GIS tools for assessing nutrient cycling, water quality and biomass potential

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GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE: The US is the world's 3rd biggest oil-producer...

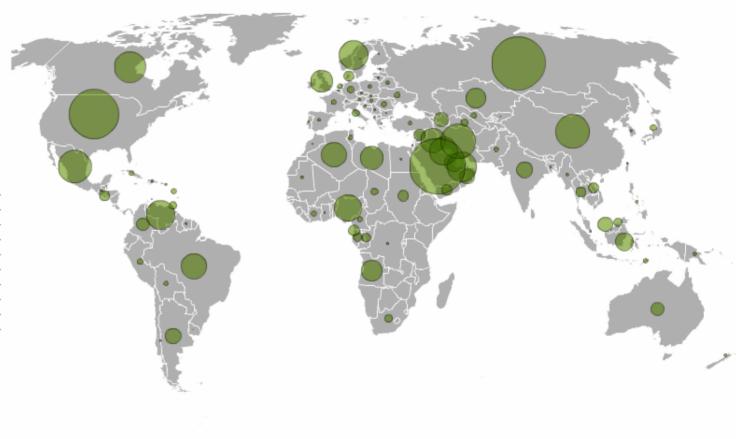
Oil produced, barrels per day

Circles are proportional to the number of barrels.



Top producers

1. Saudi Arabia	10.7 mil.
2. Russia	9.7 mil.
3. United States	8.4 mil.
4. Iran	4.1 mil.
5. China	3.9 mil.
6. Mexico	3.7 mil.
7. Canada	3.3 mil.
8. United Arab Emirates	2.9 mil.
9. Venezuela	2.8 mil.
10. Norway	2.8 mil.



Source: Energy Information Administration

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...by far the world's biggest consumer,...

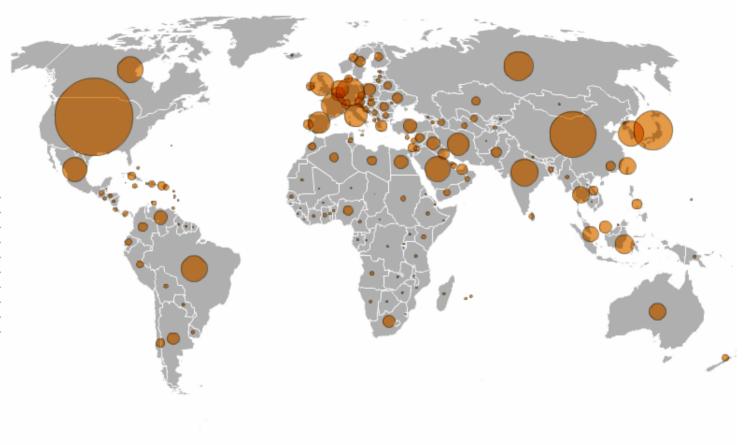
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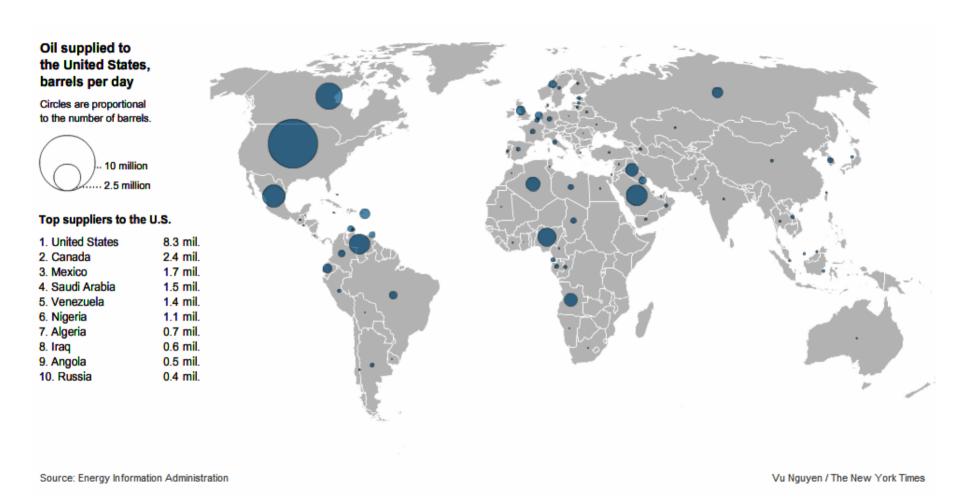
1. United States	20.6 mil.
2. China	7.3 mil.
3. Japan	5.2 mil.
4. Russia	2.9 mil.
Germany	2.7 mil.
6. India	2.5 mil.
7. Brazil	2.3 mil.
8. Canada	2.2 mil.
South Korea	2.2 mil.
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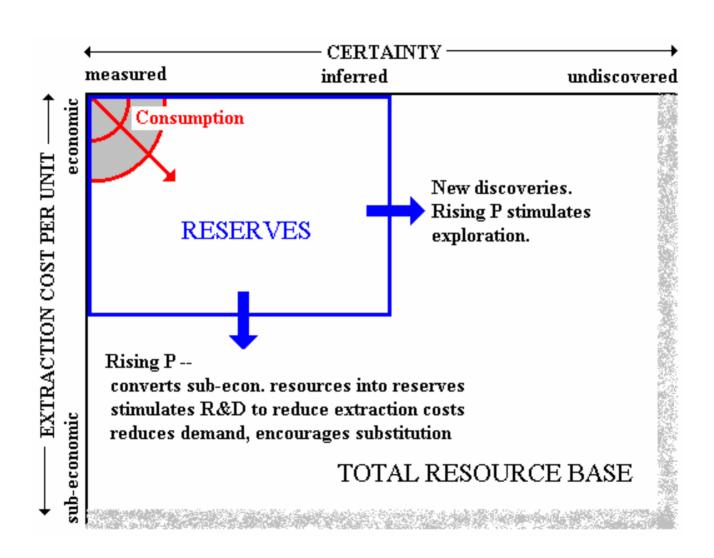
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...and the world's biggest importer



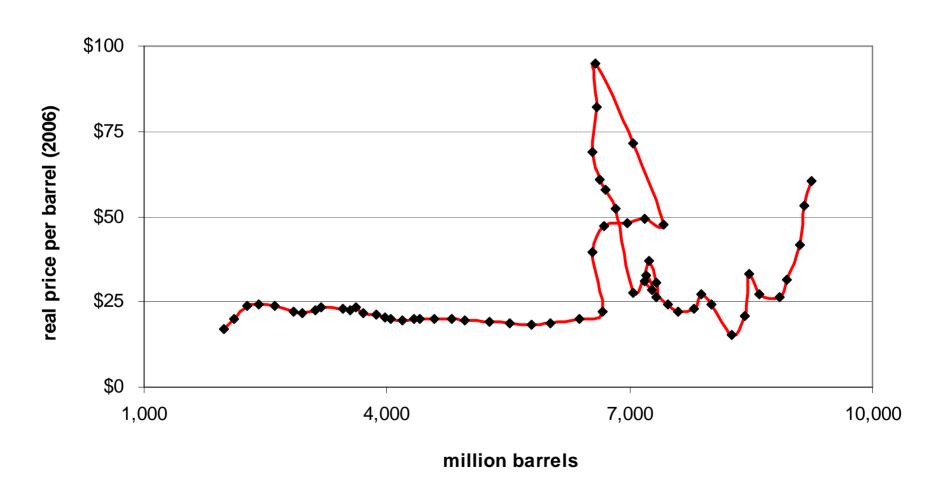
So there is huge capacity for conservation

