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**Thematic accuracy of the NLCD 2001 land cover for the conterminous United States**

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1   **Abstract**

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3       The land-cover thematic accuracy of NLCD 2001 was assessed from a probability-sample of

4   15,000 pixels. Nationwide, NLCD 2001 overall Anderson Level II and Level I accuracies were

5   78.7% and 85.3%, respectively. By comparison, overall accuracies at Level II and Level I for the

6   NLCD 1992 were 58% and 80%. Forest and cropland were two classes showing substantial

7   improvements in accuracy in NLCD 2001 relative to NLCD 1992. NLCD 2001 forest and

8   cropland user's accuracies were 87% and 82%, respectively, compared to 80% and 43% for

9   NLCD 1992. Accuracy results are reported for 10 geographic regions of the United States, with

10   regional overall accuracies ranging from 68% to 86% for Level II and from 79% to 91% at Level

11   I. Geographic variation in class-specific accuracy was strongly associated with the phenomenon

12   that regionally more abundant land-cover classes had higher accuracy. Accuracy estimates based

13   on several definitions of agreement are reported to provide an indication of the potential impact

14   of reference data error on accuracy. Drawing on our experience from two NLCD national

15   accuracy assessments, we discuss the use of designs incorporating auxiliary data to more

16   seamlessly quantify reference data quality as a means to further advance thematic map accuracy

17   assessment.

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19   **Key Words:** stratified sampling, cluster sampling, reference data error, NLCD 1992

## 20 Introduction

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22 The National Land Cover Database (NLCD), developed by the MultiResolution Land  
23 Characteristics (MRLC) Consortium ([www.mrlc.gov](http://www.mrlc.gov)) continues to be the primary source of land-  
24 cover data in the United States. The paper announcing MRLC's inaugural land-cover map,  
25 NLCD 1992 (Vogelmann et al., 2001), has been cited 320 times<sup>1</sup>, reflecting the widespread need  
26 for the data. NLCD 1992 has been used to study habitat loss (Hoekstra et al., 2005), conservation  
27 options (Carr et al., 2002; Weber 2004; Weber et al., 2006), the contribution of land remote  
28 sensing to ecological study (Cohen & Goward, 2004), urban sprawl (Radeloff et al., 2005), forest  
29 fragmentation (Heilman et al. 2002; Riitters et al., 2002), nitrate contamination of groundwater  
30 (Nolan et al., 2002), water quality (Doherty & Johnston, 2003), land use impacts on precipitation  
31 patterns (Marshall et al., 2004) and net primary productivity (Milesi et al., 2003), human  
32 exposure to disease vectors (Jackson et al., 2006), model Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL)  
33 for the Clean Water Act (Wagner et al., 2007), and many other applications (Stehman et al.,  
34 2008).

35 MRLC recently completed a second NLCD database (NLCD 2001) (Homer et al., 2007).  
36 Although it is too early to assess the full impact of the data, Homer et al (2007) have been cited  
37 22 times<sup>1</sup> since its public release in late 2007. The widespread use of NLCD 1992 and the  
38 continuing need for nationwide land-cover data suggest that NLCD 2001 will be used as widely  
39 as its predecessor.

40 A nationwide land-cover accuracy assessment for NLCD 1992 was completed to support the  
41 use of those data (Stehman et al., 2003; Wickham et al., 2004). Here we document the  
42 methodology used to assess the accuracy of NLCD 2001 and report the conterminous national  
43 land-cover thematic accuracy results for NLCD 2001. Thematic accuracy assessment of the

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<sup>1</sup> The number of citations were based on a search at <http://scholar.google.com>, which reported 457 citations for Vogelmann et al. 2001 and 35 citations for Homer et al. 2001. Our tallies include only citations by other peer-reviewed articles. Searches were conducted on 08/21/2009.

NLCD 2001 land-cover data was chosen as the top priority among many emerging accuracy assessment tasks that arise from the continued development of NLCD because of the widespread use of the land-cover data (Stehman et al. 2008).

## **Methods**

The NLCD 2001 maps 16 land-cover classes (Table 1) across the conterminous United States at a nominal pixel scale of 30-m x 30-m with a minimum mapping unit of 5 pixels (see Homer et al., 2004, 2007 for full details of the classification procedures). Stehman et al. (2008) outlined the conceptual framework for the accuracy assessment of NLCD 2001. The three major components of the accuracy assessment methodology, the sampling design, response design, and analysis (Stehman & Czaplewski, 1998) are described in this section.

### *Sampling design*

The sampling design for obtaining the reference data was based on the design implemented for the NLCD 1992 accuracy assessment (Stehman et al., 2003). The sampling design was a two-stage cluster sample with three levels of stratification (Figure 1). The first level of stratification was created by partitioning the conterminous United States into 10 geographic regions, which were constructed by aggregating the mapping zones used for NLCD 2001 (Homer et al., 2004). These 10 geographic strata facilitated regional reporting of accuracy and provided an indication of how accuracy varied spatially across the United States. The geographic stratification also ensured that the sample size allocated to regionally rare land-cover classes would be large enough to produce precise estimates of user's accuracy for these rare classes (Stehman et al., 2003).

69 The land-cover composition of each of the 10 regional strata is provided in the  
70 Supplementary Material (Table S1). The sampling design for assessing the accuracy of  
71 NLCD 1992 also had 10 regional strata, but the strata for that assessment were  
72 administrative regions defined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. We  
73 replaced the administrative regions used for the NLCD 1992 assessment with geographic  
74 strata for the NLCD 2001 assessment because of the correlation between class abundance  
75 and class accuracy.

76 Each of the 10 regions was then further partitioned into frame cells that were 120-km x 120-  
77 km. The frame cells formed the second layer of stratification and may be viewed as geographic  
78 substrata within the 10 regional strata. A first-stage sample of 12-km x 12-km primary sampling  
79 units (PSU) was then selected randomly within each sampling region. The first-stage sample  
80 selection was designed to spread the sample geographically within each region. The target  
81 number of PSUs per region was 55. This was a subjective decision based on balancing the desire  
82 to disperse the sample spatially within each region while still retaining the cost advantage of  
83 clustering sample pixels within a limited number of PSUs. From a precision standpoint, if the  
84 sample would result in approximately one sample pixel per PSU for a given land-cover class, the  
85 upper bound (assuming true user's accuracy of 50%) on the estimated user's accuracy would be  
86 7% for this sample size of 55 pixels. This was deemed an acceptable bound on precision. One  
87 PSU per frame cell was selected randomly resulting in all PSUs in a region having the same  
88 inclusion probability. If the number of PSUs selected in a region exceeded the target, the sample  
89 size of PSUs was reduced to the target by selecting an equal probability subsample from the  
90 initial draw of PSUs. If the initial draw returned fewer PSUs than the target, a second draw of  
91 PSUs from each frame cell was taken, with each PSU in the region again having an equal  
92 inclusion probability. Sampling was without replacement so that each PSU selected in the initial  
93 draw was not eligible for selection in the second draw. If the number of PSUs exceeded the

target number after the second draw, an equal probability subsample of the total number of PSUs from both draws was selected to reduce the number of PSUs to the target. The subsample selection was independent of the frame cell stratification, so it could happen, for example, that both PSUs from a frame cell could be retained in the final sample, or that neither of the two PSUs selected were retained.

The third layer of stratification was the map land-cover class. In each of the 10 regions, 100 sample pixels of each class were selected via stratified random sampling from the first-stage sample PSUs selected in the region. A pixel was the secondary sampling unit (SSU) in the two-stage cluster design. The decision to use a pixel as the spatial unit of assessment is consistent with the "best practice" recommendations suggested by Strahler et al. (2006, p. 9). All land-cover classes except perennial ice/snow (Table 1) were used as strata. Thus, 15,000 samples in total were collected for the assessment (10 regions with 15 classes per region and generally 100 samples per class per region). Perennial ice/snow was not included because it was found in only 4 of the 10 regions, and comprised very small proportions of the area in these regions (Table S1). The additional cost of collecting reference data for this class was not justified given the rarity of perennial ice and snow.

For a few rare land-cover classes in selected regions, the sample pixels were selected without the constraint of the first-stage sample of PSUs. That is, the sample pixels were selected from all pixels mapped as that class in the region. This deviation from the standard sampling protocol was implemented to avoid having almost all sample pixels located within a single PSU when a class was very rare and highly concentrated spatially within a region. This sample selection protocol was used for classes 11, 23, and 24 in Region 2, classes 23 and 24 in Regions 3 and 5, and class 11 in Region 4.

The sampling design implemented for the NLCD 2001 assessment achieved two desirable design criteria typically sought for large-area accuracy assessments. Stratification by map land-cover class achieved the objective of precise class-specific estimates of accuracy, and clustering

120 reduced the cost of the assessment. Combining both stratification and clustering can be done in  
121 many ways, and the advantages and disadvantages of different options are discussed by Stehman  
122 (2009).

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#### 124 *Response design and definition of agreement*

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126 Reference land-cover classifications were obtained for each sample pixel by  
127 photointerpretation of Digital Orthophoto Quarter Quadrangles (DOQQ). These raster media  
128 have a nominal spatial resolution of 1 m<sup>2</sup>. Reference sample locations were selected from the  
129 Albers equal area projection used for NLCD products and re-projected into the native UTM  
130 projections used for DOQQ products. Other available raster media (e.g., IKONOS) were used  
131 when DOQQs were not available. Four teams of interpreters, located throughout the  
132 conterminous United States, carried out the reference classification protocol. All reference data  
133 for a given region were collected by a single team (i.e., a given region was not split across teams).

134 The protocols for reference data collection included: 1) blind interpretation; 2) collection of  
135 primary and alternate reference labels; 3) assignment of a nominal level of confidence in the  
136 chosen reference label or labels; 4) inclusion of the date of the imagery used for determining the  
137 reference land-cover classes, and; 5) consistency in reference label assignment within and across  
138 teams. Interpreters were not provided *a priori* knowledge of the mapped land-cover class (i.e.,  
139 “blind interpretation”) to avoid interpreter bias in assigning reference class labels. The  
140 photointerpreters were allowed to assign an alternate land-cover label, in addition to the primary  
141 reference land-cover label, when they judged that more than one label was appropriate.  
142 Approximately 85% of the reference sample pixels included an alternate label. Each reference  
143 label was accompanied by a nominal self-assessment of photointerpreter confidence in the label.  
144 The nominal categories were “not confident,” “somewhat confident,” and “confident.” A rating  
145 of “confident” was assigned to 77% of the reference samples, and a rating of “somewhat

confident” was assigned to 21% of the reference samples. Photointerpreters rarely used the “not confident” rating (2%). The reference data also included the dates of reference imagery acquisition so that they could be compared with the map acquisition dates to determine if time lags in image acquisition were associated with classification errors (Congalton & Green, 1993; Wickham et al., 2004). Consistency in reference label assignment was enhanced in two ways. First, within each team, approximately 5% of the reference labels were checked by another member of the team to foster consistency in reference label assignments among team members. These checks were used to stimulate further review of potentially difficult cases and to establish commonality of approach when interpreting similar difficult cases. Second, bi-weekly, web-enabled conference calls among the teams were used to discuss sample points that presented interpretation issues. The web-enabled calls allowed members of all teams to simultaneously view sample points overlaid on the reference media and Landsat composite images. These points were discussed among members of all teams in order to reach consensus on reference label assignment. The web-enabled conference calls were included as a protocol to promote consistent reference label assignment within and among photointerpretation teams.

