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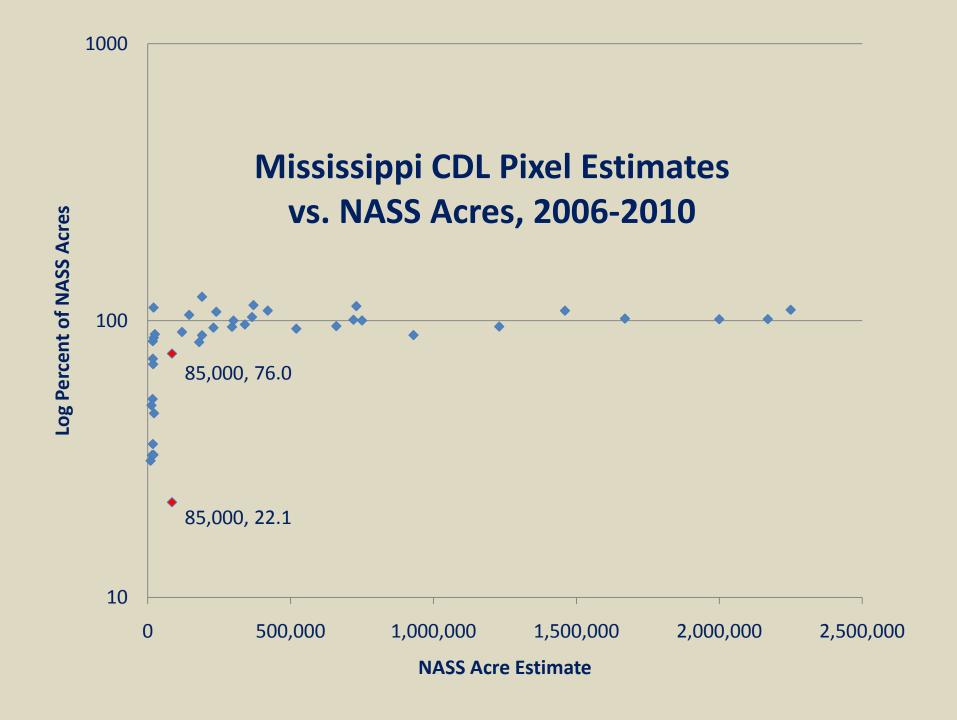
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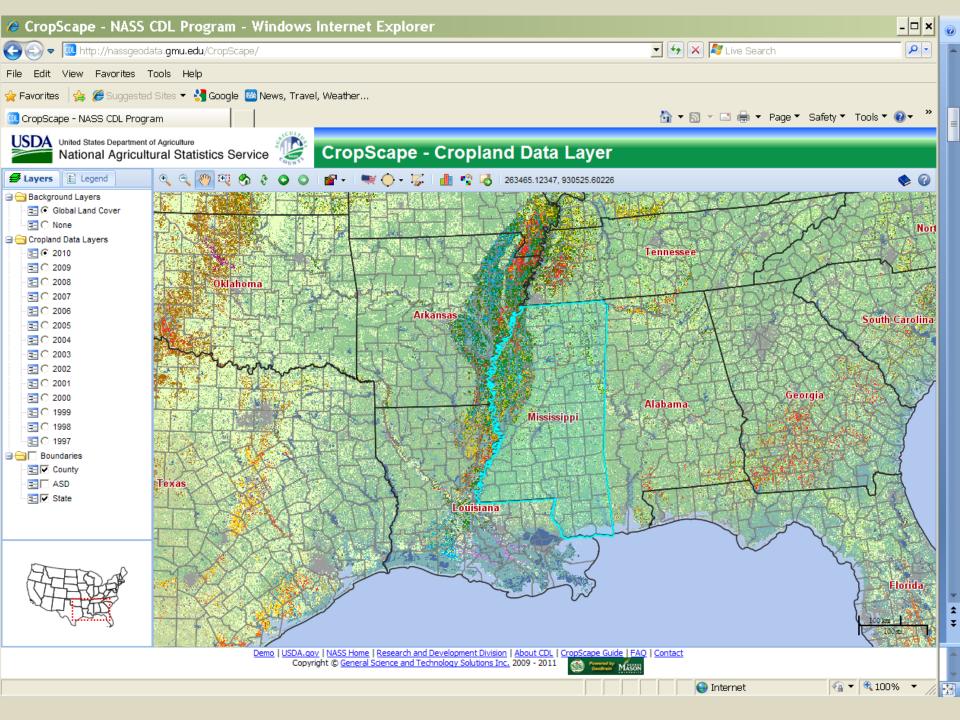
Introduction