Reserves are not fixed

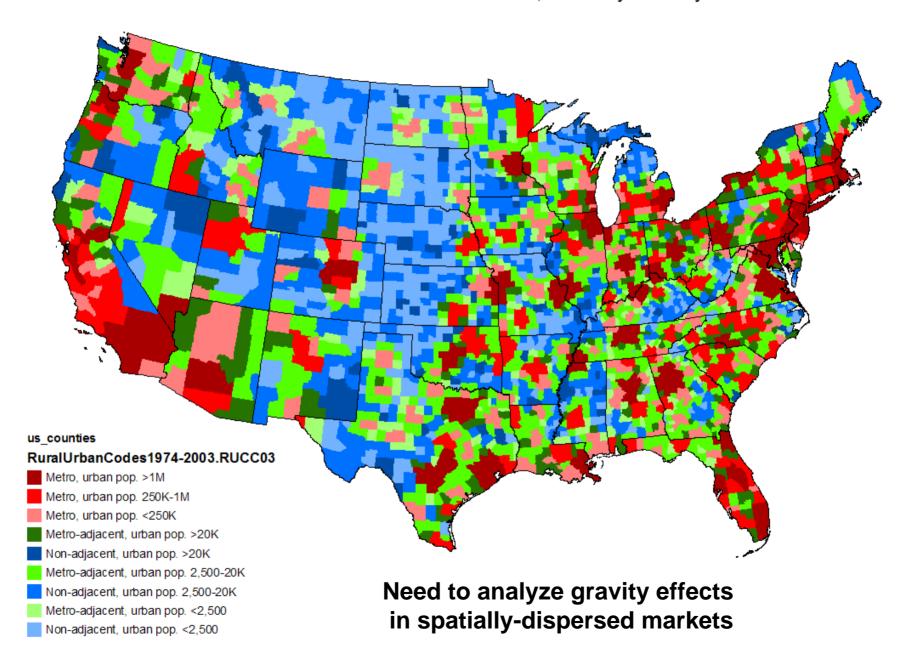


The next loop-de-loop will be bigger

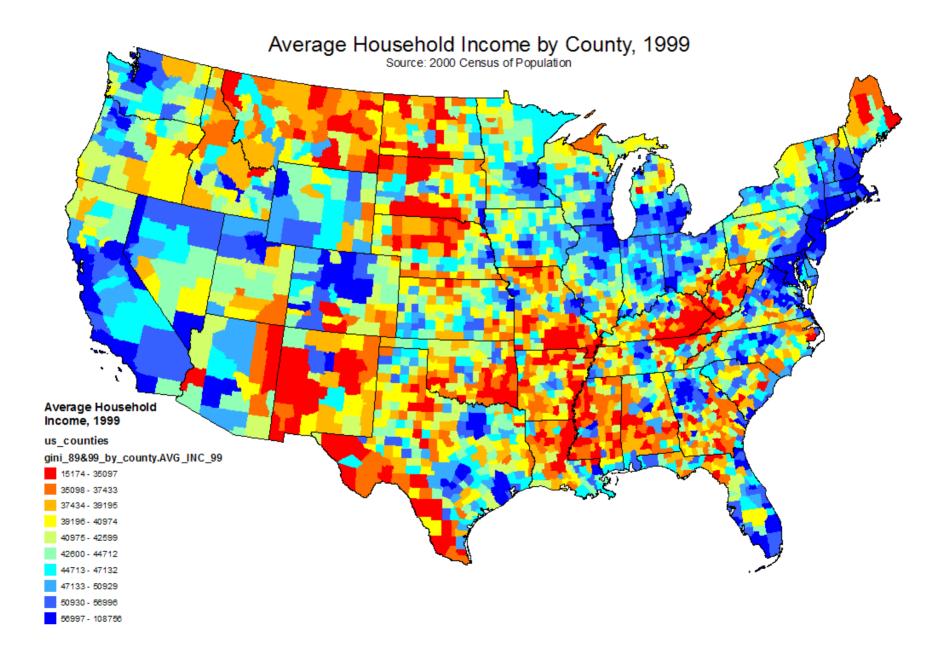
US Gasoline Consumption vs. Real Price/Barrel of Crude, 1946-2006



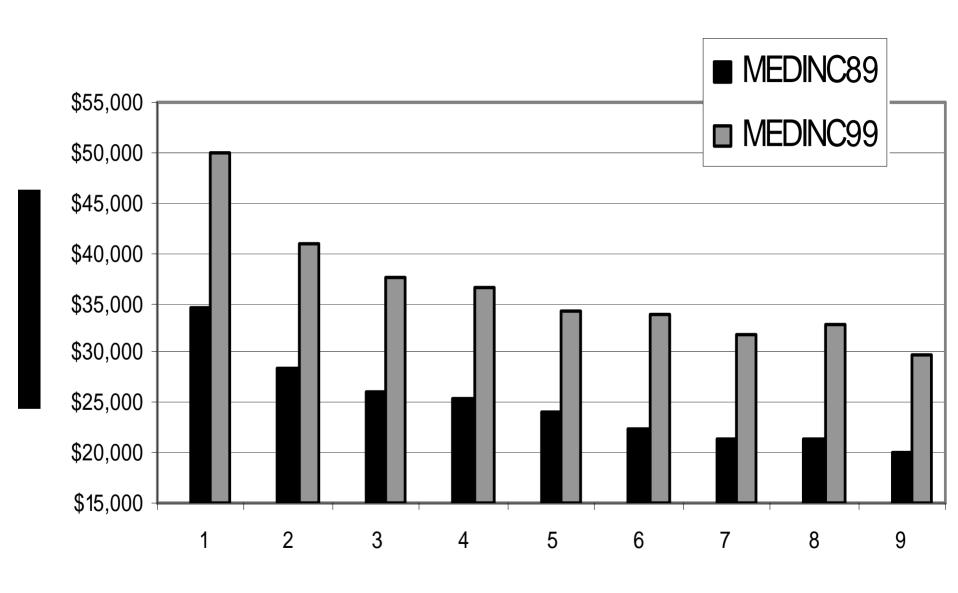
NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE Rural-Urban Continuum Codes, 2003 by County



The eternal issue of rural poverty

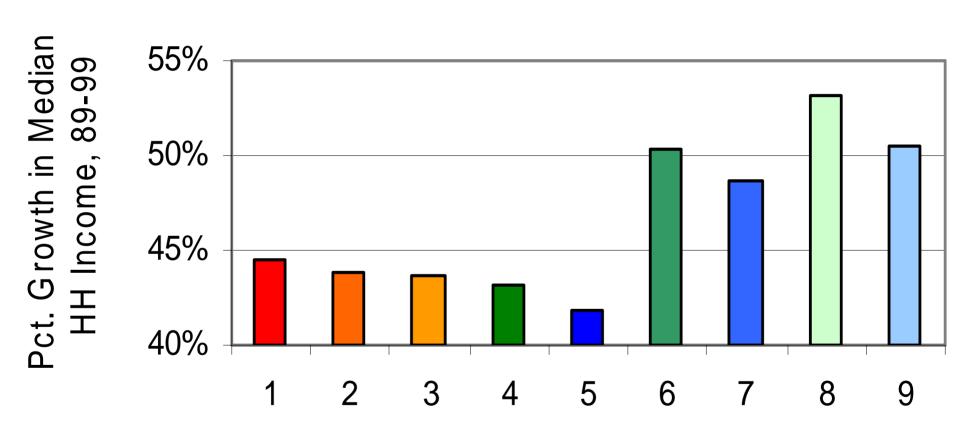


Median Income 1989 & 1999 by RUCC 2003



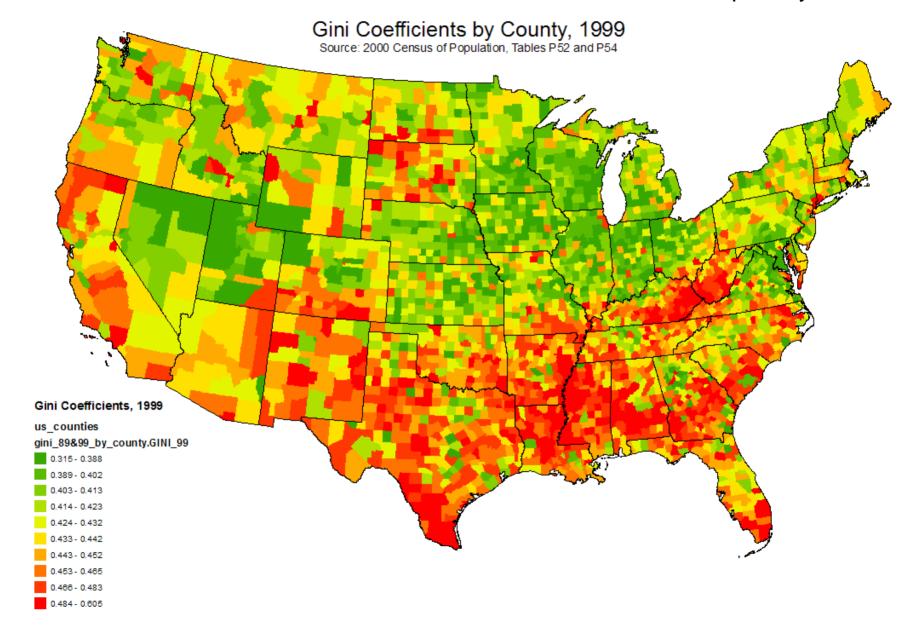
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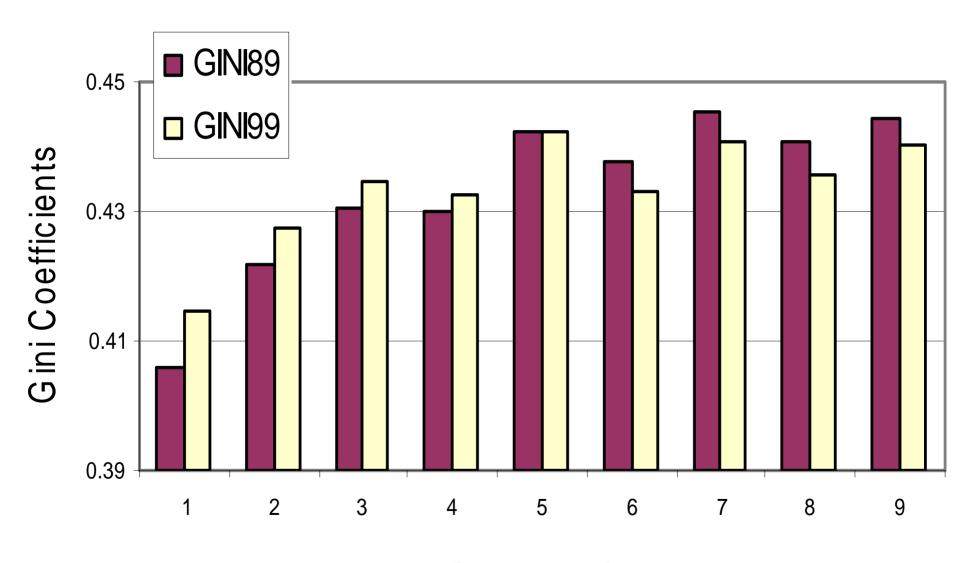