The final accuracy assessment dataset contained eight (8) primary attributes. Attributes derived from the reference data included: 1) the primary label, 2) the alternate label, 3) photointerpreter confidence, and 4) the acquisition date of reference media. Attributes derived from the map included: 5) the sample (center) pixel map label, 6) the modal map label(s) from the 3x3 pixel window surrounding the sample pixel, 7) image (i.e., Landsat) acquisition date, and 8) the number of different map land-cover classes in the 3x3 pixel window centered on the sample pixel (hereafter, heterogeneity). The full accuracy assessment dataset can be used to define agreement in several different ways, and to examine how agreement is affected by factors such as the time lag between map and reference image sources, spatial misregistration between map and reference labels, confidence in reference label assignment, and the spatial heterogeneity derived from the map land-cover classes surrounding the sample pixel. We briefly describe a few

172 examples. The option to assign an alternate reference label was included because some land-  
173 cover class definitions are inherently fuzzy rather than crisp (Lunetta et al., 2001; Powell et al.  
174 2004). Differences in map and reference labels can arise because of spatial misregistration  
175 between map and reference labels (Lanter & Veregin, 1992; Verbyla & Hammond 1995), and  
176 positional errors for this assessment were assumed to occur because of the differences in spatial  
177 resolution of the 30-m x 30-m map versus the 1-m x 1-m reference data, the inherent geometric  
178 error of the map and reference media, and different geographic projections. Alternate reference  
179 labels can also be used to account for spatial misregistration between map and reference labels  
180 (Hagen, 2003). In heterogeneous areas, the photointerpreter can use a land-cover class adjacent  
181 to the sample pixel as the alternate reference label to account for the impact of misregistration on  
182 agreement. Likewise, defining agreement as a match between reference labels and map modal  
183 classes accounts for spatial misregistration between map and reference media when one or more  
184 modal map classes is different than the map label of the sample pixel. Comparison of agreement  
185 by heterogeneity can be used to determine edge effects on agreement (Smith et al., 2002, 2003;  
186 van Oort et al., 2004). When heterogeneity is equal to one, the sampled pixel is surrounded on all  
187 sides by like-classified pixels and is therefore not on a boundary (i.e., edge) between two land-  
188 cover classes. Heterogeneity is greater than one when the sampled pixel is on the edge between  
189 two or more land-cover classes.

190 The primary definitions of agreement used to report accuracy were: 1) the map land-cover  
191 class of the sample pixel matched either the primary or alternate reference land-cover label, and  
192 2) a modal map land-cover class matched either the primary or alternate reference land-cover  
193 label. All modal map classes were considered for determining agreement when there was no  
194 majority in the 3x3 pixel window centered on the sample pixel. The first definition is called  
195 center agreement, and the second definition is called modal agreement.

196 The primary difference between the response design protocols of the two NLCD accuracy  
197 assessments was that a much more formal communication and coordination protocol was

implemented among interpreter teams in the 2001 assessment to foster greater consistency among interpreters. The response design implemented for NLCD 1992 included the same attributes in its accuracy assessment data set and used similar definitions of agreement (Stehman et al., 2003; Wickham et al. 2004).

### *Analysis*

The analysis is derived from the general estimation theory of probability sampling (cf. Särndal et al. 1992), which requires determining the inclusion probabilities resulting from the sampling protocol (Stehman & Czaplewski 1998; Stehman, 2001). An inclusion probability is defined as the probability that a particular pixel is included in the sample. Inclusion probabilities are necessary to construct statistically consistent estimates of accuracy. The two-stage structure of the sampling design generates an inclusion probability for each stage. The first-stage inclusion probability,  $\pi_{1u}$ , is determined by the protocol used to select the sample of PSUs. By construction, all geographic strata within a mapping region had the same number of PSUs,  $K$ . Each pixel within a PSU was sampled with the same inclusion probability associated with the PSU within which the pixel was contained, so  $\pi_{1u} = k / K$  for each pixel in the mapping region. At the second stage, those pixels selected in the first-stage sample were stratified by their mapped land-cover class. Suppose  $N_h^*$  pixels mapped as class  $h$  were selected in the first-stage sample of PSUs. A simple random sample of  $n_h$  pixels of map class  $h$  was selected from the  $N_h^*$  pixels available. Conditional on the selected first-stage sample, the second-stage inclusion probability for each pixel of class  $h$  was  $\pi_{2,1hu} = n_h / N_h^*$ . Consequently, the inclusion probability of pixel  $u$ , incorporating both stages of sampling (Särndal et al., 1992, Chapter 9), was

$$\pi_{hu} = \pi_{2,1hu} \pi_{1u} = (n_h / N_h^*)(k / K) \quad (1)$$

222 The inclusion probabilities are known for all pixels in the sample, and they are greater than zero  
 223 for all pixels in the mapping region. These two conditions establish the probability sampling basis  
 224 of the design. Eq. (1) also shows that within each mapping region, all pixels mapped as Level II  
 225 land-cover class  $h$  have the same inclusion probability.

226 Stratified random sampling formulas were applied to estimate the error matrix and associated  
 227 summary measures. We next develop these general estimation formulas. Let  $y_{hu}(i, j)$  be the  
 228 observation recorded for sample pixel  $u$ , where the  $h$  subscript indicates that pixel  $u$  was selected  
 229 from stratum  $h$ . Define  $y_{hu}(i, j) = 1$  if the agreement definition results in pixel  $u$  belonging to map  
 230 class  $i$  and reference class  $j$  in the error matrix; otherwise,  $y_{hu}(i, j) = 0$  (i.e., pixel  $u$  does not fall  
 231 into cell  $(i, j)$  of the error matrix). Note that  $i$  and  $j$  may refer either to an Anderson Level I or  
 232 Level II class, but  $h$  is always a Level II class determined by the original stratification by Level II  
 233 map class. The value of  $y_{hu}(i, j)$  depends on the definition of agreement employed. The estimation  
 234 weight associated with pixel  $u$  is the reciprocal of the inclusion probability,

$$235 \quad w_{hu} = 1 / \pi_{hu} = (KN_h^*) / (kn_h) \quad (2)$$

236 The weight,  $w_{hu}$ , is not affected by the definition of agreement because it is determined by the  
 237 sampling design, not the response design.

238 Within each of the 10 geographic strata, the parameter  $N_{ij}$ , the number of pixels in the stratum  
 239 that belong to cell  $(i, j)$  of the error matrix, is estimated by

$$240 \quad \hat{N}_{ij} = \sum_{u \in S} w_{hu} y_{hu}(i, j) \quad (3)$$

241 where  $\sum_{u \in S}$  indicates summation over all sample pixels, and the total number of pixels in a

242 geographic stratum is estimated by

$$243 \quad \hat{N} = \sum_{u \in S} w_{hu} \quad (4)$$

The cell proportions of the error matrix are then estimated by  $\hat{p}_{ij} = \hat{N}_{ij} / \hat{N}$ . The estimators of overall, user's, and producer's accuracy (Story & Congalton 1986) are as follows ( $q$  is the number of land-cover classes):

$$\text{Overall accuracy} = \sum_{i=1}^q \hat{p}_{ii}$$

$$\text{User's accuracy of map class } i = \hat{p}_{ii} / \sum_{j=1}^q \hat{p}_{ij}$$

$$\text{Producer's accuracy of reference class } j = \hat{p}_{jj} / \sum_{i=1}^q \hat{p}_{ij}$$

The variance estimators follow the approach discussed in Stehman et al. (2003, Sec. 5.2), with one exception. For the NLCD 1992 variance estimators, a map polygon was treated as the "cluster" and pixels within the same map polygon were treated as secondary sampling units within that cluster. The variance estimators used in this NLCD 2001 assessment treat the 12-km x 12-km PSU as the cluster. Because the number of map polygons is expected to exceed the number of PSUs, variances computed on the basis of the PSUs as the clusters would be anticipated to be slightly higher than variances computed using a map polygon as the cluster. Computations were conducted using the Statistical Analysis Software (SAS 2003, Version 9.1.3, SAS Institute, Inc., Cary, North Carolina, USA).

## Results

The 10 regional error matrices are reported in the online Supplementary Material (Tables S3-S12). Based on the mode definition of agreement, the nationwide, overall thematic accuracies are 78.7% at Level II and 85.3% Level I (these modal accuracies and other national averages reported herein are unweighted averages of the 10 regional estimates). The nationwide, overall thematic accuracies of 78.7% (Level II) and 85.3% (Level I) for NLCD 2001 are approximately 20% and

267 5% higher than the corresponding accuracy statistics for NLCD 1992 (Figure 2). At the class-  
268 specific level, there are improvements in NLCD 2001 cropland (Level II) and forest (Level I)  
269 accuracies relative to NLCD 1992 accuracies. Nationwide, NLCD 2001 cropland user's accuracy  
270 (Table 2) and producer's accuracy (Table 3) average 82% and 88%, respectively, whereas NLCD  
271 1992 cropland user's and producers accuracies average 43% and 54%, respectively. The  
272 improvement in overall agreement is also reflected in the 87.0% average class-specific user's  
273 accuracy for forest (Table 2), compared to 80% forest user's accuracy for NLCD 1992. The  
274 national NLCD 2001 forest user's accuracy improves to 91.5% when region 2, which is  
275 dominated by shrubland, is excluded. The national NLCD 2001 and NLCD 1992 forest  
276 producer's accuracies are 88.5% and 86.1%, respectively. The national Level II and Level I  
277 class-specific accuracies are adversely affected by two regions (7 and 9) with noticeably poorer  
278 results. Overall accuracies in these two regions are about 10% lower at Level II and 5% lower at  
279 Level I than the other eight regions.

280       Aggregating Level II classes to Level I improves overall accuracy from 78.7% at Level II to  
281 85.3% at Level I (Table 2). This suggests a significant portion of the misclassification cuts across  
282 the NLCD 2001 classification hierarchy (e.g., class 21 misclassified as 81). The most noticeable  
283 occurrence of cross-hierarchy classification error occurs in region 2. The region is approximately  
284 70% shrubland, and although the user's accuracy for shrubland in this region is high (82.8%),  
285 misclassification with grassland is present. Shrubland-grassland misclassification is not resolved  
286 by aggregation within the classification hierarchy, resulting in only a 2% improvement in overall  
287 accuracy through aggregation from Level II to Level I. Forest and urban are exceptions to the  
288 pattern of significant cross-hierarchy misclassification. User's accuracies for the Level II forest  
289 (deciduous, evergreen, mixed) and urban (open space, and low, medium, and high intensity  
290 development) classes are generally much lower than the overall regional user's accuracies.  
291 However, forest and urban user's accuracies improve by approximately 20% when aggregated to

Level I, indicating that a substantial portion of the misclassification is among Level II classes that were nested within the Level I forest and urban classes.

