

# 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          | Mixed forest           |
| Urban / recreational grasses                      | Shrubland              |
| Bare rock / sand / clay                           | Orchards and vineyards |
| Perennial ice and snow                            | Row crops              |
| Quarries / strip mines / gravel pits              | Small grains           |
| Woody wetlands                                    | Fallow                 |
| Emergent herbaceous wetlands                      | Pasture / hay          |
| Water   | Grasslands             |
| Transitional (includes burned or harvested areas) |                        |

Scale of poster is approximately 1:4,000,000

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 Landsat Thematic Mapper imagery and supplemental data. The seamless 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 nutrient and pesticide runoff models. The NLCD is distributed by State as 30-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 at the USGS web site <http://landcover.usgs.gov/natl/landcover.html>

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