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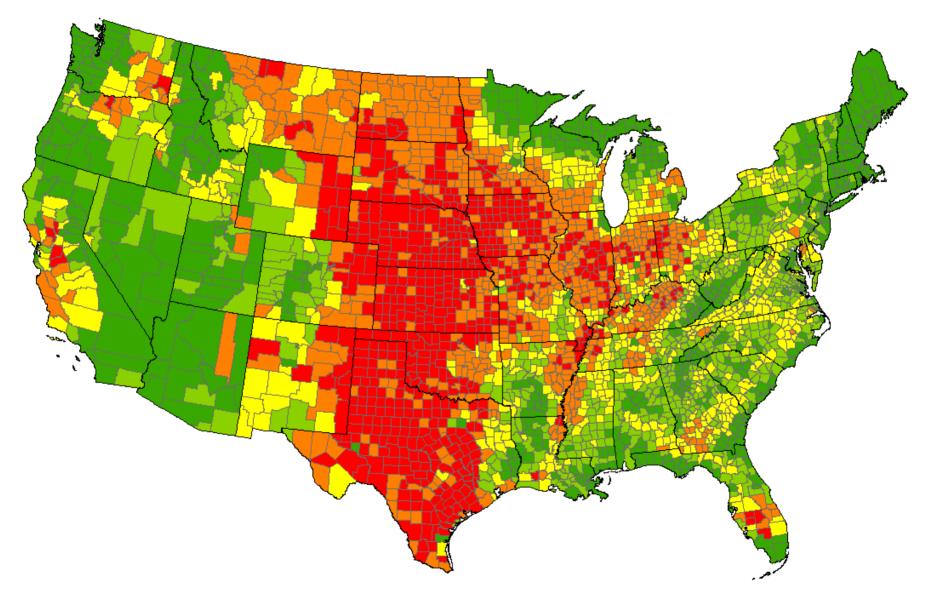


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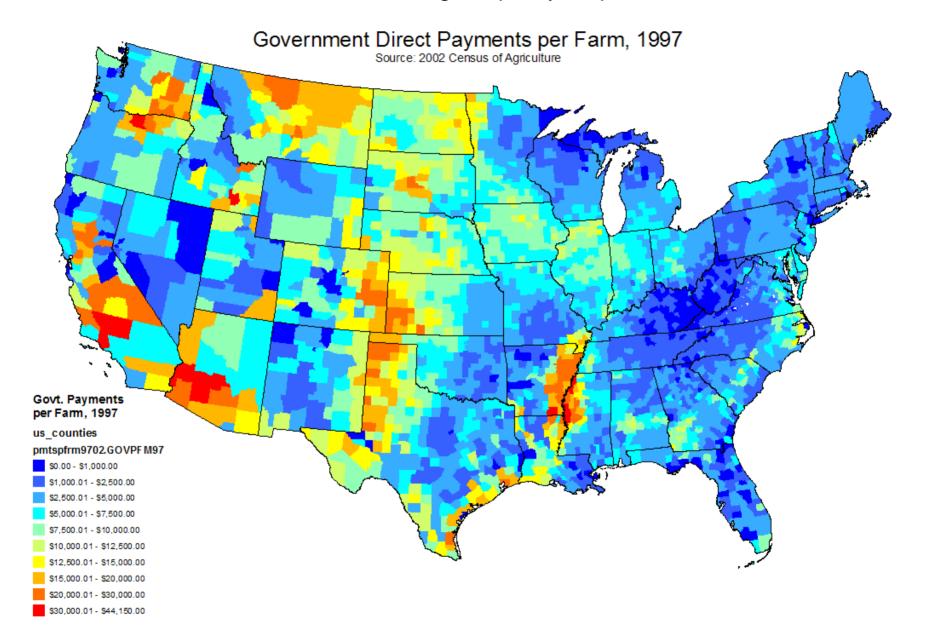


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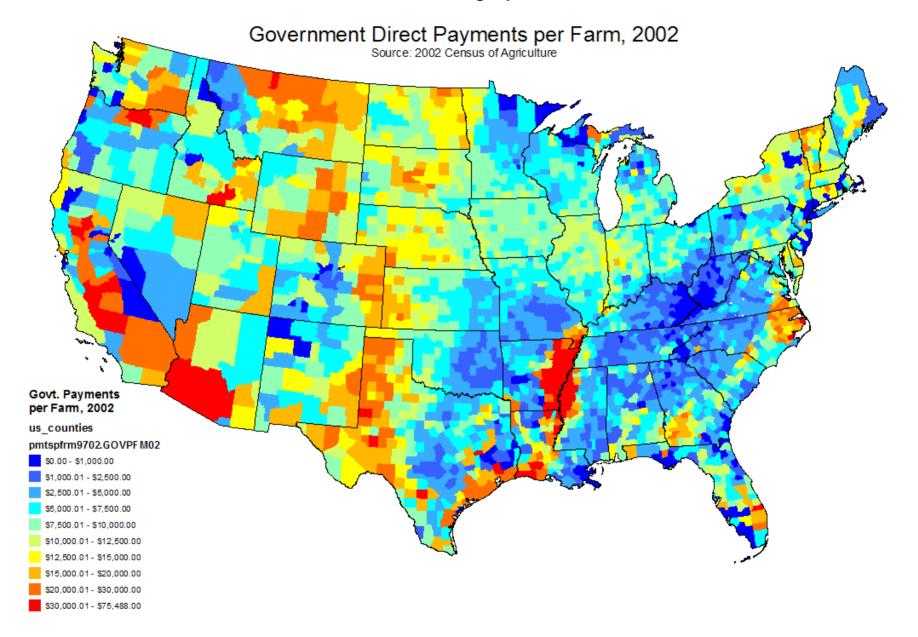
Percent of County Land Area in Farms, 2002



Re-drawing the policy map

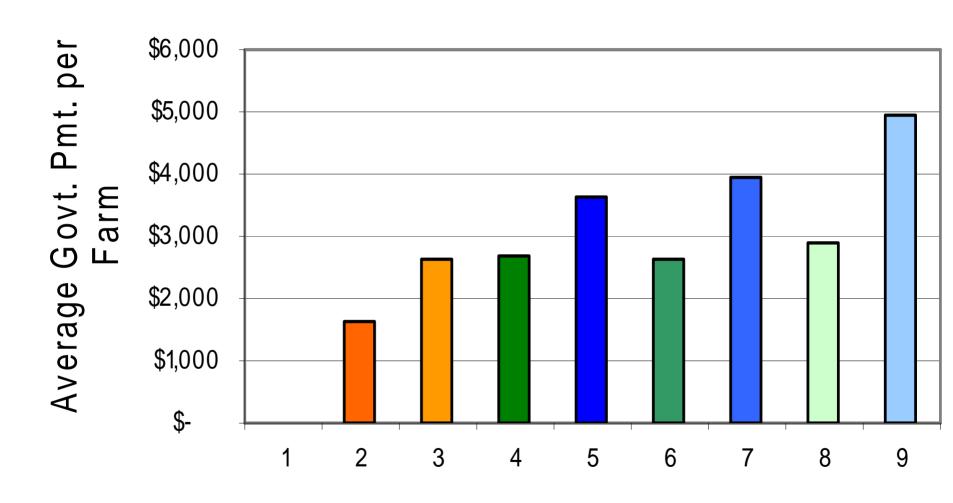


Subsidies are highly addictive



Federal Payments per Farm 2002 by RUCC 2003

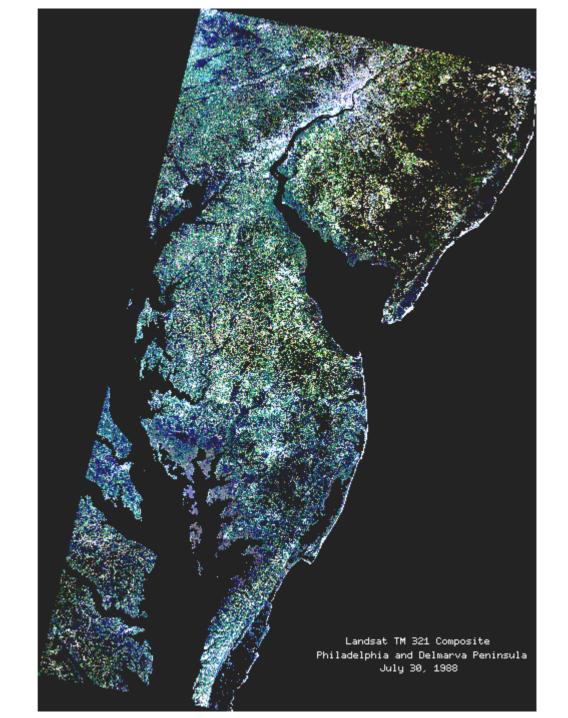
Non-adjacent counties are the most dependent



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Biomass assessment via remote sensing

Landsat SPOT Hyper-spectral sensors



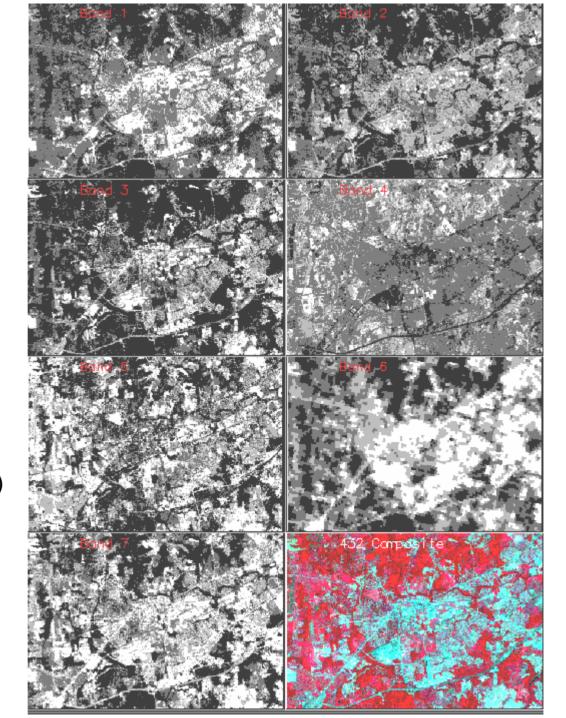
Landsat: 7 bands

Blue Green Red Near IR Mid IR 1 Thermal IR Mid IR 2

Color-IR composite indicates biomass density.