Use of the modal rather than the center pixel map label generally improves user's accuracies by 1% to 2% (Table 2). In contrast, the NLCD 1992 accuracy assessment reported 15%-20% improvements in user's accuracy when using the modal map label compared to using the center pixel map label (Stehman et al., 2003; Wickham et al., 2004). The decision to use a five-pixel minimum mapping unit (mmu) for NLCD 2001 (Homer et al., 2007) probably accounts for the smaller percentage gain in user's accuracy for the modal-based map agreement definition. The 5-pixel mmu protocol substantially increases the odds that the map class of the sample (center) pixel is also a mode class.

A geographic pattern in classification error related to class rarity is evident from the accuracy results. Shrubland and grassland user's accuracies decrease from west to east (Table 2). These classes are abundant in the west (regions 1 through 4) but generally rare in the east (regions 5 through 10). Conversely, deciduous forest user's accuracy decreased from east to west, and this too is correlated with the proportion of deciduous forest in the sampling regions. The positive relationship between class abundance and accuracy is also a pattern observed in the NLCD 1992 accuracy assessment (Stehman et al., 2003; Wickham et al., 2004) and in other mapping studies (e.g., Foody 2005; Thompson & Gergel 2008).

The regional error matrices (Supplementary Material) reveal three other error patterns. First, the context of grass is difficult to distinguish. Misclassification among developed open space, grassland, pasture, and cropland, which are all defined by grass, is 3.5% in the west and 4.4% in the east. Second, developed open space (class 21) producer's accuracies tend to be lower than user's accuracies due to omission errors with abundant classes. The disparity between producer's and user's accuracies for developed open space indicates that the class tends to "look like its surroundings." The pattern is more apparent in the eastern US (Supplementary Material, regions 5 through 10) because of the notably higher percentages of urban. Third, producer's accuracies

318 for woody wetlands are much higher than their user's accuracies, principally because reference  
319 labels for woody wetland sample pixels are commonly one of the 3 upland forest classes. It is  
320 apparently difficult for the map makers, the reference photointerpreters, or both to distinguish  
321 "wet" from "dry" forest, and it is impossible to determine from the available data if one of the  
322 two sources (map, reference) is a more significant contributor to the misclassification.

323 The response design implemented permits estimating accuracy by various subsets of the  
324 sample to determine how different aspects of reference data and map context affect accuracy  
325 results (Table 4). Including an alternate label in the definition of agreement has the most  
326 substantial impact. Defining agreement as a match between the map label and either the primary  
327 or alternate reference label improves overall accuracy by approximately 20% at both levels of the  
328 classification hierarchy relative to defining agreement as a match between the map label and only  
329 the primary reference label. The user's and producer's accuracies, by region, based on using only  
330 the primary reference label are documented in the Supplementary Material (Table S2).

331 Photointerpreter confidence in reference label assignment and heterogeneity (i.e., number of map  
332 classes in the 3x3 window surrounding the sampled pixel) also affect map accuracy. Level II  
333 overall accuracy improves by approximately 3.5% when only the subset of reference samples  
334 with a rating of "confident" is used. Similarly, overall accuracy improves by approximately 7%  
335 using the subset that is not on the edge between two or more land-cover classes. However, this  
336 subset of homogeneous area represents only about one-third of the total sample. A significantly  
337 higher error rate for "edge" pixels was also reported for NLCD 1992 (Smith et al. 2002, 2003;  
338 Stehman et al. 2003; Wickham et al. 2004). As noted above, choice of center versus mode  
339 definition of agreement has little effect on overall accuracy.

340 Time lags between reference and map image acquisition dates have little effect on agreement.  
341 Based on a logistic regression model, the probability of agreement is not significantly associated  
342 with the difference between reference and map image acquisition dates. A similar result was  
343 observed for the NLCD 1992 accuracy assessment (Wickham et al., 2004). Time lags between

reference and map image sources are intuitively regarded as a potential source of disagreement because of the possibility of land-cover change occurring during the interval between acquisitions of map and reference sources (Congalton & Green, 1993). Land-cover change is rare (Biging et al., 1999; Fry et al., 2009), and samples for reference data acquisition are also rare. Land-cover change and sampling are independent events, suggesting that the spatial pattern of each would have to overlay in a very unlikely manner for land-cover change to strongly influence overall or class-specific accuracies. Rather than time, there is anecdotal evidence that the imagery used to collect the reference data influenced agreement. Imagery available through Google Earth was the reference source for approximately 125 samples in region 4 due to unavailability of other reference media. Agreement for this admittedly small subset is about 15% lower than the overall accuracy for the region.

## Discussion

The conterminous national NLCD 2001 Level II and Level I thematic user's accuracies are approximately 20% and 5% higher than the corresponding statistics for NLCD 1992. The NLCD 1992 accuracy assessment results (Stehman et al., 2003; Wickham et al., 2004) contributed to the changes in mapping methods used for NLCD 2001 (Homer et al., 2004), and these methodological changes appear to have had a positive effect on data quality. It is likely that the improved discrimination of cropland and forest will expand the NLCD user-community. For example, dasymetric approaches to assignment of pesticide application rates to cropland from county-level statistics can be used to assess more confidently the impact of pesticides on aquatic resources. The improved forest user's accuracies provide better data for an already broad user community (e.g., Riitters et al. 2004; Heinz Center 2008).

The design used for the NLCD 2001 land-cover accuracy assessment conforms to and advances many of the accepted protocols for land-cover thematic accuracy assessment (Foody

2002). Reference data were collected using a probability-based sampling design, thereby permitting rigorous statistical inference (e.g., statistically consistent estimators of overall and class-specific accuracy and estimation of standard errors) (Stehman, 2001). The sampling design included stratification to avoid small sample sizes for rare land-cover classes (Zhu et al., 2000) and to account for geographic variation in accuracy. The response design incorporated protocols to foster consistent assignment of reference labels, thereby diminishing some of the impact of interpreter variability observed by Mann and Rothley (2006) in their study in which interpreters were allowed to work independently. It also included alternate reference labels and modal map values, which in turn were used to construct different definitions of agreement. Such 'scaling' of agreement can be used to account for disagreement between map and reference labels due to locational error (Lanter and Veregin 1992; Verbyla & Hammond, 1995; Hagen, 2003) and inherent fuzziness in class definitions (Lunetta et al., 2001; Powell et al., 2004). Inclusion of the variety (number) of land-cover classes in a 3x3 pixel window surrounding the sample can be used to examine agreement in relation to land-cover class boundaries (Wickham et al., 1997; Smith et al., 2002, 2003), and use of a photointerpreter confidence rating can be used to gauge the effect of reference data quality on agreement. The lessons learned from research on land-cover accuracy assessment reveal that agreement is not a binary concept (Congalton & Green 1999; Khorram, 1999; Foody, 2002; Mann & Rothley, 2006). A variety of factors affect agreement and reporting a range of agreement scores better accounts for these factors. Our dataset can be used to examine most of the factors that are known to affect agreement.

Summarizing Congalton (1994), Foody (2002) recounts the history of thematic accuracy assessment from qualitative visual inspections to the present standard of comparison of reference and map classifications that are reported using error matrices. Because of the now well established use of reference data, reference data quality is a recurrent topic in thematic accuracy assessment (Foody 2009). Recognizing that reference data are not error free, these discussions generally conclude that reported thematic map accuracies can be biased by poor reference data

quality (Powell et al. 2004, Foody 2009), and that higher reference data quality would remove that bias, resulting in higher thematic map accuracies (Congalton & Green, 1999; Khorram 1999; Foody 2002; Mann & Rothley, 2006). The response designs implemented in two NLCD accuracy assessments included protocols to account for reference data error. These analyses (e.g., Table 4), while useful, cannot be used to adjust the accuracy estimates or to reduce the standard errors to account for reference data quality. Use of auxiliary data through double sampling (Stehman, 1996) is one approach to thematic map accuracy assessment that accounts for reference data quality. In the case of NLCD, ground visits for, say, 30 sample pixels per land-cover class in each region could be used to construct the second phase of a double or two-phase sampling design, in which the reference data from the ground visits could be viewed as adjusting the accuracy estimates derived from the first-phase sample from DOQQs. The use of double sampling increases costs, but it is also likely that other evaluations of reference data quality would also increase costs. Given the widespread acceptance of reference data as a means of assessing land-cover thematic accuracy and the data quality issues that surround their use (Foody 2002), it seems logical that future research should evaluate the use of auxiliary data as a more quantitatively rigorous means of reference data quality assessment.

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**Table 1**

11. **Open Water**—All areas of open water, generally with less than 25 percent cover of vegetation or soil.
12. **Perennial Ice/Snow**—All areas characterized by a perennial cover of ice and/or snow, generally greater than 25 percent of total cover.
21. **Developed, Open Space**—Includes areas with a mixture of some constructed materials, but mostly vegetation in the form of lawn grasses. Impervious surfaces account for less than 20 percent of total cover. These areas most commonly include large-lot single-family housing units, parks, golf courses, and vegetation planted in developed settings for recreation, erosion control, or aesthetic purposes.
22. **Developed, Low Intensity**—Includes areas with a mixture of constructed materials and vegetation. Impervious surfaces account for 20–49 percent of total cover. These areas most commonly include single-family housing units.
23. **Developed, Medium Intensity**—Includes areas with a mixture of constructed materials and vegetation. Impervious surfaces account for 50–79 percent of the total cover. These areas most commonly include single-family housing units.
24. **Developed, High Intensity**—Includes highly developed areas where people reside or work in high numbers. Examples include apartment complexes, row houses, and commercial/industrial. Impervious surfaces account for 80 to 100 percent of the total cover.
31. **Barren Land (Rock/Sand/Clay)**—Barren areas of bedrock, desert pavement, scarps, talus, slides, volcanic material, glacial debris, sand dunes, strip mines, gravel pits, and other accumulations of earthen material. Generally, vegetation accounts for less than 15 percent of total cover.
41. **Deciduous Forest**—Areas dominated by trees generally greater than 5 meters tall, and greater than 20 percent of total vegetation cover. More than 75 percent of the tree species shed foliage simultaneously in response to seasonal change.
42. **Evergreen Forest**—Areas dominated by trees generally greater than 5 meters tall, and greater than 20 percent of total vegetation cover. More than 75 percent of the tree species maintain their leaves all year. Canopy is never without green foliage.
43. **Mixed Forest**—Areas dominated by trees generally greater than 5 meters tall, and greater than 20 percent of total vegetation cover. Neither deciduous nor evergreen species are greater than 75 percent of total tree cover.
52. **Shrub/Scrub**—Areas dominated by shrubs; less than 5 meters tall with shrub canopy typically greater than 20 percent of total vegetation. This class includes true shrubs, young trees in an early succession stage, or trees stunted from environmental conditions.
71. **Grassland/Herbaceous**—Areas dominated by graminoid or herbaceous vegetation, generally greater than 80 percent of total vegetation. These areas are not subject to intensive management such as tilling, but can be utilized for grazing.
81. **Pasture/Hay**—Areas of grasses, legumes, or grass-legume mixtures planted for livestock grazing or the production of seed or hay crops, typically on a perennial cycle. Pasture/hay vegetation accounts for greater than 20 percent of total vegetation.
82. **Cultivated Crops**—Areas used for the production of annual crops, such as corn, soybeans, vegetables, tobacco, and cotton, and also perennial woody crops such as orchards and vineyards. Crop vegetation accounts for greater than 20 percent of total vegetation. This class also includes all land being actively tilled.
90. **Woody Wetlands**—Areas where forest or shrubland vegetation accounts for greater than 20 percent of vegetative cover and the soil or substrate is periodically saturated with or covered with water.
95. **Emergent Herbaceous Wetlands**—Areas where perennial herbaceous vegetation accounts for greater than 80 percent of vegetative cover and the soil or substrate is periodically saturated with or covered with water.