- CropScape is a viewer and calculator for the Cropland Data Layer (CDL) that NASS has made available on line.
- Combining available annual CDLs with selected functionality normally only available in programs like ArcGIS© and ERDAS Imagine©, the web service does not take up space on your hard disk. Perfect for mobile computing.
- The web site (http://nassgeodata.gmu.edu/CropScape/) is intuitive and has a tutorial and links to further details.
- ➤ CDLs were prepared using a maximum likelihood classifier prior to 2006 for only a few states, starting in 1999 for Mississippi. This early data is mainly for crops.
- From 2006 to the present, a decision tree classifier has been used along with reference data from the National Land Cover Database (NLCD) giving land cover results for crops, forests, pasture, and other widely useful categories on an annual basis.

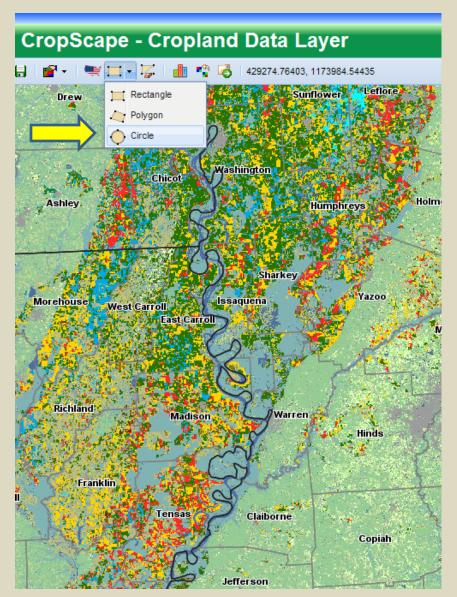
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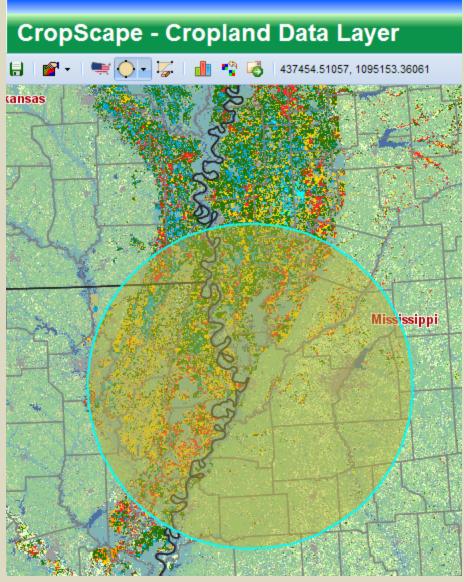
- Excellent accuracies have been obtained for CDL crop and NLCD categories. See studies by Shore and Gregory, AAG, 2010 on Mississippi forests, 2006-2009 (http://www.nass.usda.gov/Education and Outreach/Reports, Presentations and Conferences/Presentations/index.asp) and Luman and Tweddate on the 2007 Illinois CDL (http://www.nass.usda.gov/research/Cropland/SARS1a.htm).
- ➤ Both spatial and numeric statistics for selected areas of interest can be downloaded to a hard drive for further use.
- ➤ We have investigate CropScape for use in answering the usual questions from Mississippi farmers and other CDL users.
- ➤In addition, we have provided historic Mississippi CDL crop accuracy of pixel acres vs. the state-wide total NASS official acres.