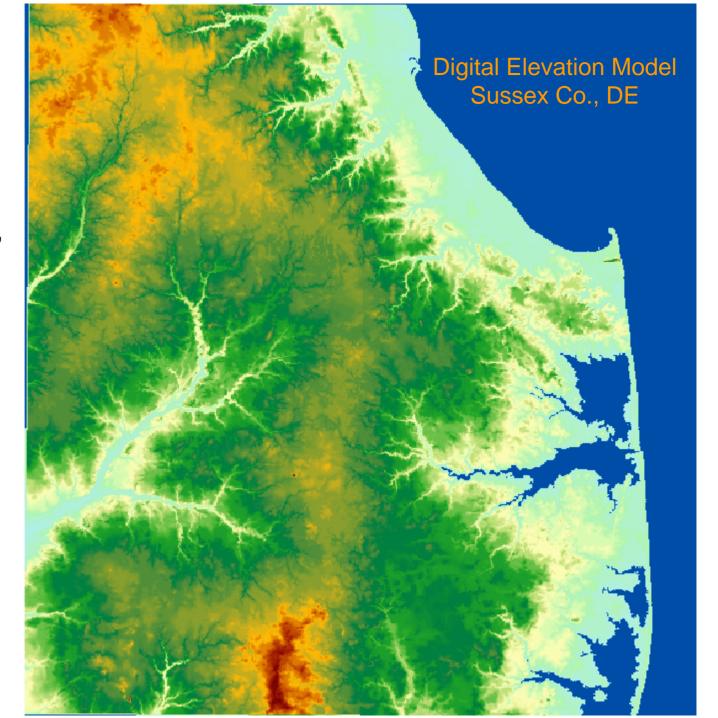
NDVI (NIR-red)/(NIR+red) other density metrics

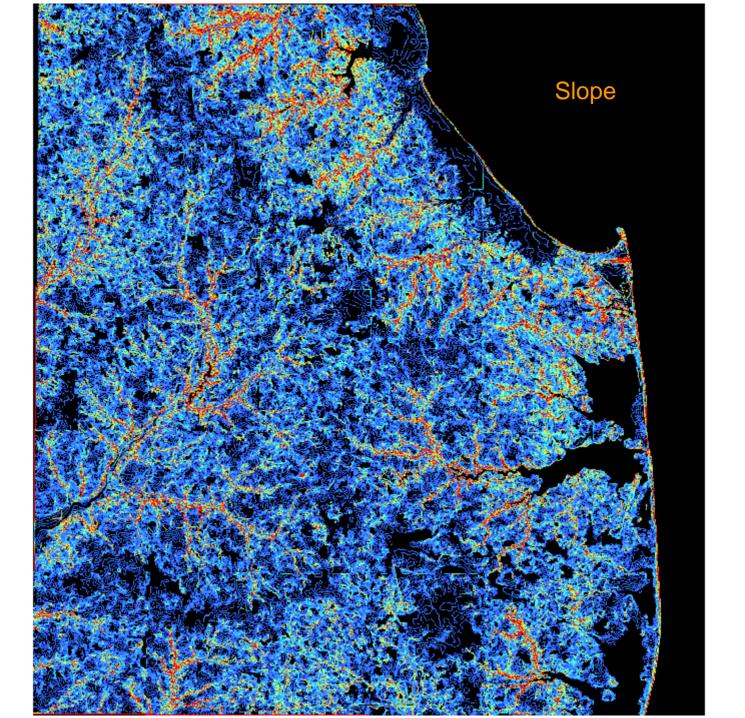
Vegetative roughness and other neighbor-pixel analyses

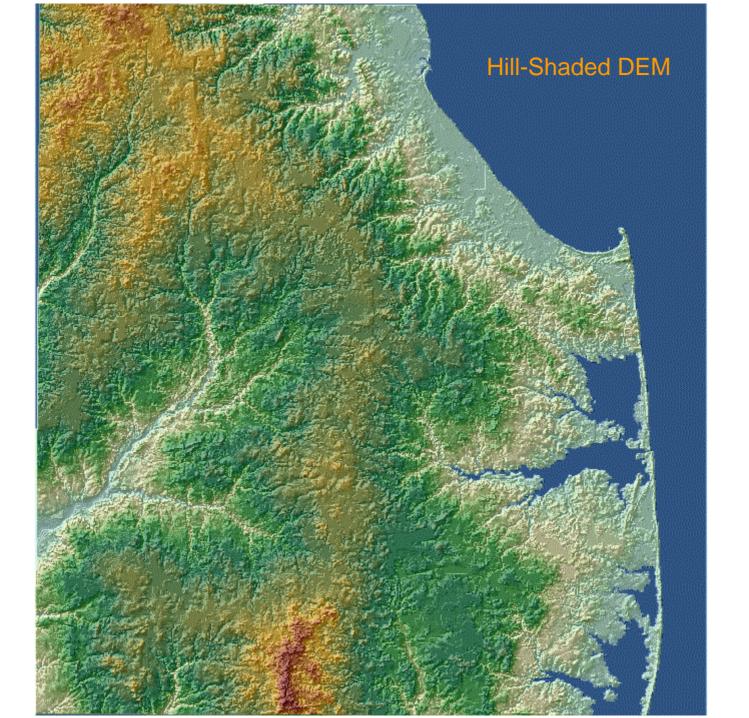


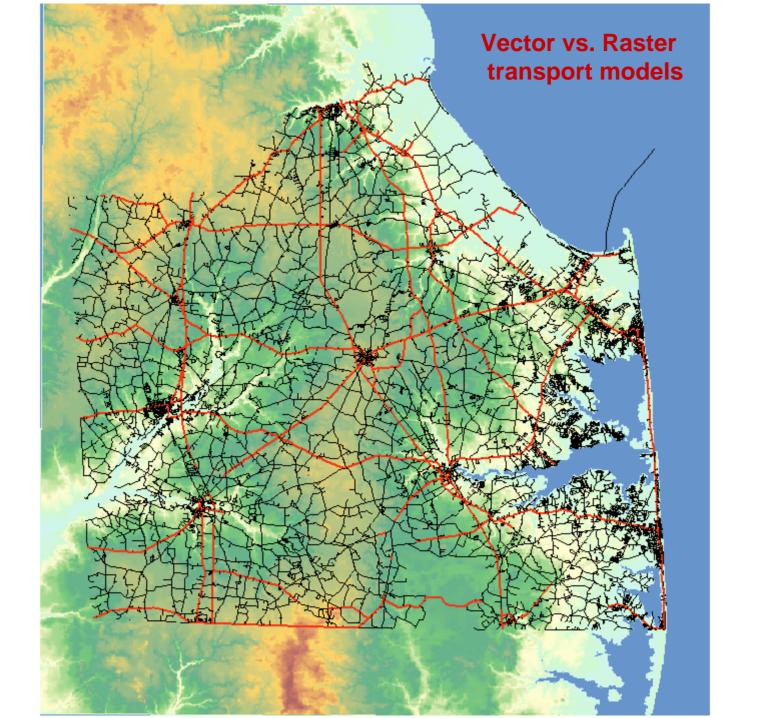
Tracking nutrient flow across the landscape

