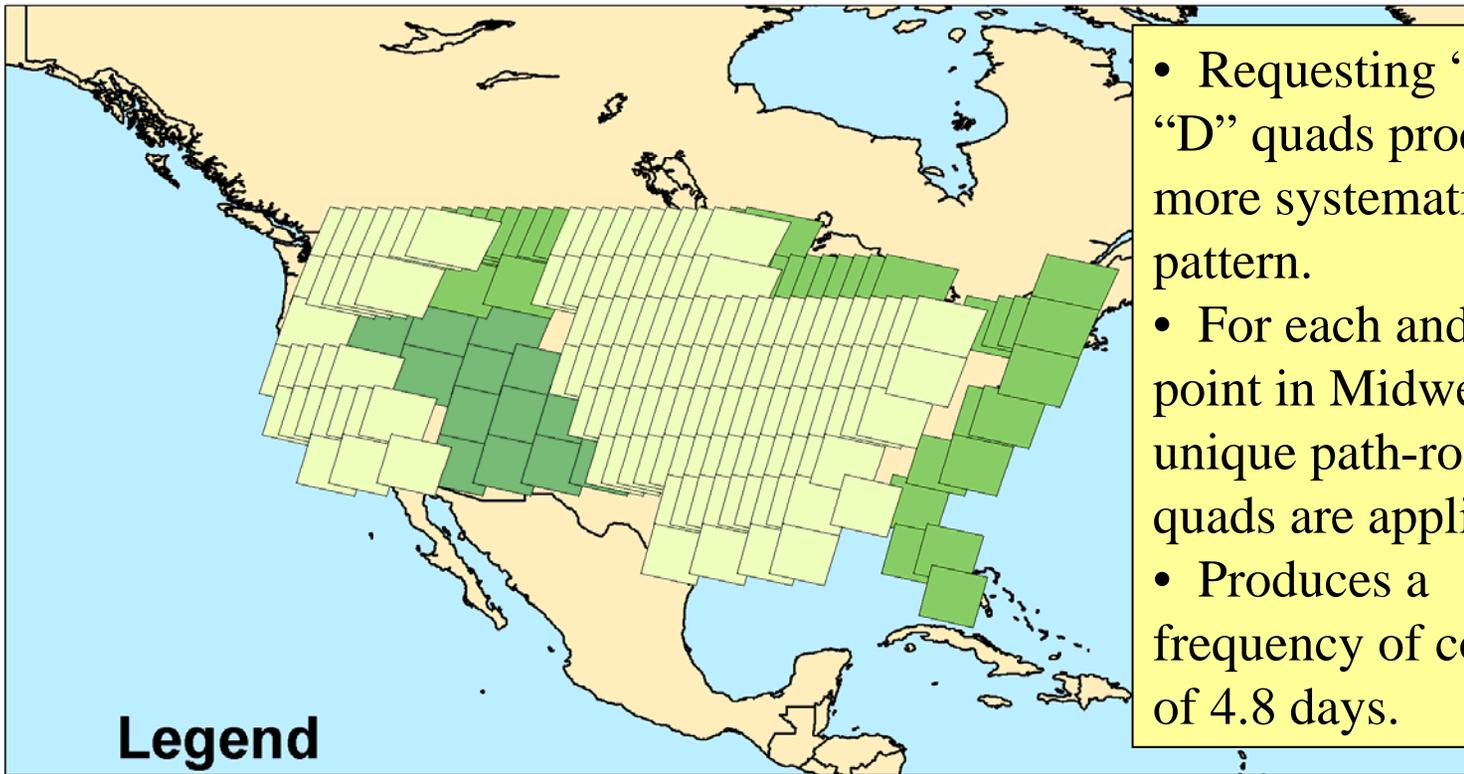
# USDA Plans for FY2008

- Continue purchasing Resourcesat-1-AWiFS.
- USDA agency meeting to plan out US coverage.
- Real Product Innovation
  - Higher efficiency of scene use (remove clouds)
  - Updated mosaics of critical areas
  - Accessible products
- Possible expansion for winter coverage (dependent on new source of funding)
  - Winter wheat classification—NASS.
  - Pasture and rangeland crop insurance—RMA.