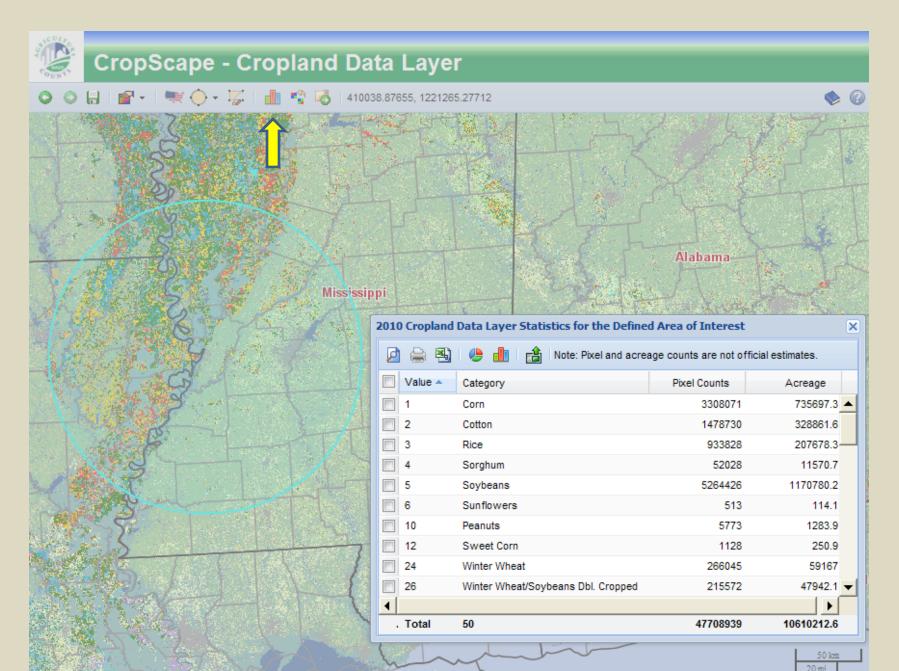


Defining an Area of Interest 50 Mile Radius of Vicksburg





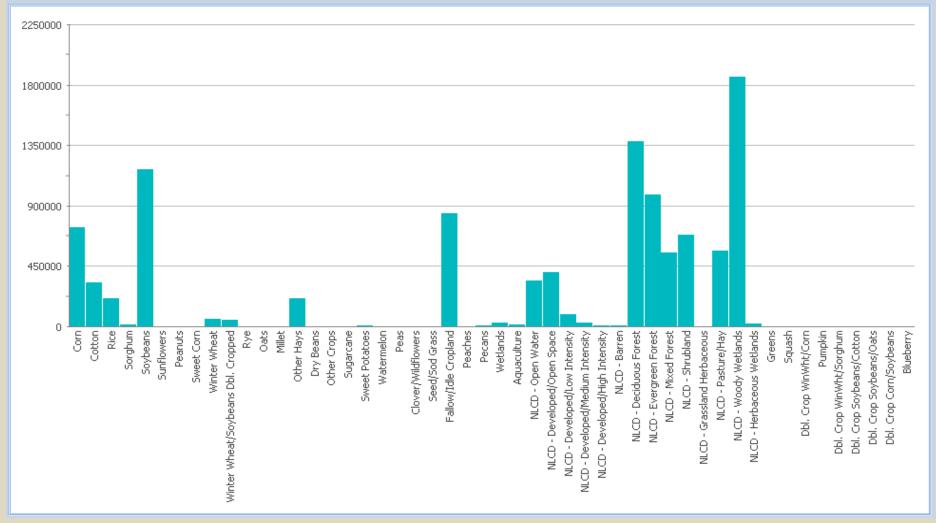
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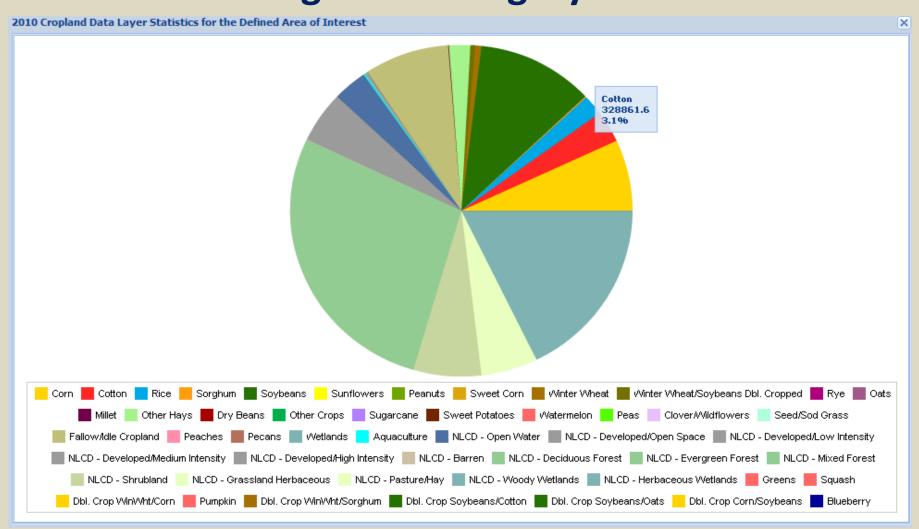
2010 Land Cover Categories 50 Mile Radius of Vicksburg