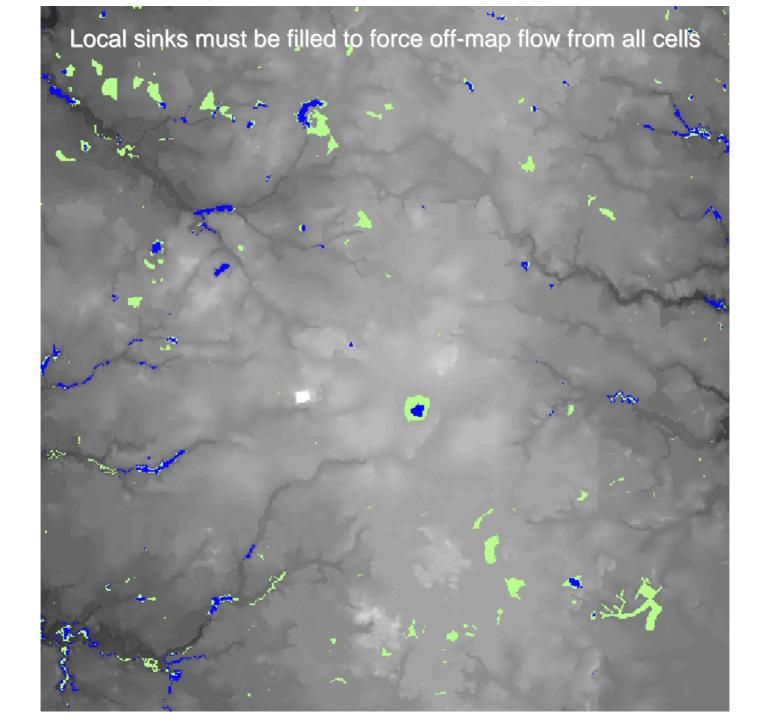
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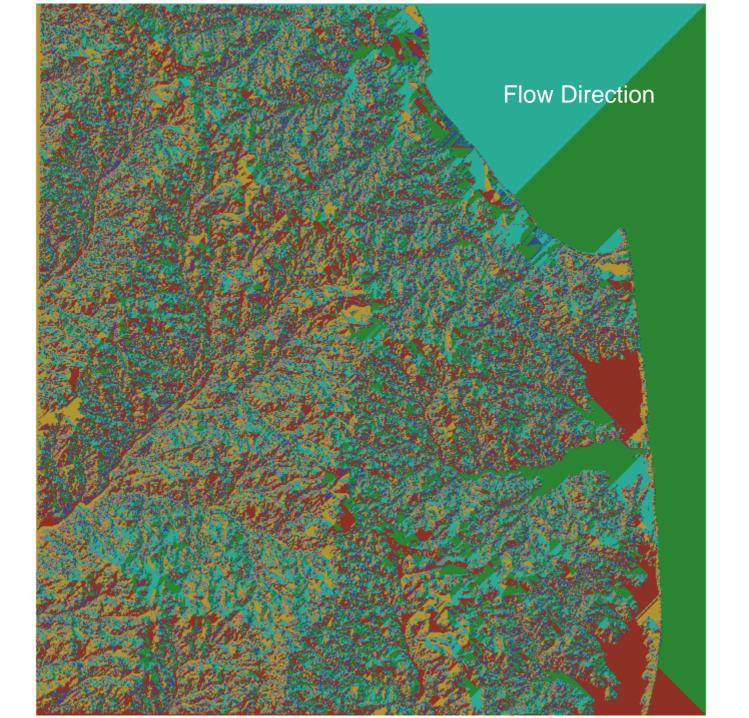


