

2016 Statewide Land Use Mapping Accuracy Assessment Results

After completion of the final classification dataset, a comprehensive accuracy assessment is completed. Independent ground truthing samples set aside for this purpose (25% of the final ground truth data) are used in this process. A stratified random sampling method is used for accuracy assessment sample selection. The datasets are stratified by land cover type and county boundary. In the 2016 analysis, more than 10,100 samples were selected for accuracy assessment. These sites are not used to train the classification algorithm and therefore represent unbiased reference information.

The overall accuracy result for the crop mapping statewide was 97.6% (Table 1). Accuracy and error results vary among crop types. In particular, some less extensive crops that have very few validation samples may have a skewed accuracy result depending on the number and nature of validation sample points. Some land cover types (e.g., apples, avocados, bush berries, carrots, cole crops, dates, kiwis) are not included in the error matrix due to insufficient data. In these cases there were either no, or less than 5 samples available for accuracy assessment. Full error statistics including errors of omission and commission indicate the nature of any misclassifications by crop. Omission errors are those where the analysis missed a field in a crop class and commission errors are those where the analysis included a field erroneously in a crop class. These are shown at the statewide level in Table 2.

TABLE 1. STATEWIDE LAND USE MAPPING OVERALL ACCURACY AND ERROR

	Reference Sample Total	No. Correct	No. Wrong	% Corr	Omission Error
Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixtures	678	672	6	99.1%	0.9%
Almonds	1,976	1,966	10	99.5%	0.5%
Apples	10	8	2	80.0%	20.0%
Beans (Dry)	76	71	5	93.4%	6.6%
Bush Berries	12	11	1	91.7%	8.3%
Carrots	36	30	6	83.3%	16.7%
Cherries	118	115	3	97.5%	2.5%
Citrus	698	691	7	99.0%	1.0%
Corn, Sorghum and Sudan	833	818	15	98.2%	1.8%
Cotton	160	158	2	98.8%	1.3%
Flowers, Nursery and Christmas Tree Farms	17	15	2	88.2%	11.8%
Grapes	995	989	6	99.4%	0.6%
Idle	570	541	29	94.9%	5.1%
Kiwis	16	16	0	100.0%	0.0%
Lettuce/Leafy Greens	12	9	3	75.0%	25.0%
Melons, Squash and Cucumbers	83	78	5	94.0%	6.0%
Miscellaneous Deciduous	42	38	4	90.5%	9.5%
Miscellaneous Grain and Hay	131	91	40	69.5%	30.5%
Miscellaneous Grasses	71	58	13	81.7%	18.3%
Miscellaneous Truck Crops	66	51	15	77.3%	22.7%
Mixed Pasture	435	429	6	98.6%	1.4%
Olives	136	136	0	100.0%	0.0%
Onions and Garlic	40	36	4	90.0%	10.0%
Peaches/Nectarines	217	215	2	99.1%	0.9%
Pears	44	44	0	100.0%	0.0%
Peppers	17	17	0	100.0%	0.0%
Pistachios	273	273	0	100.0%	0.0%
Plums, Prunes and Apricots	191	189	2	99.0%	1.0%
Pomegranates	32	32	0	100.0%	0.0%
Potatoes and Sweet Potatoes	81	79	2	97.5%	2.5%
Rice	291	290	1	99.7%	0.3%
Safflower	67	61	6	91.0%	9.0%
Strawberries	12	11	1	91.7%	8.3%
Sunflowers	79	76	3	96.2%	3.8%
Tomatoes	271	259	12	95.6%	4.4%
Walnuts	825	818	7	99.2%	0.8%
Wheat	328	306	22	93.3%	6.7%
Wild Rice	21	21	0	100.0%	0.0%
Young Perennials	236	229	7	97.0%	3.0%
Total	10,196	9,947	249	97.6%	