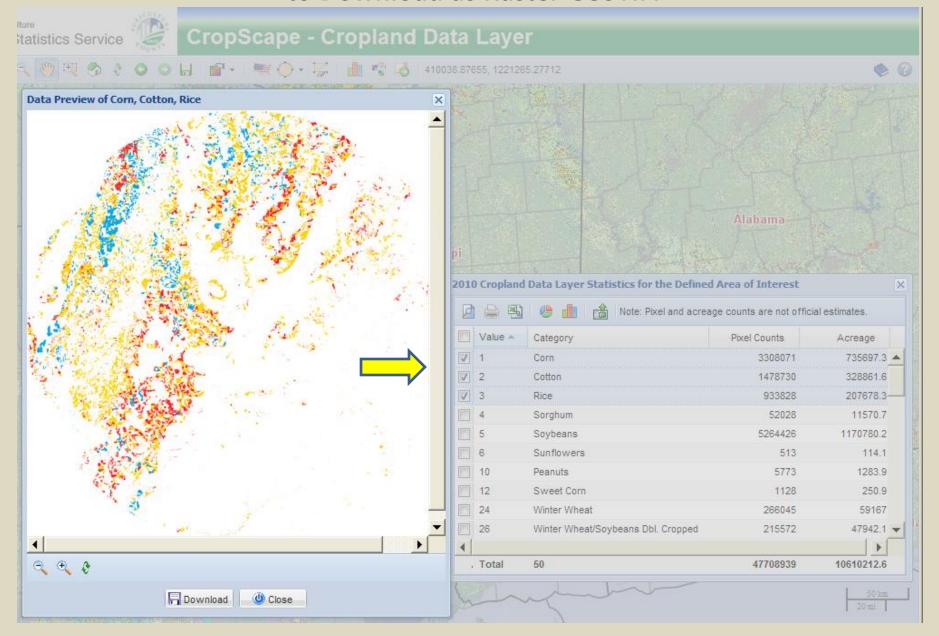




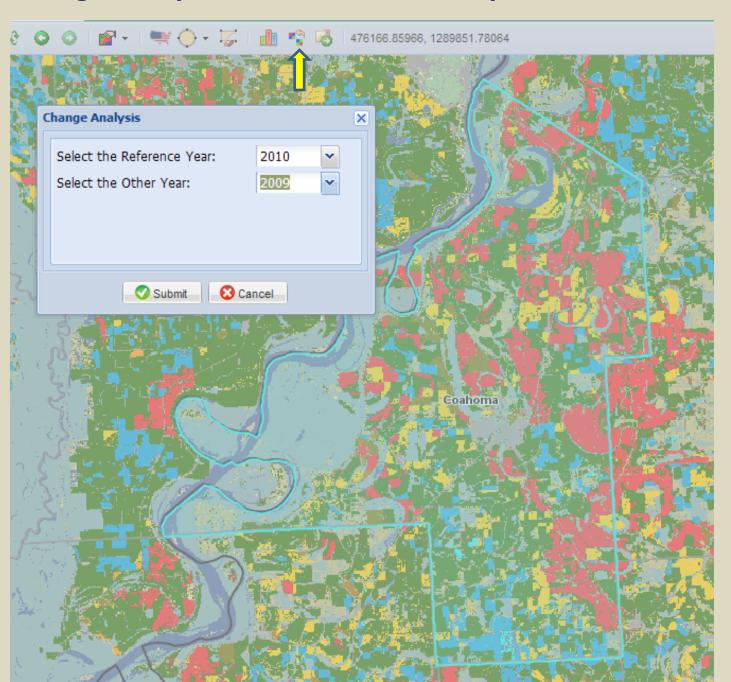
2010 Land Cover Categories 50 Mile Radius of Vicksburg Acreage and Category Color



Corn, Cotton, and Rice in a 50 Radius of Vicksburg, 2010 to Download as Raster GeoTIFF