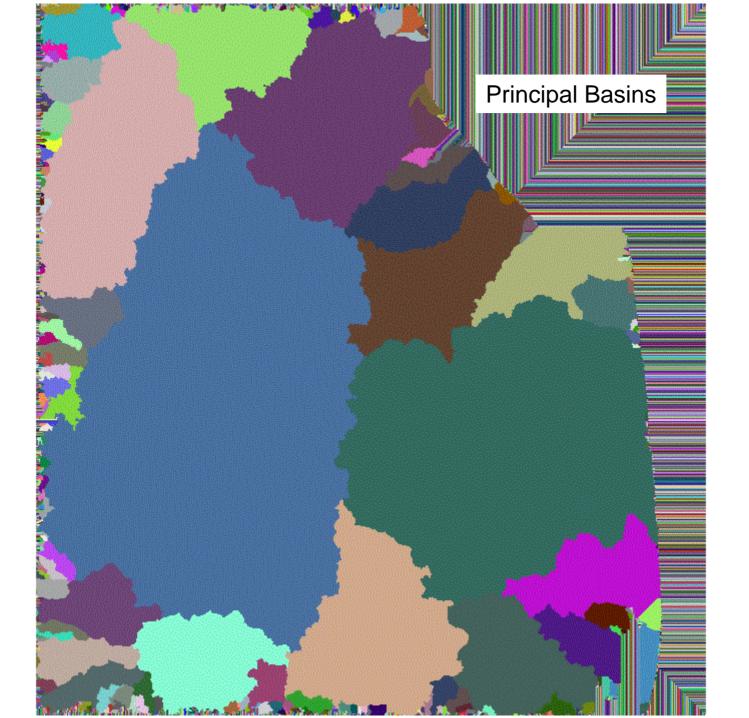




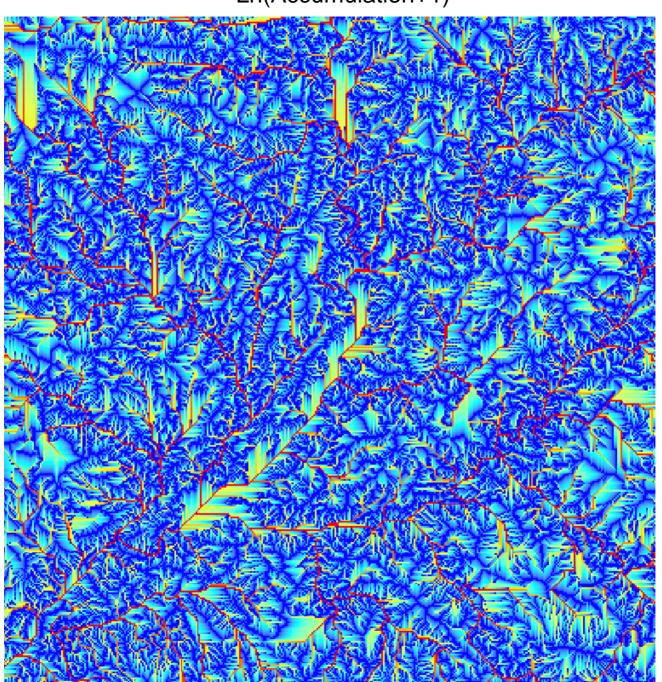


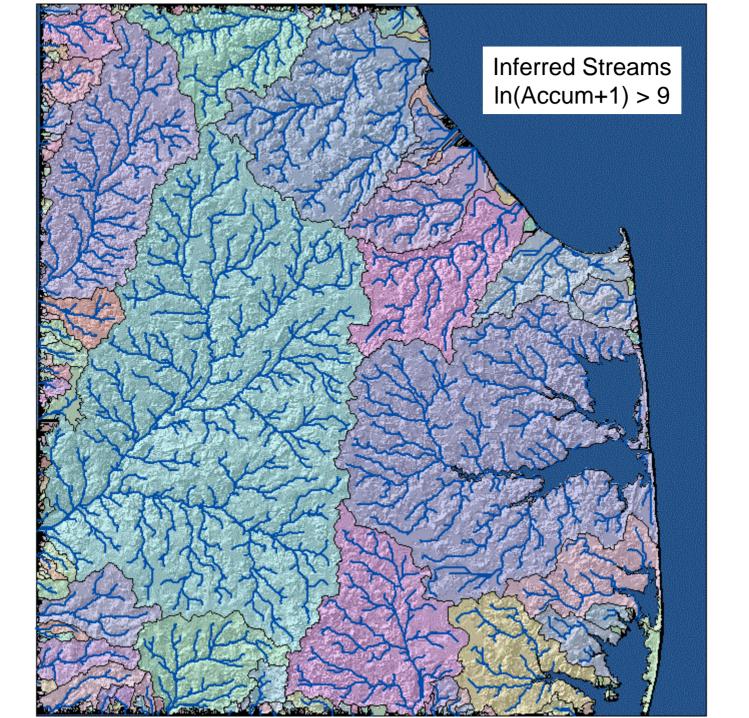


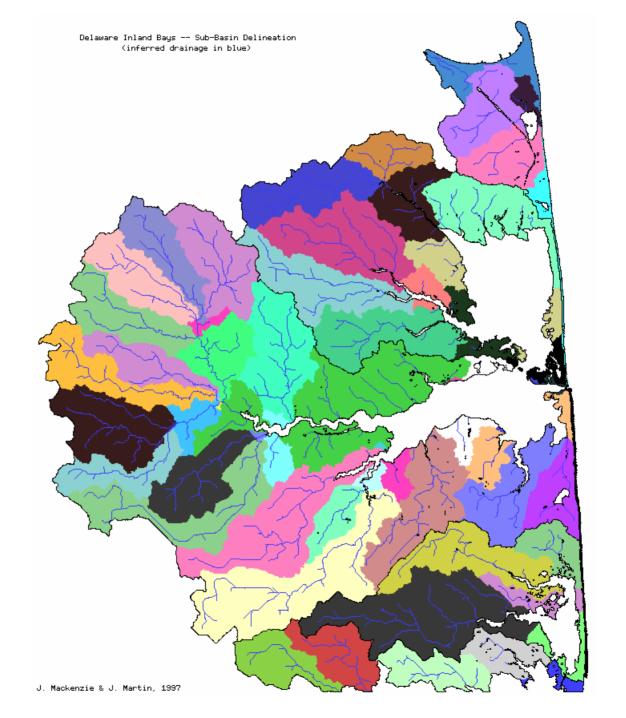


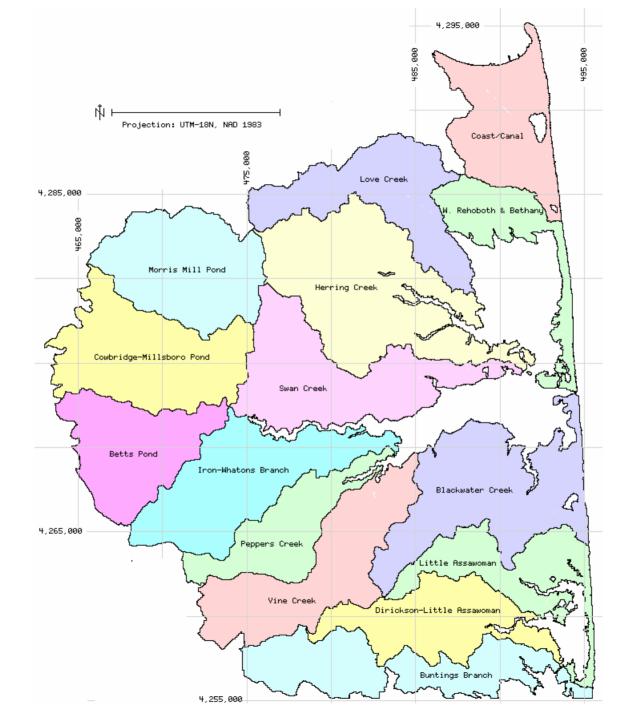


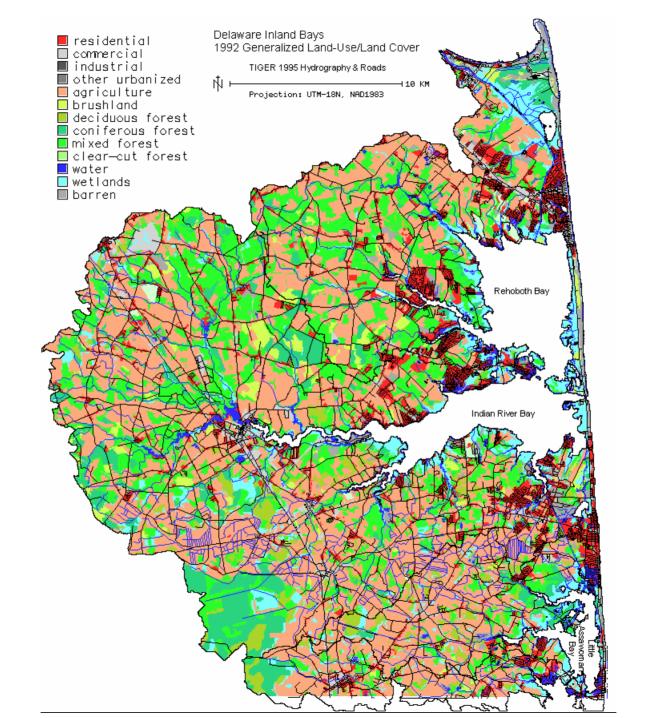
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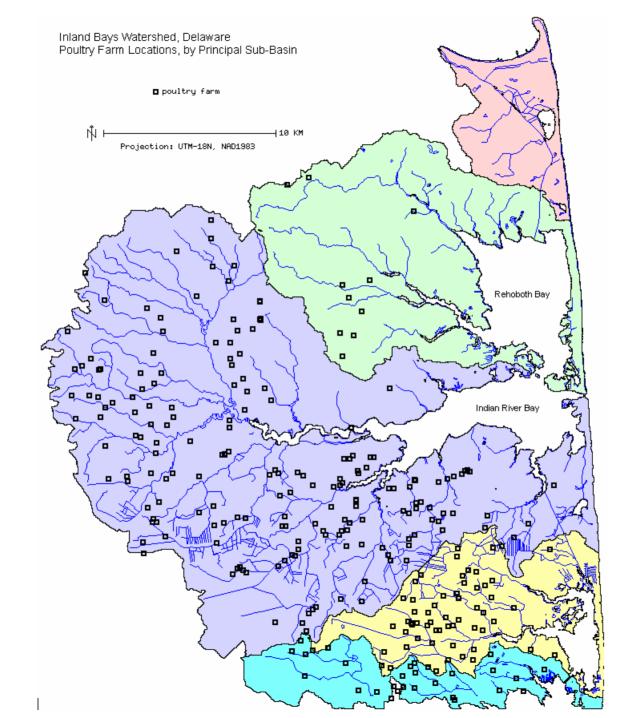


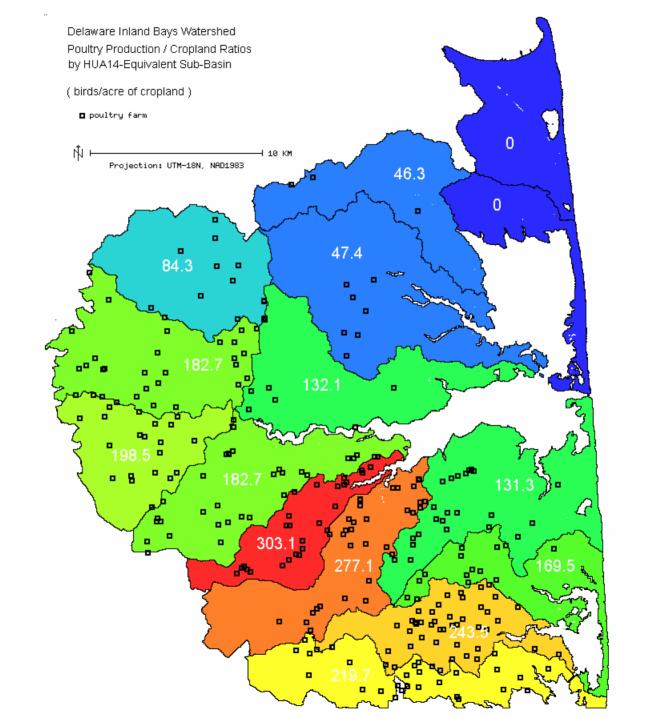




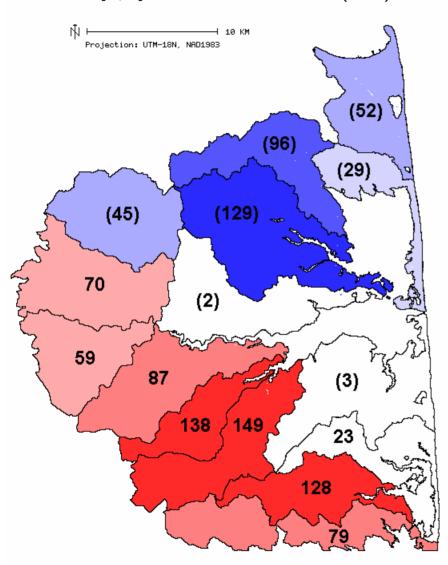




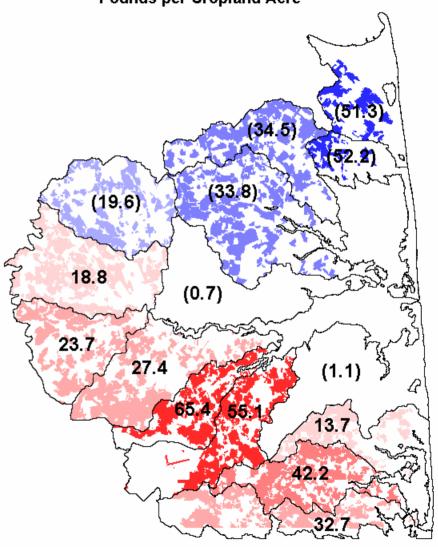




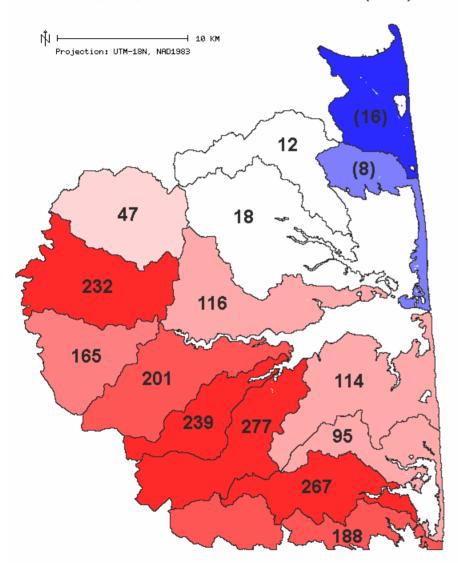
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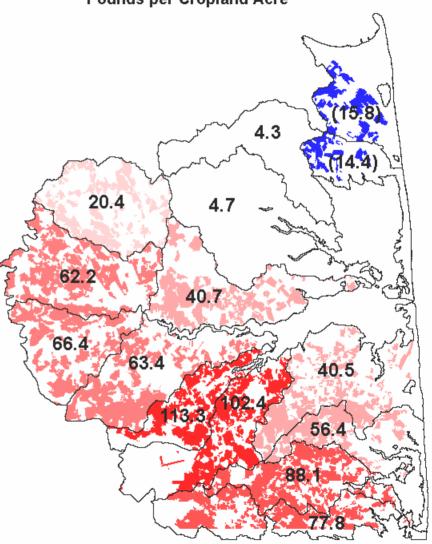
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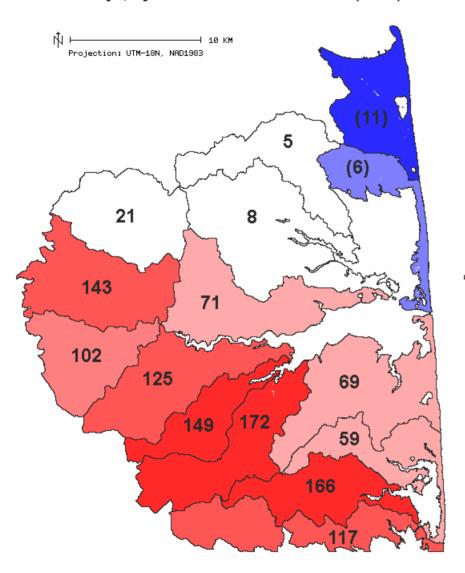
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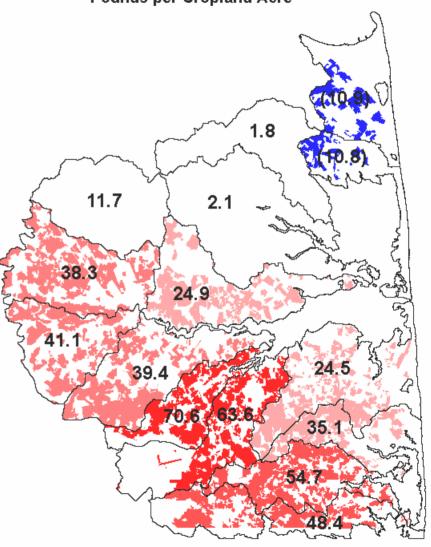
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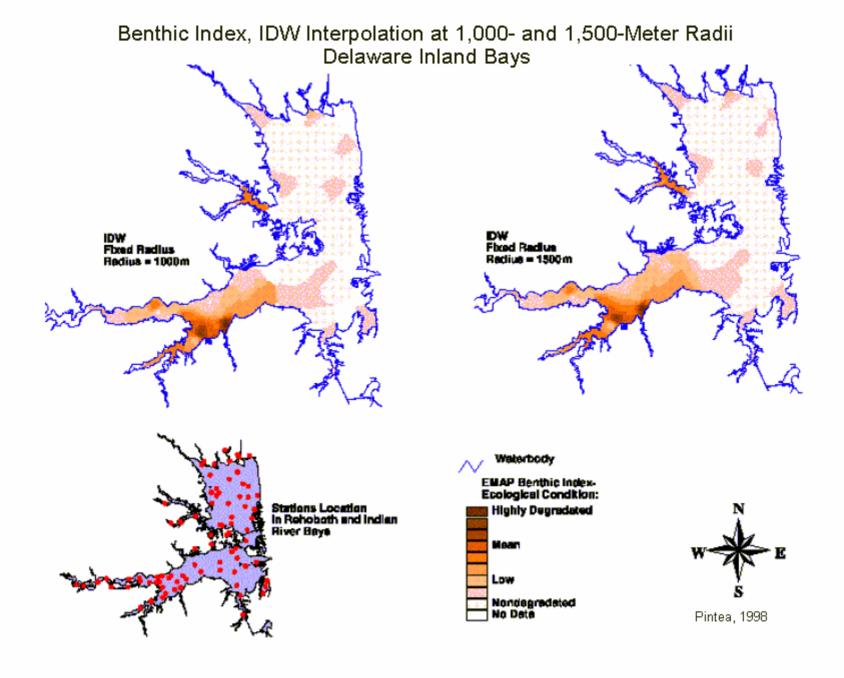