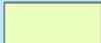
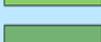
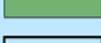
# FY 2008 Plans for US Coverage

- When? Coverage April 1, 2008 to September 30, 2008
  - The plan is for the same temporal pattern as in FY2007
  - Does this suit everyone?
  - Should there be less April and more July and August quads?
- What? “B” and “D” quads
  - Should we add in more “A” and “C” quads?
- Bit Depth
  - The plan is to continue 8-bit products.
  - Should we move to 10-bit?
- Funding Source:
  - Continue to rely on Commodity Credit Corporation
  - Are there additional funds?
- USDA-SIA will send shapefile to agency reps by mid-December.
- Comments/ suggestions for meeting in February

## USDA's US Standing Order: Resourcesat-1 AWiFS in FY2007 June 1 to Sept. 30



### Legend

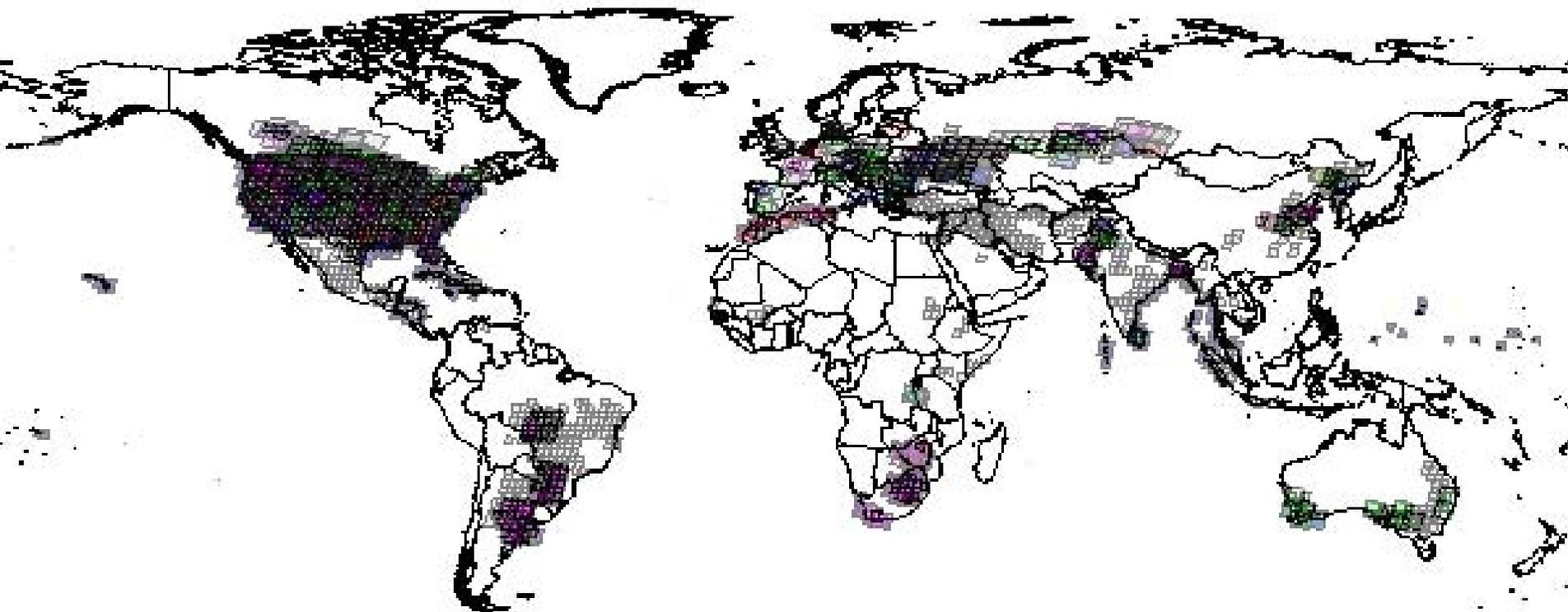
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The USDA's P6-AWiFS US standing order is displayed; however, only the scenes which are <50% cloudy are purchased.

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- Requesting “B” and “D” quads produces a more systematic pattern.
- For each and every point in Midwest, 5 unique path-row-quads are applied.
- Produces a frequency of coverage of 4.8 days.



Global Coverage of the USDA Satellite Imagery Archive  
 [gray boxes are Landsat scenes; colored boxes are AWIFS & LISS3]

Satellite Sensor	Number of Images
AVHRR	15,666
AVHRR COMPOSITE	1,159
AWIFS	3,062
LISS-3	39
LANDSAT	26,419
SPOT	2,696



Comparison of coverage between Landsat, P6-LISS3, and P6-AWiFS.  
 [MODIS background image of Southern California and Baja Peninsula 10/25/2007]

**Contract # AG3151-C-06-0006 Foreign Agricultural Service**

**Prime:** Arctic Slope Research Corporation Management Services (ASRC-MS).

Seven (7) Prime Vendors and Service Companies:  
 DIGITAL GLOBE, EOTEC, EURIMAGE, GEOEYE, MDA Federal, MDA Geospatial, SPOT

Requirements are for standing and ad-hoc orders based on price, product type, delivered times, and cloud-free criteria (< 50%) for global area of coverage. ASRC-MS negotiates the best price from the seven prime vendors based on these requirements to meet expected delivery times.