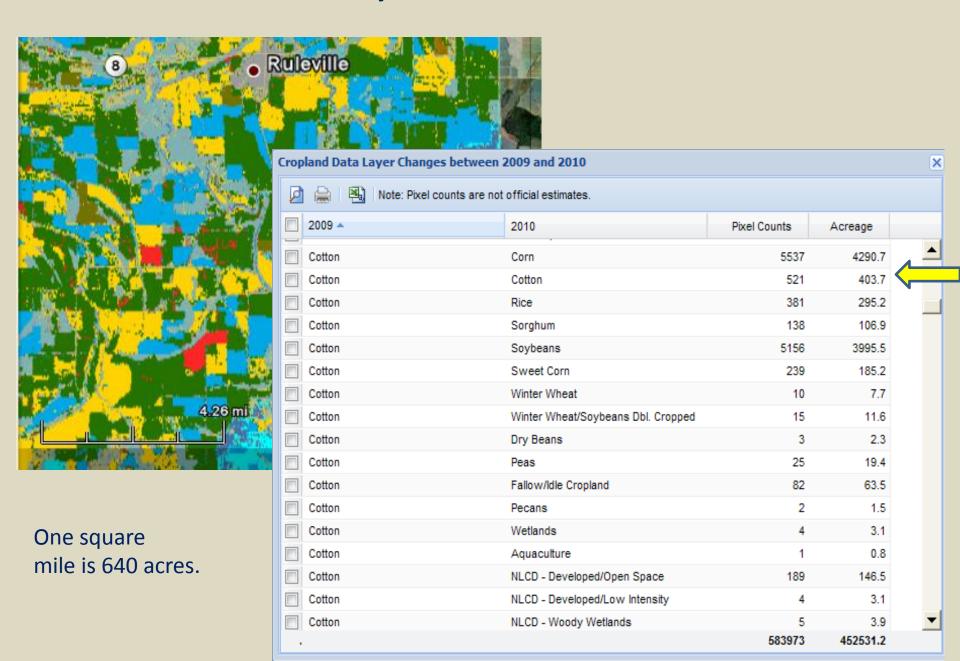
Change Analysis for Coahoma County Area of Interest



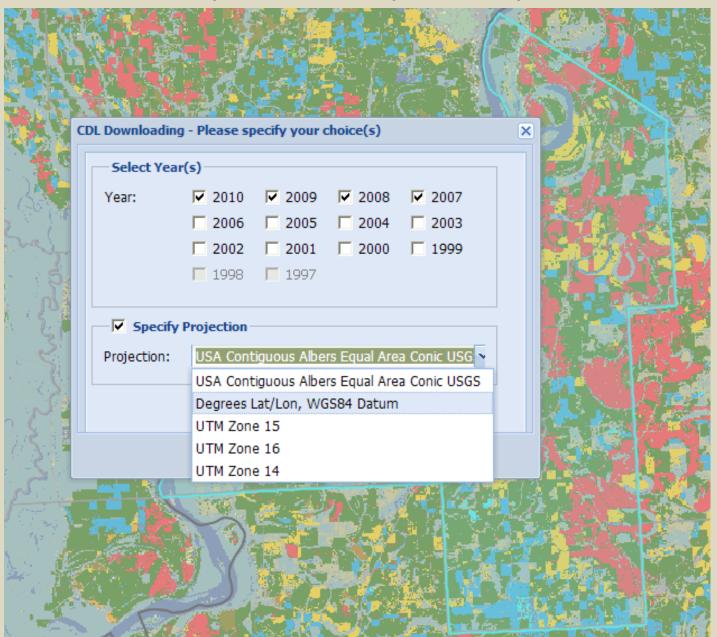
Coahoma County Acreage Planted to Corn in 2010

Cropland Data Layer Changes between 2010 and 2009				×
🔎 🚔 Note: Pixel counts are not official estimates.				
2010 🔺	2009	Pixel Counts	Acreage	
Corn	Cotton	3944	3056.3	_
Corn	Rice	553	428.5	
Corn	Sorghum	17	13.2	
Corn	Soybeans	14376	11140.3	
Corn	Winter Wheat	754	584.3	
Corn	Winter Wheat/Soybeans Dbl. Cropped	3272	2535.5	
Corn	Other Hays	1	0.8	
Corn	Fallow/Idle Cropland	167	129.4	
Corn	Grass/Pasture/Non-Ag	238	184.4	
Corn	Other Tree Nuts Fruits	44	34.1	
Corn	Aquaculture	12	9.3	
Corn	NLCD - Open Water	16	12.4	
Corn	NLCD - Developed/Open Space	1532	1187.2	
Corn	NLCD - Developed/Low Intensity	15	11.6	
Corn	NLCD - Developed/Medium Intensity	1	0.8	
Corn	NLCD - Barren	4	3.1	
Corn	NLCD - Mixed Forest	2	1.5	
Corn	NLCD - Shrubland	1	0.8	
Corn	NLCD - Grassland Herbaceous	2	1.5	
Corn	NLCD - Pasture/Hay	43	33.3	
Corn	NLCD - Woody Wetlands	497	385.1	\blacksquare
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Sunflower County Land in Cotton 2009 and 2010