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Table 2:

## User's Accuracy

Class	Region 1		Region 2		Region 3		Region 4		Region 5		Region 6		Region 7		Region 8		Region 9		Region 10	
	Center	Mode	Center	Mode	Center	Mode	Center	Mode	Center	Mode	Center	Mode	Center	Mode	Center	Mode	Center	Mode	Center	Mode
11	94.0	92.6	94.7	92.4	97.0	96.9	90.0	91.2	86.0	90.0	98.0	94.9	94.0	95.7	94.0	94.7	94.2	98.6	94.0	93.6
21	40.0	44.3	37.0	39.0	49.0	47.2	25.0	17.4	42.0	43.5	83.0	81.1	55.0	71.8	78.0	84.5	82.0	79.8	74.0	77.5
22	52.0	51.5	21.0	29.6	42.0	34.8	73.0	77.5	60.0	67.0	87.0	78.4	38.0	40.8	88.0	82.6	76.0	77.2	76.0	72.2
23	76.0	79.6	72.0	65.8	76.0	71.7	58.0	58.9	56.0	56.4	88.0	86.4	46.0	43.9	85.4	88.7	67.0	63.3	71.0	73.6
24	97.0	98.2	86.7	90.1	70.7	76.0	58.0	66.2	58.0	55.9	83.0	84.1	61.0	63.0	89.1	81.7	95.0	94.3	86.0	86.7
31	51.0	56.8	91.0	96.1	82.0	71.1	53.0	57.0	65.0	75.6	42.0	53.0	36.0	32.2	35.0	41.5	16.0	17.3	47.0	27.1
41	27.0	28.0	6.0	5.8	60.0	62.2	64.0	66.1	81.0	81.9	83.0	78.7	79.0	79.7	84.0	82.8	67.0	66.6	85.0	82.5
42	90.0	91.7	48.0	50.1	79.0	80.2	76.0	71.8	37.0	43.0	92.0	91.0	71.0	68.7	88.0	89.5	84.0	83.8	90.0	87.6
43	48.0	53.4	2.0	4.1	68.0	73.0	70.0	90.1	56.0	67.5	80.0	75.2	71.0	75.2	80.0	88.0	80.0	84.2	89.0	88.4
52	71.0	71.6	83.0	82.8	92.0	93.6	89.0	87.2	26.0	26.4	67.0	62.8	54.0	53.1	36.0	32.7	58.0	64.0	54.0	56.8
71	82.0	84.9	100.0	99.9	92.0	90.0	83.0	82.0	69.0	70.3	54.0	46.2	61.0	58.5	16.0	15.0	25.0	29.1	33.0	35.7
81	54.0	51.6	51.0	52.8	76.0	77.4	64.0	47.6	84.0	84.5	76.0	76.7	79.0	78.8	82.0	87.5	61.0	58.3	73.0	73.9
82	88.0	87.3	88.0	87.0	65.0	60.0	92.0	91.5	90.0	89.4	89.0	87.2	80.0	79.0	77.0	79.6	80.0	84.5	75.0	72.6
90	18.0	20.1	47.0	47.0	37.0	48.9	48.0	55.2	7.0	7.2	83.0	79.7	14.0	11.8	58.0	53.9	57.0	56.2	37.0	41.9
95	32.0	34.6	91.0	94.4	32.0	37.0	55.0	56.7	57.0	63.8	60.0	62.2	47.0	48.9	46.0	57.7	42.0	52.1	44.0	46.5
Overall	76.0	78.5	78.2	78.8	85.5	86.4	83.3	82.1	80.1	81.8	84.1	81.6	68.0	68.3	80.2	81.4	69.7	70.6	78.2	77.7

## User's Accuracy

Class	Region 1		Region 2		Region 3		Region 4		Region 5		Region 6		Region 7		Region 8		Region 9		Region 10	
	Center	Mode	Center	Mode	Center	Mode	Center	Mode	Center	Mode	Center	Mode	Center	Mode	Center	Mode	Center	Mode	Center	Mode
10	94.0	94.3	94.7	92.8	97.0	78.8	90.0	91.2	86.0	90.0	98.0	95.0	94.0	95.7	94.0	93.7	99.2	98.6	94.0	94.5
20	74.3	82.9	60.4	70.0	69.0	76.8	70.4	57.0	66.6	70.7	91.7	92.9	68.5	81.6	85.5	89.7	93.1	92.9	84.7	87.0
30	51.0	58.1	91.0	96.1	82.0	71.7	53.0	56.3	65.0	76.2	43.3	56.2	36.0	32.4	35.0	43.2	16.0	19.4	47.0	51.4
40	95.7	96.1	46.6	47.5	88.9	90.6	89.7	87.0	88.0	87.9	90.9	89.7	89.4	89.8	91.6	90.4	96.5	96.0	96.5	95.8
50	71.0	72.1	83.0	82.8	92.0	93.7	89.0	87.2	26.0	27.5	67.0	62.6	54.0	52.6	36.0	34.4	58.0	62.4	54.0	57.7
70	82.0	84.9	100.0	99.9	92.0	90.8	83.0	82.0	69.0	70.2	54.0	46.8	61.0	58.0	16.0	15.9	25.0	28.6	33.0	35.4
80	82.5	82.3	83.5	84.6	78.1	77.1	94.5	94.6	97.3	96.7	90.8	89.3	89.9	89.4	84.6	88.7	75.9	77.4	80.4	80.9
90	26.7	30.5	84.8	87.1	44.5	51.9	63.4	67.8	39.2	44.9	84.5	83.4	24.1	25.2	66.0	63.5	57.0	56.5	42.7	48.0
Overall	84.1	86.1	80.0	80.5	89.6	90.6	86.3	85.2	88.0	89.1	89.0	87.6	77.9	78.9	86.0	86.8	79.2	80.7	86.1	87.4
I vs II	8.1	7.6	1.8	1.7	4.1	4.2	3.0	3.1	7.9	7.3	4.9	6.0	9.9	10.6	5.8	5.4	9.5	10.1	7.9	9.7

Table 3

Level II		Producers Accuracy																			
		Region 1		Region 2		Region 3		Region 4		Region 5		Region 6		Region 7		Region 8		Region 9		Region 10	
Class		Center	Mode	Center	Mode	Center	Mode	Center	Mode	Center	Mode	Center	Mode	Center	Mode	Center	Mode	Center	Mode	Center	Mode
11		88.4	87.0	99.5	93.4	86.7	87.5	78.3	76.5	86.3	86.8	95.5	96.6	82.5	80.6	60.1	65.6	70.6	72.5	86.2	86.3
21		34.7	28.8	39.1	28.0	49.1	34.3	83.8	64.0	68.0	57.3	53.8	45.4	40.2	29.4	68.4	67.5	45.2	43.2	45.7	33.9
22		45.5	40.1	51.1	44.7	28.6	26.9	27.7	35.9	59.3	70.8	80.1	71.4	70.1	72.7	69.5	66.1	69.5	69.9	81.4	73.4
23		82.5	81.5	84.6	75.2	45.0	34.4	79.3	75.2	54.2	46.0	90.5	80.6	46.7	49.5	76.6	78.4	73.7	68.9	71.4	69.3
24		53.5	59.2	6.0	6.5	20.0	17.2	79.5	76.6	41.8	36.5	98.5	97.4	73.7	68.2	84.1	74.9	50.0	51.1	58.6	54.4
31		63.3	62.1	99.8	98.7	51.6	47.8	19.7	18.5	18.3	18.8	56.2	58.9	14.3	11.1	51.2	49.5	23.8	23.8	60.2	59.5
41		13.6	9.2	91.8	91.8	70.8	69.8	39.0	31.9	80.4	81.7	85.8	84.3	60.0	60.6	92.2	93.1	75.2	76.9	89.3	90.7
42		84.9	89.4	96.8	98.2	93.4	95.4	93.9	90.8	36.0	40.5	82.5	74.3	84.8	84.4	72.3	77.6	82.4	82.9	71.9	70.3
43		62.4	68.0	2.3	2.3	7.1	4.9	6.5	9.3	10.9	8.5	70.1	57.6	60.1	62.2	60.7	65.1	37.3	38.4	83.7	82.1
52		84.1	86.8	96.6	96.8	89.3	90.2	89.4	87.7	5.3	2.6	38.8	33.3	50.6	50.7	46.5	37.1	26.5	27.6	65.6	70.1
71		75.3	78.6	24.2	24.9	89.3	91.0	94.9	94.0	84.6	85.3	56.3	52.4	38.7	38.4	100.0	100.0	53.9	60.6	35.8	31.0
81		64.2	65.0	82.0	81.3	63.3	64.5	16.8	15.8	65.1	66.3	72.9	71.5	73.4	75.1	67.8	69.5	82.1	84.5	77.8	79.9
82		85.4	87.1	92.4	94.2	92.2	93.6	87.7	86.1	91.6	94.2	95.8	96.7	89.4	92.1	95.1	94.5	86.4	89.4	78.6	80.2
90		52.7	49.0	100.0	100.0	63.9	62.4	49.5	46.7	71.6	68.4	89.8	82.2	92.2	87.8	85.0	84.5	92.5	89.5	83.8	87.0
95		34.5	34.4	83.2	77.0	56.4	55.2	33.2	32.2	76.8	80.2	72.6	65.1	84.2	76.3	17.3	10.2	74.2	79.3	31.0	29.2