**Landsat**  
 30m resolution  
 185 x 170 km swath

**P6-LISS3\***  
 23.5m resolution  
 141 x 141 km image swath

**P6-AWiFS\***  
 56m resolution  
 350 x 350km image swath

\*Indian Remote Sensing Satellite (IRS-Resourcesat)  
 Vendor: GEOEYE

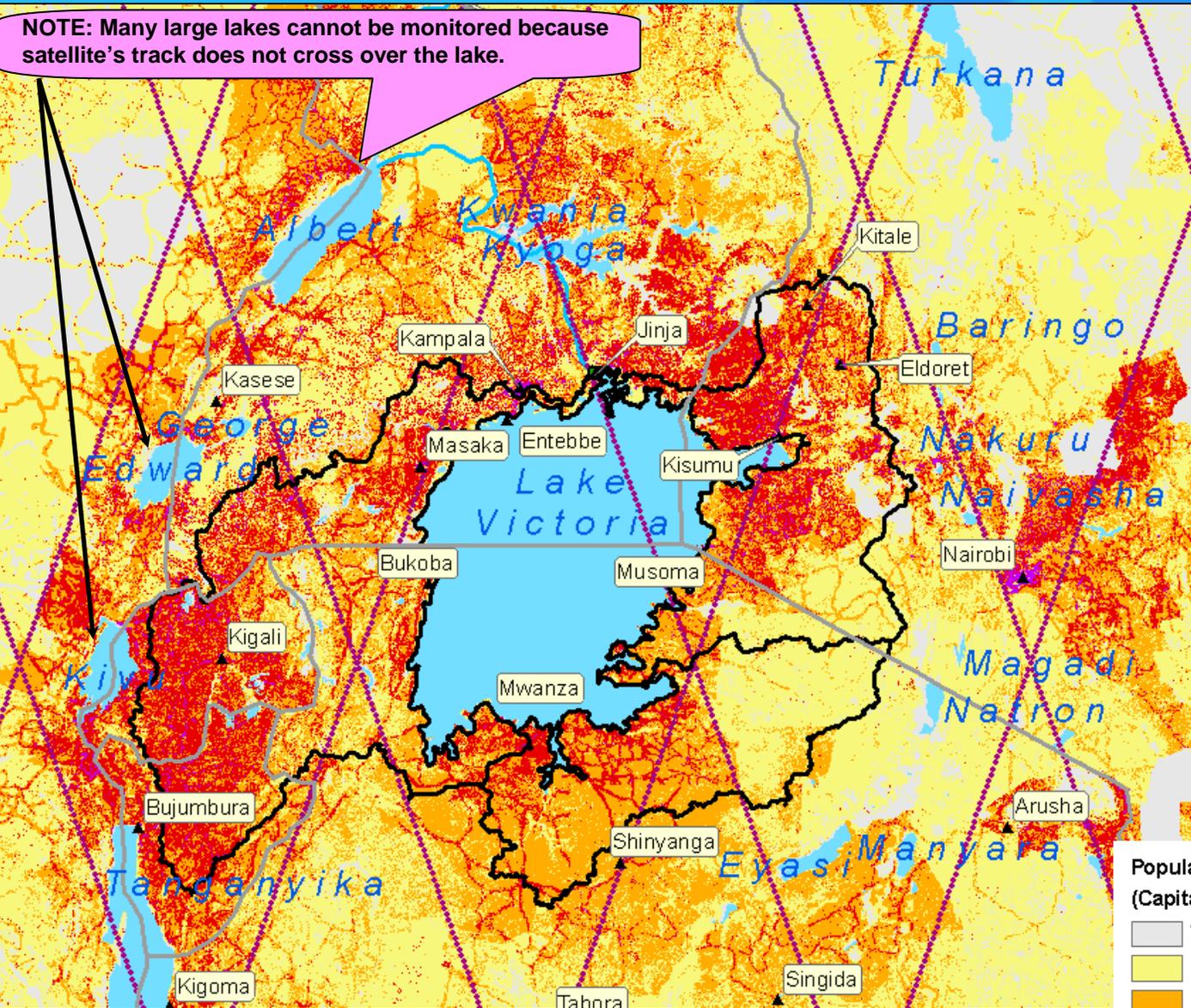
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**IKONOS**  
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 3.2m multispectral  
 11.3km image swath

**QuickBird**  
 61cm panchromatic  
 2.44m multispectral  
 16.5km image swath

# High Population Density Surrounds Lake Victoria

NOTE: Many large lakes cannot be monitored because satellite's track does not cross over the lake.



- Lake Victoria is source of the White Nile.
- 30-million people live within Lake Victoria's river basin.
- Developing hydropower potential along Uganda's White Nile (and Ethiopia's Blue Nile) could help alleviate poverty for the Horn Africa.
- Lake resources must be monitored and sustainably managed.