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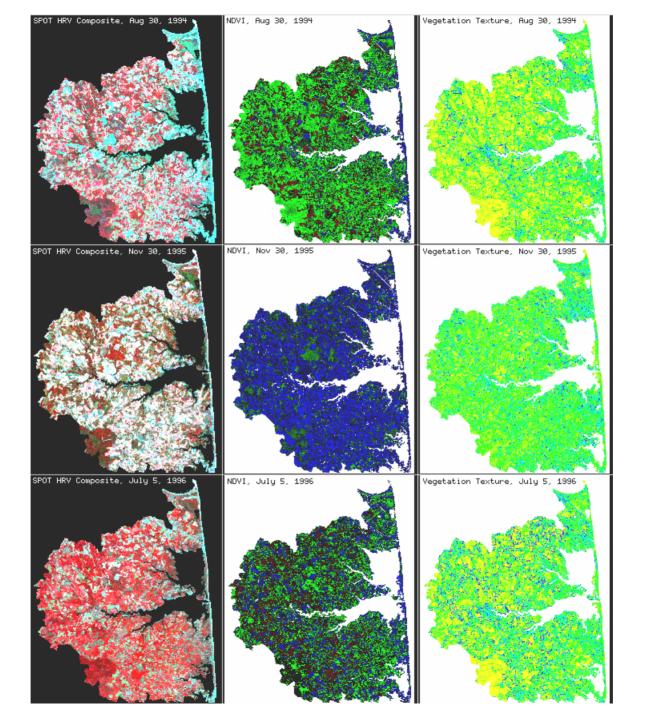