		Producers Accuracy																			
		Region 1		Region 2		Region 3		Region 4		Region 5		Region 6		Region 7		Region 8		Region 9		Region 10	
Class		Center	Mode	Center	Mode	Center	Mode	Center	Mode	Center	Mode	Center	Mode	Center	Mode	Center	Mode	Center	Mode	Center	Mode
10		88.4	87.0	99.7	93.4	87.9	85.1	78.7	76.5	87.4	88.3	95.5	96.6	88.8	88.0	60.1	65.4	78.0	74.2	88.6	87.7
20		72.5	70.0	50.3	43.0	56.5	56.3	97.9	87.0	80.6	76.8	73.3	69.7	64.0	61.5	74.3	74.3	66.3	67.6	68.2	62.0
30		65.1	63.9	99.9	98.8	51.6	48.1	22.2	20.7	20.6	20.5	86.8	85.9	15.2	11.4	51.2	47.1	50.0	50.0	65.7	64.8
40		87.8	90.6	99.0	99.6	92.8	94.4	83.3	79.4	82.0	81.9	90.3	88.7	77.1	77.6	93.3	94.2	84.8	85.8	90.4	92.5
50		86.4	89.1	97.2	97.4	92.8	93.7	90.9	89.1	5.4	2.6	39.9	36.5	54.1	57.4	60.6	50.5	31.2	29.8	78.8	83.9
70		76.5	79.3	24.6	25.0	89.8	91.1	95.4	94.3	88.9	89.0	67.7	62.8	42.7	42.0	100.0	100.0	57.4	62.0	35.8	30.2
80		86.0	87.2	96.3	97.1	75.3	76.0	73.6	74.8	91.7	93.5	94.1	94.4	89.7	91.6	73.9	74.9	87.7	90.4	83.7	85.2
90		50.5	46.9	96.3	92.1	71.3	68.9	47.3	45.7	80.3	82.2	94.1	87.4	95.2	90.9	86.7	84.3	94.4	94.3	75.7	77.0

Table 4  
Level II

	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6	Region 7	Region 8	Region 9	Region 10	Regional Average
Agreement def.											
Center	76.0	78.2	85.5	83.3	80.1	84.1	68.0	80.2	69.7	78.2	78.3
Mode	78.5	78.8	86.4	82.1	81.8	81.6	68.3	81.4	70.6	77.7	78.7
Center Pri Only	56.5	18.5	53.4	57.1	63.5	68.5	52.5	63.9	53.9	54.6	54.2
Mode Pri Only	58.3	18.4	54.7	55.9	64.8	66.2	52.3	63.3	53.1	54.7	54.2
High Conf	81.0	80.0	91.0	85.7	87.1	85.1	71.1	85.5	75.2	81.3	82.3
Homogeneous	70.0	82.0	90.7	89.0	88.5	89.3	79.0	94.9	84.2	88.6	85.6

Level I

	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6	Region 7	Region 8	Region 9	Region 10	Regional Average
Agreement def.											
Center	84.1	80.0	89.6	86.3	88.0	89.0	77.9	86.0	79.2	86.1	84.6
Mode	86.1	80.5	90.6	85.2	89.1	87.6	78.9	86.8	80.7	87.4	85.3
Center Pri Only	69.8	21.1	56.9	61.5	79.0	68.5	68.2	79.6	69.5	79.3	65.3
Mode Pri Only	71.0	20.9	58.2	60.5	80.6	78.7	68.3	79.6	80.7	80.6	67.9
High Conf	87.2	81.4	93.2	87.7	92.7	89.2	81.1	89.5	84.1	89.3	87.5
Homogeneous	93.5	80.4	95.0	90.8	95.3	93.8	84.8	96.4	88.9	93.2	91.2

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Figure 1

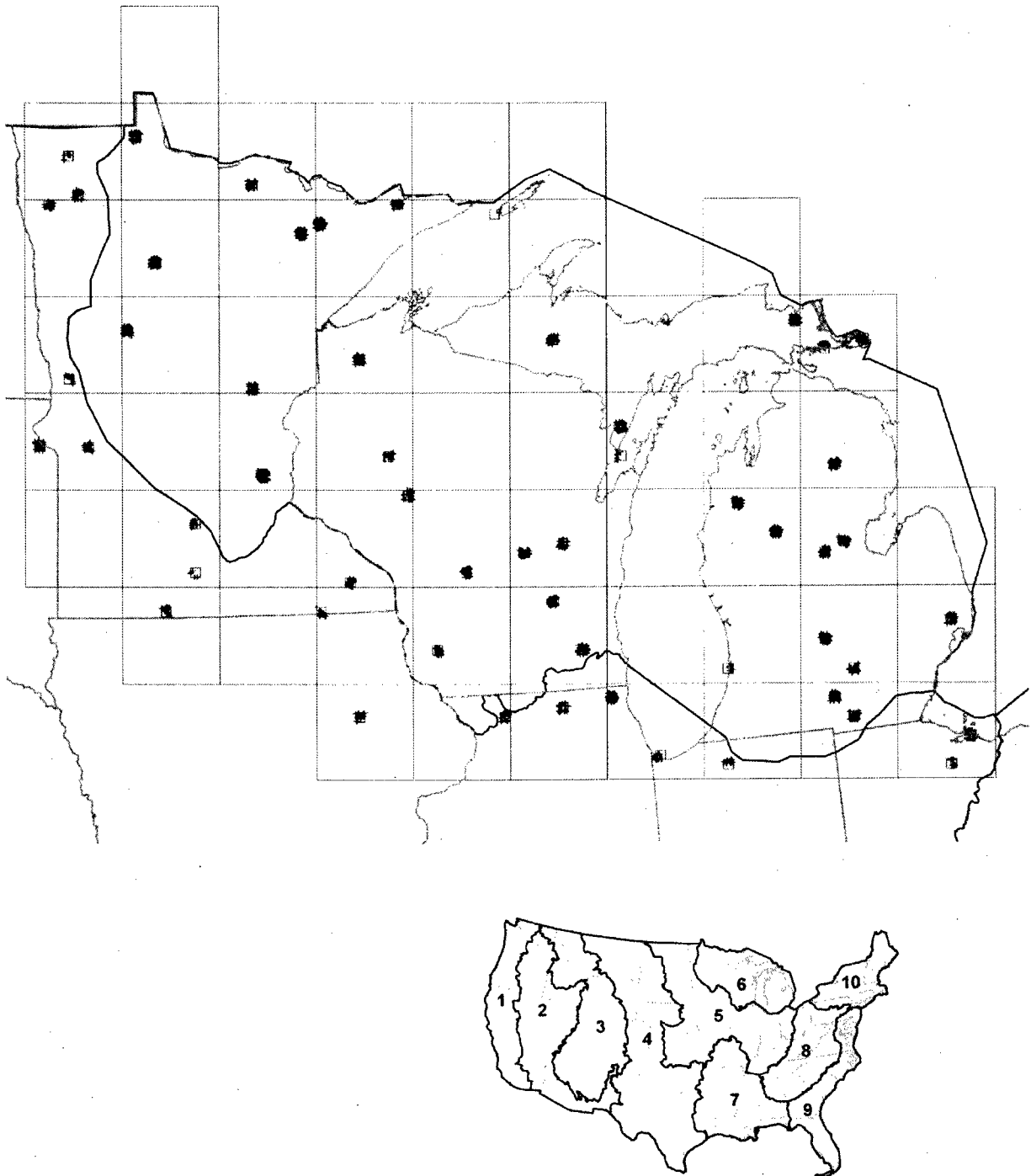
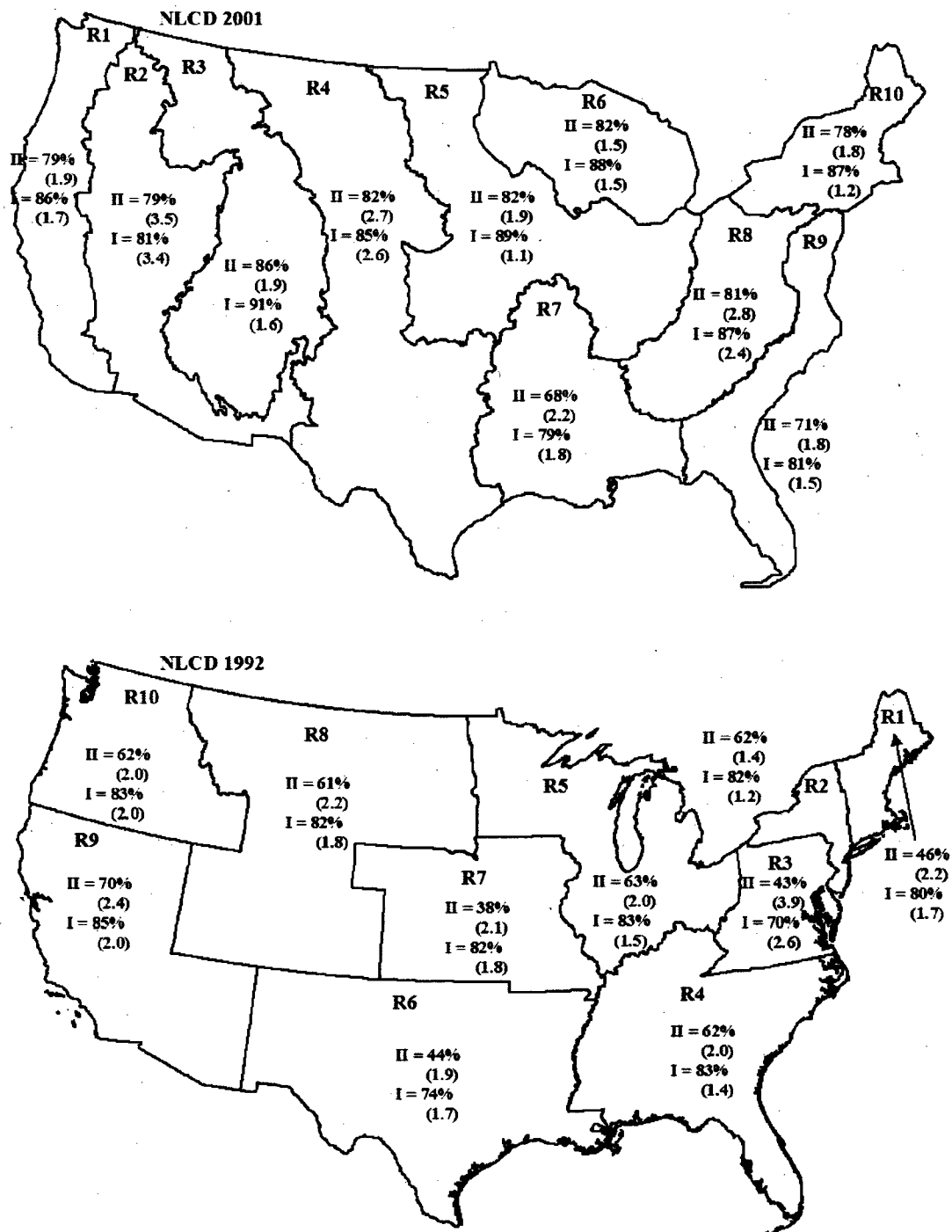


Figure 2



## Supplementary Material

Twelve additional tables are provided as supplementary material. Table S1 reports the Level II land-cover percentages by region. Percentages are reported with 3 decimal places in Table S1 ( $0.001 = 0.001\%$ ). Table S2 reports user's and producer's accuracy by region using a match between the primary reference label only and the modal map class as the definition of agreement. Comparison of results in Table S2 with the the mode accuracy results in Tables 2 and 3 shows the effect of the alternate label on class-specific user's and producer's accuracy. In Table S2, the abbreviations LCC and Prod refer to land-cover class and producer's accuracy, respectively, and User refers to user's accuracy. Overall accuracies are reported in the last row under the column User in Table S2. The regional error matrices are reported in Tables S3 through S12. In Tables S3-S12, the map labels form the rows, and the reference labels form the columns. The modal definition of agreement was used to construct the regional error matrices. For the modal definition, agreement was defined as a match between either primary or alternate reference label and the most common map label in a 3x3 pixel neighborhood surrounding the sample pixel. All map modal labels were considered for determining a match when there were ties in the 3x3 pixel neighborhood surrounding the sample pixel (ie., more than one mode class was present). The cell entries of the error matrices are percentages (i.e.,  $0.653 = 0.653\%$ ). The abbreviations UA, PA, SE, and n refer to user's accuracy, producer's accuracy, standard error, and sample size, respectively. The Greek letter  $\Sigma$  is used to denote row and column sums. Overall accuracy is computed by summing the main diagonal entries ( $P_{ii}$ ), which are printed in bolded blue typeface. The sample sizes for each land cover class (column label n in Tables S3-S12) do not sum to 100 for the modal class definition of agreement because the modal class

of the 3x3 window was not always the map class that determined stratum assignment of the sample pixel. The row and column marginal sums ( $\Sigma$ ) are reported as 100.00 due to rounding error.

