

The Geographic Face of the Nation – Land Cover



Land Cover of the Conterminous United States, 1992

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| Low intensity residential | Deciduous forest |
| High intensity residential | Evergreen forest |
| Commercial / industrial / transportation | Wood forest |
| Urban / recreational parks | Shrubland |
| Bare rock / sand / clay | Shrubs and herbaceous |
| Perennial ice and snow | Flow crops |
| Barren / very sparse / grassed pits | Small grains |
| Windy wetlands | Forage |
| Emergent herbaceous wetlands | Pasture / hay |
| Water | Croplands |
| Transitional (includes burned or harvested areas) | |

Scale of picture is approximately 1:600,000

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), has produced a land cover dataset for the conterminous United States from 1992. Current Wetland Mapper imagery and supplemental data. The resulting National Land Cover Dataset (NLCD) contains 21 categories of land cover information suitable for a variety of state and regional applications, including landscape analysis, land management, and development of national and periodic forest inventories. The NLCD is distributed by state as 90-meter resolution raster images in an Albers Equal Area map projection.

Online descriptions of the USGS Land Cover Characterization Program and the NLCD are available on the USGS web site <http://landcover.usgs.gov/nlcd/index.html>

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