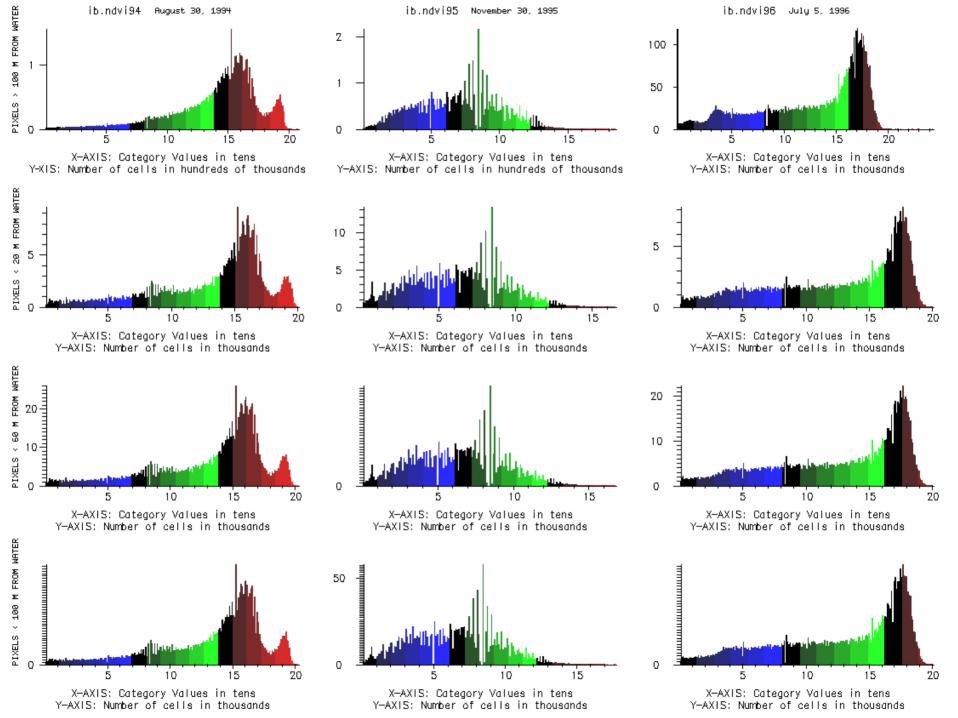


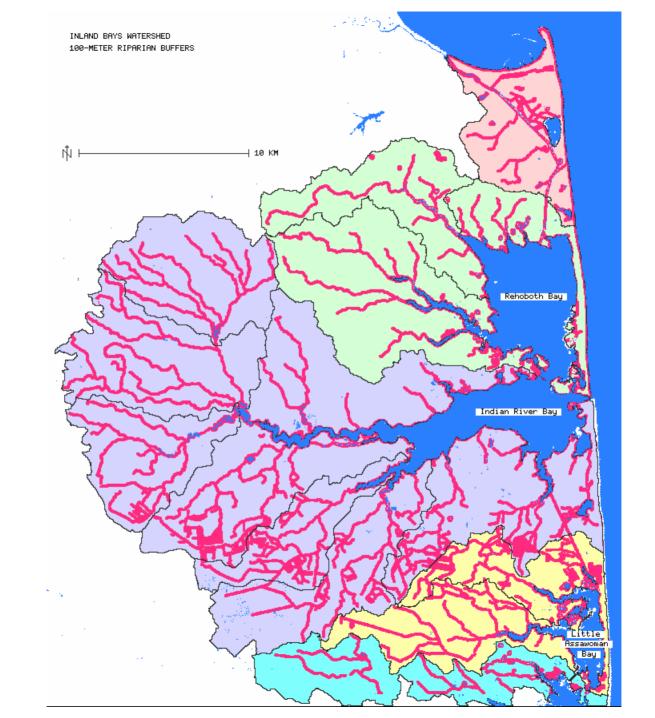


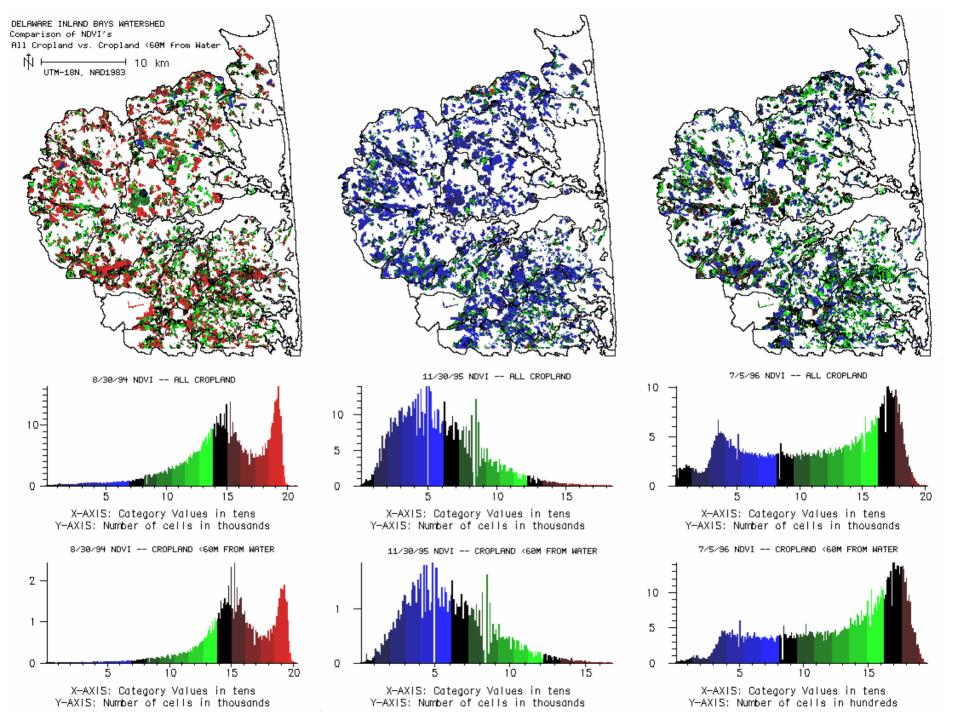


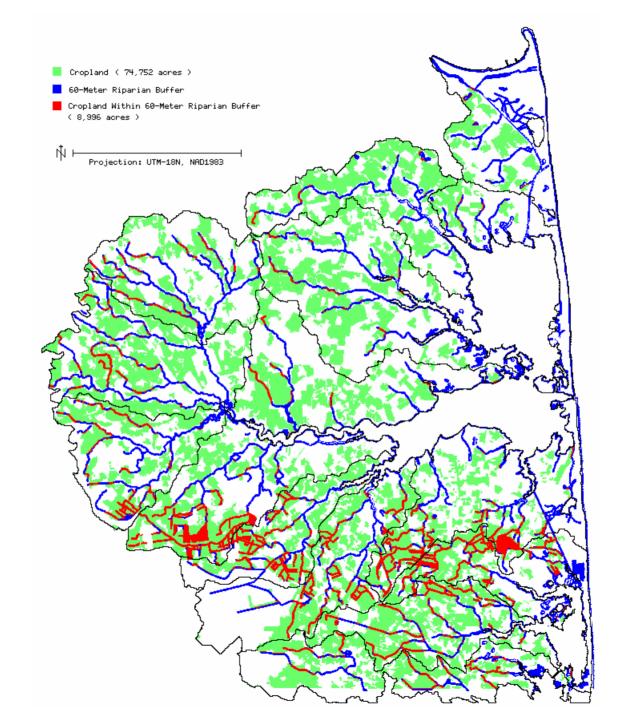














Perdue-AgriRecycle Poultry Manure Pelletization Plant

Just south of Seaford, the world's largest chicken manure pelletization plant has processed about 60,000 tons of chicken manure since it opened in July, 2001. The plant was designed as a solution for poultry farmers in the area who needed to remove waste from their facilities. Most had no option but to spread it on fields according to their Nutrient Management Plan or store it in special leak-proof structures. Perdue Farms, Inc. understood how critical this problem was and researched different methods of ridding the area of the excess manure. Perdue considered building an incinerator (an idea that was abandoned due to emissions restrictions) or a composting facility (which proved to have too many logistical problems). The pelletization plant, which handles manure from both Delaware and Maryland, was chosen because the waste could be transported easily before and after processing and it produced a marketable product. After an investment of \$13 million from the company, and a grant from the State of Delaware, the plant was built to handle up to 95,000 tons of manure a year.

The original strategy of the plant was to create a "recycling" effect; as feed is transported to the Delmarva Peninsula's poultry farms from the Midwest bread basket, the pelletized waste is distributed from the Peninsula back to the grain farms for fertilizer. David Ennis, Perdue's General Manager of Production and Administration, explains, "It's estimated that 600,000 tons of manure are generated on the Eastern Shore... and only maybe half can be applied to land according to the Nutrient Management Plans. Perdue is primarily concerned with moving some of that volume off the peninsula."

Mid-Atlantic Biodiesel Inc., Clayton, DE

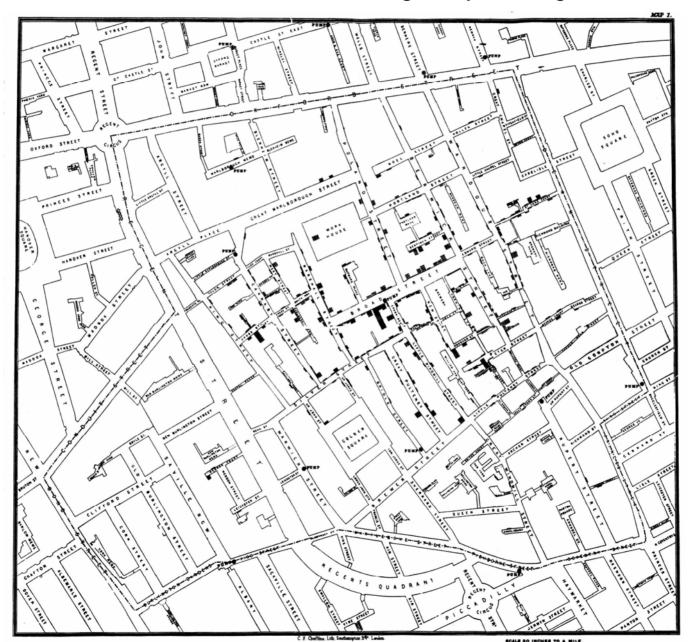




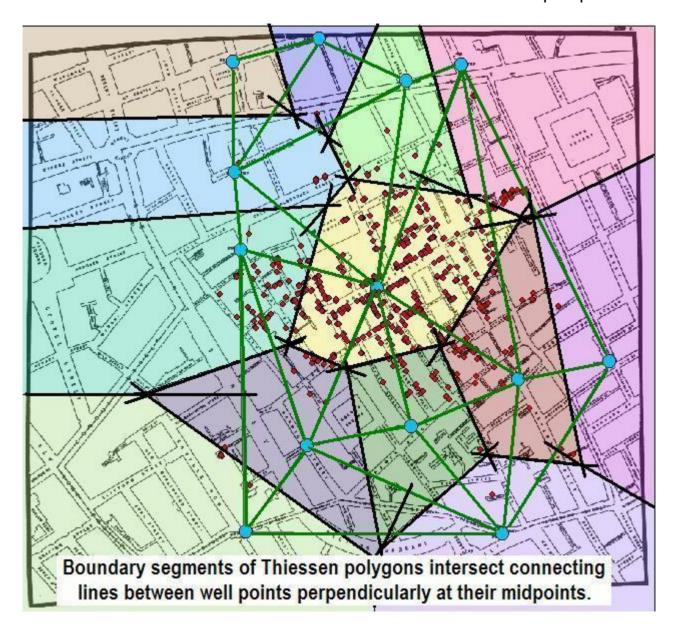


There is no scarcity of analytical tools.

The scarce resource is human ingenuity in using them

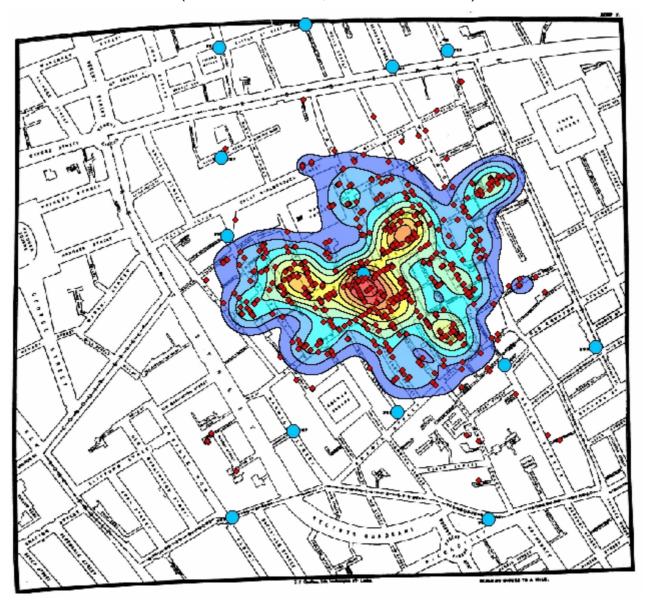


Disproving the "Miasma" theory: Straight-Line Distance Allocation to Pumps 62% of cholera deaths were nearest the Broad Street pump

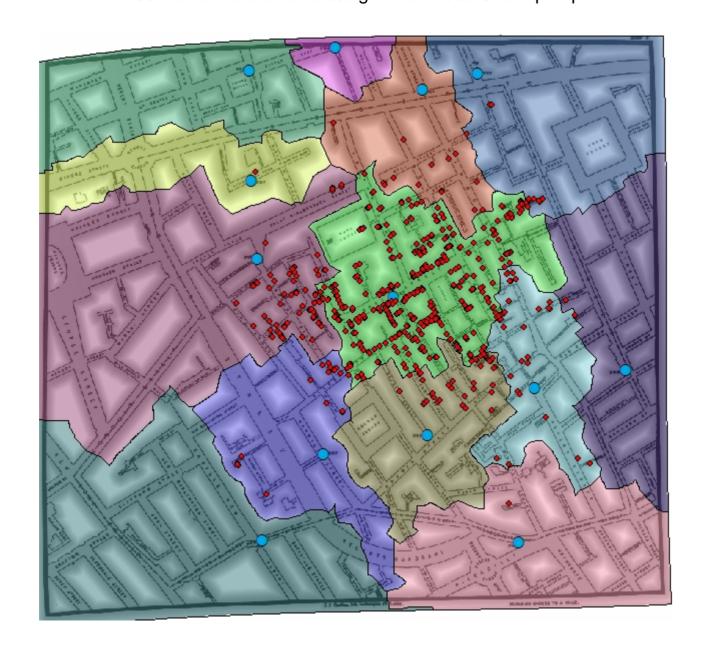


Kernel-Density Mapping of Cholera Deaths

(kernel size = 1.0; cellsize = 0.0025)



Cost-Weighted Allocation of Cholera Deaths to Pumps 66% of cholera deaths assigned to Broad Street pump



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