Table S1: Land-cover percentages by region

Class	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6	Region 7	Region 8	Region 9	Region 10
11	1.228	0.605	0.690	0.707	1.97	3.649	3.409	1.606	2.429	3.532
12	0.124	0.006	0.088	0.001	0.00	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
21	3.574	0.955	0.690	2.058	4.68	4.447	4.127	6.437	5.672	4.369
22	2.019	0.548	0.338	0.575	1.65	2.496	2.004	2.586	2.895	2.408
23	1.655	0.248	0.093	0.208	0.43	0.883	0.576	0.783	1.184	1.373
24	0.439	0.054	0.011	0.081	0.17	0.359	0.236	0.296	0.465	0.407
31	1.643	4.728	2.257	0.473	0.06	0.178	0.188	0.435	0.559	0.317
41	1.353	0.690	2.793	1.602	12.20	21.884	20.252	49.504	10.332	32.825
42	38.397	10.204	31.863	4.254	0.42	4.704	12.063	8.918	19.666	12.820
43	4.322	0.050	0.367	0.122	0.16	1.946	4.713	3.276	3.412	16.455
52	20.355	69.044	42.732	24.918	0.21	0.969	5.192	1.231	3.272	3.563
71	12.740	5.886	13.263	43.399	13.95	3.325	4.718	3.378	5.670	0.749
81	2.942	1.326	1.783	2.594	13.56	8.262	16.882	16.106	8.901	8.592
82	7.705	5.102	1.977	17.712	48.43	34.616	13.103	4.416	12.852	5.025
90	0.726	0.268	0.630	0.776	1.00	8.670	10.281	1.002	18.008	6.735
95	0.778	0.286	0.425	0.520	1.11	3.612	2.256	0.026	4.683	0.830
	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.00	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000

Table S2: Class-specific user's and producer's accuracy using the primary reference label only and the modal map values as the definition of agreement.

Level II

LCC	Region 1		Region 2		Region 3		Region 4		Region 5		Region 6		Region 7		Region8		Region 9		Region 10	
	User	Prod	User	Prod	User	Prod	User	Prod	User	Prod	User	Prod	User	Prod	User	Prod	User	Prod	User	Prod
11	86.0	80.4	86.7	90.4	92.8	82.4	85.0	75.2	86.8	84.7	92.1	92.2	93.5	76.5	87.3	62.1	94.2	59.8	93.6	83.5
21	37.9	21.0	24.4	8.6	38.0	25.7	14.3	38.4	22.7	23.8	65.5	27.9	45.1	14.5	58.3	45.1	67.3	32.4	48.0	20.9
22	33.6	26.2	13.3	16.9	17.1	13.9	49.9	16.0	26.7	34.8	52.6	48.3	9.8	34.1	44.6	43.4	44.8	46.9	39.4	45.1
23	41.9	57.5	28.1	48.6	34.1	16.5	16.6	34.9	28.7	25.3	61.9	49.6	25.7	31.2	37.8	37.6	34.6	31.5	41.2	36.2
24	93.1	35.6	77.4	5.2	52.0	10.7	8.1	23.6	39.0	24.1	75.6	77.0	46.9	46.2	66.6	45.9	82.8	37.7	77.9	39.4
31	42.0	30.1	91.0	95.8	61.5	36.3	48.8	16.1	68.7	15.2	37.3	50.2	19.1	6.9	29.1	32.0	9.8	14.4	13.3	33.3
41	18.7	4.8	3.8	46.3	27.1	32.9	57.3	27.8	70.4	73.0	64.0	74.4	63.7	49.3	70.5	86.0	51.0	63.3	68.8	78.5
42	76.5	81.4	44.5	97.9	74.7	84.3	65.6	74.9	30.8	23.6	77.1	65.5	49.4	68.8	73.8	65.3	70.9	72.5	75.7	51.4
43	22.1	21.0	0.0	0.0	38.1	2.1	9.0	0.8	39.0	2.8	52.5	20.2	27.9	19.3	32.3	14.2	23.5	9.6	35.0	41.3
52	46.9	60.2	0.2	5.2	42.2	67.7	59.7	46.8	11.3	10.9	45.0	17.4	25.8	24.0	19.9	12.3	43.0	14.5	36.1	42.4
71	57.9	51.0	97.8	6.9	63.0	29.9	47.0	75.0	44.8	66.9	24.2	32.8	27.1	16.3	3.0	43.1	9.2	20.9	11.1	6.1
81	25.6	31.0	9.4	22.5	51.7	43.6	20.2	3.1	49.8	35.1	56.0	39.1	64.3	63.7	64.9	54.4	24.4	56.7	35.4	53.0
82	74.6	77.8	75.4	77.5	38.8	47.4	79.3	82.3	79.8	84.8	71.0	91.6	73.5	83.7	53.2	47.9	75.8	71.5	53.8	40.3
90	15.4	31.9	2.1	26.7	18.4	28.8	32.1	30.7	1.2	26.5	73.1	72.9	3.9	37.9	25.4	46.2	45.1	83.3	23.2	63.7
95	20.3	23.0	27.4	27.1	15.7	29.9	37.2	13.8	40.1	69.3	45.8	45.5	20.3	56.6	26.9	4.0	27.3	60.5	25.7	13.3
	58.3		18.4		54.7		55.9		64.8		66.2		52.3		63.3		53.1		54.7	

Level I

LCC	Region 1		Region 2		Region 3		Region 4		Region 5		Region 6		Region 7		Region8		Region 9		Region 10	
	User	Prod	User	Prod	User	Prod	User	Prod	User	Prod	User	Prod	User	Prod	User	Prod	User	Prod	User	Prod
10	87.5	80.4	87.0	90.4	75.5	78.0	85.0	75.2	86.9	84.7	92.1	92.2	93.5	76.2	87.1	62.3	98.6	74.2	94.5	82.6
20	81.0	56.6	66.7	26.0	69.7	50.9	52.3	64.4	57.2	63.1	88.1	55.8	67.4	42.5	72.1	58.9	92.9	67.6	82.1	46.9
30	43.0	30.1	91.0	95.8	60.5	36.2	48.3	16.1	70.3	15.2	40.0	51.8	19.9	6.9	30.2	31.3	19.4	50.0	25.3	33.3
40	86.0	85.3	39.0	97.7	78.5	82.6	77.1	68.3	79.6	73.1	78.4	79.8	80.7	72.2	86.0	90.5	96.0	85.8	89.7	90.6
50	47.2	59.7	0.2	5.0	42.2	67.7	59.7	46.7	11.8	0.9	46.4	17.4	26.1	24.0	21.2	13.3	62.4	29.8	35.9	40.0
70	57.9	51.0	97.8	6.8	63.6	29.7	47.0	74.9	44.9	66.9	24.9	32.3	26.8	16.3	3.2	42.6	28.6	62.0	11.4	6.1
80	71.1	78.6	74.1	95.1	69.6	65.7	89.5	59.7	92.5	87.4	81.6	92.7	82.9	87.9	79.1	67.5	77.4	90.4	78.2	83.8
90	22.6	34.0	36.1	71.7	30.1	52.0	46.6	24.9	26.2	66.9	75.0	73.4	11.5	76.3	31.4	46.2	56.5	94.3	35.9	63.0
	71.0		20.9		58.2		60.5		80.6		78.7		68.3		79.6		80.7		80.6	

**Table S3: Level II and Level I error matrices for region 1**

**Level II, Overall accuracy (standard error) = 78.5% (1.9%)**

	11	21	22	23	24	31	41	42	43	52	71	81	82	90	95	Σ	UA	SE	n
11	<b>0.653</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.007	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.007	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.014	0.024	0.705	92.6	4.2	99
21	0.000	<b>1.215</b>	0.225	0.058	0.075	0.037	0.105	0.276	0.150	0.133	0.271	0.112	0.078	0.000	0.010	2.745	44.3	6.5	72
22	0.005	0.243	<b>0.902</b>	0.301	0.069	0.021	0.000	0.000	0.021	0.084	0.084	0.021	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.751	51.5	6.1	81
23	0.000	0.048	0.069	<b>1.932</b>	0.347	0.007	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.024	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	2.427	79.6	4.9	110
24	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.007	<b>0.712</b>	0.000	0.000	0.007	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.725	98.2	1.1	95
31	0.011	0.023	0.023	0.000	0.000	<b>0.572</b>	0.000	0.011	0.011	0.103	0.240	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.011	1.006	56.8	11.1	88
41	0.000	0.013	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	<b>0.283</b>	0.351	0.081	0.189	0.081	0.000	0.013	0.000	0.000	1.011	28.0	7.4	75
42	0.000	1.190	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.984	<b>36.308</b>	0.415	0.682	0.011	0.000	0.000	0.010	0.000	39.600	91.7	2.5	149
43	0.000	0.240	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.077	1.698	<b>3.326</b>	0.620	0.270	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	6.230	53.4	5.7	96
52	0.000	0.603	0.461	0.000	0.000	0.242	1.076	1.488	0.728	<b>16.673</b>	1.540	0.230	0.013	0.010	0.235	23.300	71.6	5.4	131
71	0.000	0.279	0.362	0.021	0.000	0.000	0.264	0.130	0.067	0.376	<b>10.641</b>	0.147	0.121	0.121	0.000	12.529	84.9	3.8	120
81	0.000	0.230	0.186	0.046	0.000	0.025	0.076	0.102	0.025	0.076	0.204	<b>1.334</b>	0.281	0.000	0.000	2.586	51.6	4.1	104
82	0.040	0.078	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.080	0.000	0.080	0.085	0.160	<b>3.603</b>	0.000	0.000	4.127	87.3	4.3	106
90	0.012	0.031	0.019	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.181	0.162	0.062	0.100	0.019	0.029	0.010	<b>0.162</b>	0.019	0.805	20.1	4.2	85
95	0.029	0.019	0.005	0.005	0.000	0.010	0.024	0.000	0.005	0.049	0.097	0.019	0.019	0.015	<b>0.157</b>	0.453	34.6	7.5	88
Σ	0.750	4.212	2.252	2.370	1.203	0.921	3.070	40.612	4.892	19.197	13.543	2.053	4.138	0.330	0.457	100.00			
PA	87.0	28.8	40.1	81.5	59.2	62.1	9.2	89.4	68.0	86.9	78.6	65.0	87.1	49.0	34.4				
SE	6.4	7.5	10.6	8.0	11.8	20.6	3.6	1.9	9.4	3.2	5.6	12.1	7.2	20.0	19.2				
n	105	80	68	106	116	59	65	225	81	165	181	72	114	26	36				1499