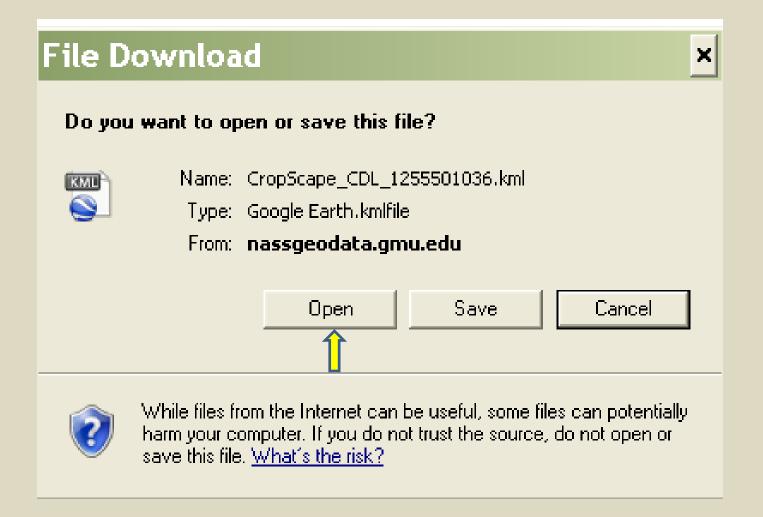
Download CDLs of a Selection for Multiple Years in a Specific Projection



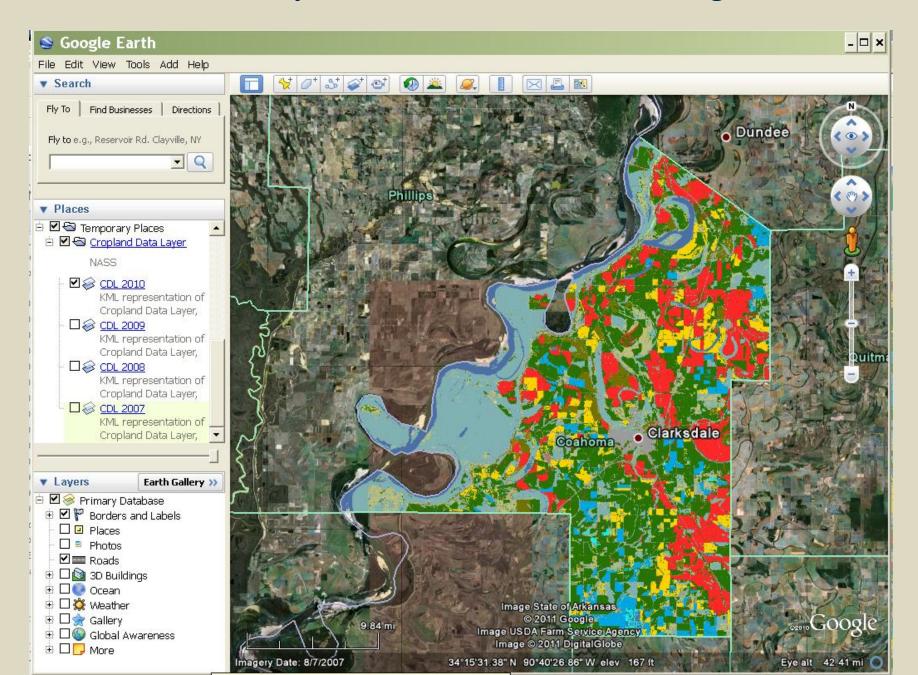
Preview CDL Downloads for Each Selected Year



Open Download to Put Selection in Google Earth



Coahoma County Selection Downloaded to Google Earth



Results and Conclusions

- ➤ CropScape retains the accuracy of the CDL for major acreage land covers. Categories with low state-wide acres are usually under represented.
- Sitting a biomass plant in Vicksburg? CropScape can give you crop and forest acres per year for a 50 mile radius in Mississippi and the adjoining states in minutes.
- Doing a study of current field conditions vs. land use since 1999? Find the answer in minutes.
- ➤ Identify and quantify what was grown in an area of interest in a given year and what was grown there a reference year? In minutes.
- ➤ Downloads of GeoTIFFs to the hard drive or to Goggle Earth© in minutes.
- ➤ Spend a few minutes with CropScape to expand your land cover information and contact me with suggestions for improvement at fred_shore@usda.nass.gov.

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