**Level I, Overall accuracy (standard error) = 86.1% (1.7%)**

	10	20	30	40	50	70	80	90	Sum	UA	SE	n
10	<b>0.653</b>	0.000	0.007	0.000	0.019	0.000	0.000	0.014	0.692	94.3	2.7	100
20	0.005	<b>6.290</b>	0.065	0.507	0.221	0.280	0.211	0.010	7.588	82.9	3.9	357
30	0.011	0.034	<b>0.572</b>	0.023	0.103	0.229	0.000	0.011	0.983	58.1	10.7	86
40	0.000	0.422	0.000	<b>45.494</b>	1.016	0.367	0.013	0.010	47.322	96.1	1.3	332
50	0.000	1.064	0.242	3.061	<b>16.570</b>	1.540	0.244	0.245	22.967	72.1	5.6	126
70	0.000	0.662	0.000	0.462	0.376	<b>10.641</b>	0.267	0.121	12.529	84.9	3.8	120
80	0.040	0.455	0.000	0.284	0.157	0.254	<b>5.539</b>	0.000	6.729	82.3	5.5	212
90	0.041	0.058	0.010	0.396	0.139	0.107	0.077	<b>0.362</b>	1.189	30.5	4.7	166
Σ	0.750	8.986	0.895	50.227	18.600	13.417	6.352	0.773	100.00			
PA	87.0	70.0	63.9	90.6	89.1	79.3	87.2	46.9				
SE	6.4	7.0	21.0	1.9	3.0	5.6	6.0	17.2				
n	105	363	58	395	147	177	191	63				1499

**Table S4: Level II and Level I error matrices for region 2**

**Level II, Overall accuracy (standard error) = 78.8 (3.5)**

	11	21	22	23	24	31	41	42	43	52	71	81	82	90	95	Σ	UA	SE	n
11	<b>1.048</b>	0.016	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.033	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.016	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.020	1.134	92.4	4.0	71
21	0.000	<b>0.226</b>	0.058	0.036	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.048	0.093	0.032	0.087	0.000	0.000	0.580	39.0	5.1	66
22	0.000	0.093	<b>0.064</b>	0.003	0.021	0.000	0.000	0.007	0.000	0.007	0.020	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.215	29.6	5.1	60
23	0.003	0.010	0.004	<b>0.139</b>	0.042	0.007	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.211	65.8	1.5	71
24	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.004	<b>0.052</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.057	90.1	0.0	66
31	0.016	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	<b>2.971</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.100	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	3.091	96.1	2.7	96
41	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	<b>0.099</b>	0.054	0.033	0.774	0.750	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.709	5.8	6.2	115
42	0.000	0.188	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	<b>4.612</b>	0.000	0.992	3.411	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.003	9.206	50.1	9.4	143
43	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.007	<b>0.001</b>	0.001	0.010	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.019	4.1	2.0	49
52	0.051	0.063	0.010	0.003	0.684	0.000	0.003	0.010	0.000	<b>57.101</b>	10.947	0.057	0.019	0.000	0.003	68.950	82.8	4.5	179
71	0.000	0.000	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	<b>5.599</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	5.603	99.9	0.1	93
81	0.000	0.041	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.221	<b>1.625</b>	0.191	0.000	0.000	3.079	52.8	13.2	103
82	0.003	0.170	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.272	0.272	<b>4.904</b>	0.000	0.016	5.638	87.0	5.5	126
90	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.006	0.003	0.000	0.015	0.082	0.012	0.003	<b>0.129</b>	0.023	0.276	47.0	18.7	94
95	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.004	0.000	0.004	0.002	0.002	0.000	0.000	<b>0.220</b>	0.233	94.4	4.5	93
Σ	1.122	0.807	0.143	0.185	0.799	3.011	0.108	4.697	0.034	58.965	22.511	2.000	5.204	0.129	0.286	100.00			
PA	93.4	28.0	44.7	75.2	6.5	98.7	91.8	98.2	2.3	96.8	24.9	81.3	94.2	100.0	77.0				
SE	0.7	7.3	12.0	8.7	5.5	0.7	9.3	1.2	3.2	0.9	5.6	6.8	2.9	0.0	14.5				
n	72	79	30	55	86	94	9	116	4	219	321	71	123	44	102				1425

**Level I, Overall accuracy (standard error) = 80.5 (3.4)**

	10	20	30	40	50	70	80	90	Sum	UA	SE	n
10	<b>1.048</b>	0.016	0.033	0.000	0.016	0.000	0.000	0.016	1.130	92.8	3.7	69
20	0.003	<b>0.762</b>	0.003	0.004	0.062	0.117	0.138	0.000	1.090	70.0	4.3	267
30	0.016	0.000	<b>2.971</b>	0.000	0.003	0.100	0.000	0.000	3.091	96.1	2.7	96
40	0.000	0.188	0.000	<b>5.192</b>	1.409	4.145	0.000	0.003	10.937	47.5	8.3	309
50	0.051	0.756	0.000	0.013	<b>57.153</b>	10.947	0.076	0.003	68.999	82.8	4.5	177
70	0.000	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	<b>5.544</b>	0.000	0.000	5.547	99.9	0.1	92
80	0.003	0.045	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.276	<b>7.354</b>	0.016	8.694	84.6	9.4	226
90	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.003	0.017	0.035	0.008	<b>0.447</b>	0.513	87.1	7.6	189
Sum	1.122	1.774	3.008	5.212	58.660	22.163	7.576	0.486	100.00			
PA	93.4	43.0	98.8	99.6	97.4	25.0	97.1	92.1				
SE	0.7	17.0	0.7	0.2	0.7	5.7	1.1	6.7				
n	72	244	93	170	200	273	202	171				1425

**Table S5: Level II and Level I error matrices for region 3**

**Level II, Overall accuracy (standard error) = 86.4 (1.9)**

	11	21	22	23	24	31	41	42	43	52	71	81	82	90	95	Σ	UA	SE	n
11	0.607	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.006	0.006	0.626	96.9	2.0	98
21	0.009	0.330	0.091	0.059	0.014	0.000	0.000	0.027	0.009	0.009	0.073	0.059	0.018	0.000	0.000	0.700	47.2	5.5	83
22	0.000	0.183	0.170	0.039	0.016	0.004	0.012	0.000	0.000	0.009	0.035	0.009	0.009	0.004	0.000	0.490	34.8	11.3	87
23	0.000	0.012	0.004	0.052	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.073	71.7	6.9	73
24	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.007	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.009	76.0	6.2	55
31	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.496	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.467	0.142	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	2.105	71.1	11.6	92
41	0.041	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.181	0.129	0.047	0.356	0.022	0.062	0.000	0.021	0.041	1.900	62.2	5.6	104
42	0.005	0.295	0.285	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.287	22.473	1.166	3.488	0.007	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	28.007	80.2	4.9	142
43	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.004	0.013	0.087	0.008	0.008	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.119	73.0	5.8	63
52	0.016	0.012	0.002	0.001	0.004	0.965	0.006	0.472	0.464	43.356	0.486	0.508	0.000	0.004	0.000	46.298	93.6	2.4	159
71	0.000	0.014	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.503	0.146	0.431	0.000	0.287	13.721	0.144	0.000	0.005	0.000	15.250	90.0	3.9	120
81	0.000	0.032	0.063	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.316	1.801	0.023	0.069	0.023	2.326	77.4	4.1	113
82	0.000	0.080	0.017	0.000	0.000	0.156	0.012	0.000	0.000	0.025	0.111	0.136	0.804	0.000	0.000	1.342	60.0	9.5	101
90	0.015	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.005	0.031	0.010	0.000	0.043	0.048	0.016	0.005	0.203	0.032	0.414	48.9	7.3	78
95	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.012	0.000	0.000	0.021	0.112	0.058	0.000	0.012	0.126	0.342	37.0	8.7	82
Σ	0.693	0.964	0.633	0.151	0.040	3.132	1.692	23.555	1.773	48.075	15.084	2.792	0.860	0.325	0.229	100.00			
PA	87.5	34.3	26.9	34.4	17.2	47.8	69.8	95.4	4.9	90.2	91.0	64.5	93.6	62.4	55.2				
SE	5.2	12.4	12.9	9.7	6.3	14.2	14.8	2.2	2.1	2.4	3.1	11.7	3.4	10.8	13.3				
n	105	76	70	82	48	91	80	135	61	203	206	131	73	49	40				1500

**Level I, Overall accuracy (standard error) = 90.6 (1.6)**

	10	20	30	40	50	70	80	90	Σ	UA	SE	n
10	0.924	0.000	0.000	0.143	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.013	1.087	78.8	15.6	149
20	0.009	1.024	0.006	0.041	0.027	0.132	0.090	0.004	1.333	76.8	4.2	308
30	0.000	0.000	1.491	0.000	0.466	0.141	0.000	0.000	2.098	71.7	12.0	92
40	0.046	0.578	0.000	27.134	2.016	0.032	0.061	0.084	29.951	90.6	2.7	311
50	0.009	0.015	0.962	0.935	43.199	0.484	0.507	0.004	46.116	93.7	2.2	149
70	0.020	0.013	0.481	0.431	0.286	13.640	0.143	0.005	15.021	90.8	4.2	117
80	0.000	0.182	0.156	0.012	0.025	0.388	2.797	0.069	3.628	77.1	5.1	212
90	0.021	0.005	0.005	0.045	0.059	0.153	0.079	0.397	0.765	51.9	8.2	162
Σ	1.030	1.817	3.102	28.741	46.084	14.971	3.678	0.576	100.00			
PA	85.1	56.3	48.1	94.4	93.7	91.1	76.0	68.9				
SE	7.0	13.4	15.0	2.5	2.0	3.3	10.7	11.7				
n	156	284	89	288	184	199	206	94				1500

**Table S6: Level II and Level I error matrices for region 4**

**Level 2, Overall accuracy (standard error) = 82.1 (2.7)**

	11	21	22	23	24	31	41	42	43	52	71	81	82	90	95	Σ	UA	SE	n
11	1.022	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.008	0.045	0.039	1.121	91.2	6.2	143
21	0.035	0.238	0.322	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.515	0.017	0.000	0.035	0.035	0.035	0.118	0.017	0.000	1.368	17.4	7.6	66
22	0.000	0.039	0.246	0.014	0.000	0.003	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.006	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.318	77.5	6.1	108
23	0.000	0.024	0.005	0.047	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.081	58.9	9.2	92
24	0.000	0.001	0.003	0.001	0.010	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.016	66.2	6.7	74
31	0.024	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.298	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.049	0.079	0.000	0.018	0.018	0.030	0.523	57.0	17.4	87
41	0.008	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.712	0.000	0.043	0.257	0.015	0.000	0.014	0.014	0.014	1.077	66.1	9.1	82
42	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.370	4.298	0.415	0.549	0.333	0.014	0.000	0.008	0.000	5.988	71.8	11.2	123
43	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.004	0.000	0.049	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.054	90.1	7.5	55
52	0.227	0.006	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.009	0.002	0.393	0.000	17.942	1.341	0.430	0.215	0.014	0.000	20.581	87.2	4.3	122
71	0.016	0.038	0.035	0.000	0.003	0.950	0.574	0.000	0.014	1.299	39.754	3.562	1.712	0.025	0.481	48.463	82.0	4.6	195
81	0.000	0.000	0.015	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.074	0.280	0.870	0.475	0.109	0.005	1.829	47.6	13.6	94
82	0.000	0.020	0.054	0.000	0.000	0.342	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.171	0.356	0.530	16.111	0.000	0.008	17.599	91.5	2.2	136
90	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.040	0.022	0.006	0.034	0.043	0.011	0.023	0.263	0.028	0.476	55.2	7.9	81
95	0.000	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.039	0.061	0.044	0.016	0.049	0.288	0.508	56.7	15.9	92
Σ	1.337	0.372	0.687	0.063	0.014	1.614	2.232	4.731	0.527	20.449	42.300	5.503	18.714	0.563	0.894	100.00			
PA	76.5	64.0	35.9	75.2	76.6	18.5	31.9	90.8	9.3	87.7	94.0	15.8	86.1	46.7	32.2				
SE	17.6	8.5	8.8	12.2	20.2	14.4	11.1	6.7	8.4	4.0	1.8	5.7	4.8	12.3	21.9				
n	144	63	137	74	50	68	105	100	59	163	200	90	148	77	72				1550

**Level I, Overall accuracy (standard error) = 85.2 (2.6)**

	10	20	30	40	50	70	80	90	Sum	UA	SE	n
10	1.022	0.000	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.008	0.085	1.121	91.2	6.2	143
20	0.035	1.085	0.002	0.544	0.052	0.055	0.113	0.017	1.902	57.0	14.8	350
30	0.024	0.006	0.298	0.000	0.049	0.085	0.018	0.049	0.529	56.3	17.6	88
40	0.008	0.000	0.000	6.205	0.527	0.348	0.014	0.029	7.131	87.0	4.4	261
50	0.227	0.007	0.009	0.395	17.928	1.341	0.645	0.014	20.566	87.2	4.3	120
70	0.016	0.076	0.950	0.589	1.284	39.684	5.274	0.506	48.379	82.0	4.6	187
80	0.000	0.067	0.171	0.006	0.245	0.451	18.324	0.107	19.371	94.6	1.9	225
90	0.006	0.005	0.005	0.073	0.040	0.098	0.094	0.678	1.001	67.8	7.3	176
Sum	1.337	1.247	1.441	7.812	20.124	42.063	24.491	1.485	100.00			
PA	76.5	87.0	20.7	79.4	89.1	94.3	74.8	45.7	85.2			
SE	17.6	3.4	17.0	8.9	3.9	1.7	7.2	16.7	2.6			
n	144	338	61	276	146	192	237	156				1550

**Table S7: Level II and Level I error matrices for region 5**

**Level II, Overall accuracy (standard error) = 81.8 (1.9)**

	11	21	22	23	24	31	41	42	43	52	71	81	82	90	95	Σ	UA	SE	n
11	<b>2.521</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.058	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.029	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.194	2.802	90.0	4.3	99
21	0.015	<b>1.181</b>	0.000	0.094	0.005	0.000	0.355	0.046	0.046	0.185	0.093	0.417	0.278	0.000	0.000	2.717	43.5	7.2	66
22	0.020	0.169	<b>1.365</b>	0.116	0.019	0.020	0.041	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.041	0.162	0.081	0.000	0.000	2.038	67.0	6.1	116
23	0.000	0.107	0.035	<b>0.223</b>	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.025	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.395	56.4	8.2	76
24	0.000	0.019	0.025	0.014	<b>0.091</b>	0.010	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.163	55.9	4.5	93
31	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	<b>0.044</b>	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.001	0.003	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.058	75.6	11.2	80
41	0.126	0.124	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	<b>10.021</b>	0.155	0.380	0.498	0.381	0.380	0.172	0.000	0.001	12.237	81.9	4.7	167
42	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.033	<b>0.155</b>	0.104	0.015	0.034	0.019	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.360	43.0	9.4	77
43	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.019	0.002	<b>0.079</b>	0.002	0.004	0.011	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.117	67.5	5.0	60
52	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.021	0.002	0.007	<b>0.032</b>	0.014	0.034	0.007	0.000	0.000	0.121	26.4	9.1	53
71	0.134	0.000	0.454	0.000	0.134	0.001	0.318	0.000	0.155	0.136	<b>9.635</b>	1.666	1.069	0.000	0.000	13.701	70.3	6.5	113
81	0.000	0.346	0.000	0.020	0.000	0.150	0.514	0.000	0.002	0.161	0.397	<b>13.134</b>	0.796	0.000	0.015	15.537	84.5	3.1	154
82	0.000	0.114	0.046	0.001	0.000	0.002	0.302	0.000	0.046	0.124	0.512	3.847	<b>42.314</b>	0.000	0.015	47.322	89.4	3.0	167
90	0.023	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.537	0.022	0.112	0.022	0.034	0.045	0.056	<b>0.067</b>	0.011	0.928	7.2	2.5	84
95	0.062	0.000	0.000	0.015	0.000	0.000	0.046	0.000	0.000	0.053	0.124	0.062	0.150	0.031	<b>0.959</b>	1.504	63.8	9.0	95
Σ	2.906	2.061	1.927	0.485	0.250	0.233	12.267	0.382	0.931	1.234	11.300	19.806	44.925	0.098	1.197	100.00			
PA	86.8	57.3	70.8	46.0	36.5	18.8	81.7	40.5	8.5	2.6	85.3	66.3	94.2	68.4	80.2				
SE	6.3	11.7	18.2	11.3	22.7	13.7	4.1	16.5	6.0	1.2	5.2	5.7	1.2	17.6	6.9				
n	103	80	95	75	60	73	236	46	87	49	129	209	177	8	73				1500

**Level I, Overall accuracy (standard error) = 89.1 (1.1)**

	10	20	30	40	50	70	80	90	Σ	UA	SE	n
10	<b>2.519</b>	0.000	0.000	0.058	0.000	0.029	0.000	0.194	2.800	90.0	4.3	98
20	0.000	<b>3.802</b>	0.013	0.543	0.141	0.068	0.812	0.000	5.379	70.7	5.1	352
30	0.000	0.003	<b>0.043</b>	0.001	0.003	0.001	0.003	0.001	0.057	76.2	11.1	78
40	0.126	0.124	0.000	<b>11.205</b>	0.556	0.412	0.320	0.001	12.743	87.9	3.2	311
50	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.027	<b>0.032</b>	0.014	0.039	0.000	0.116	27.5	9.1	51
70	0.134	0.588	0.001	0.473	0.136	<b>9.589</b>	2.734	0.000	13.655	70.2	6.6	112
80	0.000	0.434	0.152	0.703	0.285	0.501	<b>60.816</b>	0.031	62.922	96.7	0.8	322
90	0.069	0.000	0.000	0.679	0.065	0.157	0.313	<b>1.044</b>	2.328	44.9	6.7	176
Σ	2.853	4.951	0.210	13.689	1.218	10.772	65.037	1.271	100.00			
PA	88.3	76.8	20.5	81.9	2.6	89.0	93.5	82.2				
SE	6.3	9.4	16.1	3.7	12.5	3.6	1.1	6.4				
n	99	321	70	379	47	124	376	84				1500

**Table S8: Level II and Level I error matrices for region 6**

**Level 2, Overall accuracy (standard error) = 81.6 (1.5)**

	11	21	22	23	24	31	41	42	43	52	71	81	82	90	95	Σ	UA	SE	n
11	<b>3.475</b>	0.031	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.117	0.035	3.660	94.9	2.9	105
21	0.000	<b>2.659</b>	0.148	0.024	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.063	0.000	0.043	0.128	0.000	0.213	0.000	0.000	3.279	81.1	4.3	82
22	0.031	0.390	<b>2.457</b>	0.136	0.008	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.031	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.082	3.135	78.4	4.7	105
23	0.000	0.042	0.075	<b>0.975</b>	0.000	0.024	0.012	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.129	86.4	3.6	87
24	0.008	0.038	0.020	0.027	<b>0.651</b>	0.030	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.774	84.1	4.6	98
31	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.004	0.004	<b>0.084</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.004	0.000	0.006	0.027	0.006	0.019	0.159	53.0	8.4	80
41	0.000	0.503	0.027	0.000	0.000	0.000	<b>16.988</b>	1.321	0.303	0.512	0.279	0.975	0.203	0.437	0.027	21.576	78.7	3.9	150
42	0.000	0.000	0.031	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.012	<b>5.272</b>	0.088	0.063	0.074	0.189	0.063	0.000	0.000	5.791	91.0	3.0	106
43	0.000	0.062	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.012	0.012	<b>0.740</b>	0.025	0.000	0.012	0.012	0.094	0.012	0.984	75.2	7.6	71
52	0.000	0.055	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.122	0.044	0.033	<b>0.656</b>	0.000	0.022	0.011	0.093	0.011	1.045	62.8	6.7	89
71	0.000	0.294	0.000	0.031	0.000	0.000	0.658	0.159	0.000	0.157	<b>1.585</b>	0.231	0.283	0.031	0.000	3.430	46.2	6.4	100
81	0.000	0.925	0.149	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.474	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.063	<b>5.650</b>	0.075	0.000	0.027	7.363	76.7	4.2	102
82	0.000	0.493	0.501	0.012	0.002	0.002	1.373	0.000	0.000	0.431	0.730	0.762	<b>33.042</b>	0.109	0.419	37.876	87.2	2.9	143
90	0.082	0.288	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.409	0.227	0.094	0.000	0.082	0.000	0.203	<b>5.976</b>	0.136	7.496	79.7	4.6	97
95	0.000	0.083	0.031	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.081	0.000	0.027	0.081	0.054	0.054	0.054	0.406	<b>1.433</b>	2.303	62.2	6.1	85
Σ	3.598	5.863	3.443	1.210	0.668	0.143	20.143	7.097	1.284	1.971	3.026	7.901	34.185	7.268	2.201	100.00			
PA	96.6	45.4	71.4	80.6	97.4	58.9	84.3	74.3	57.6	33.3	52.4	71.5	96.7	82.2	65.1				
SE	2.5	5.2	8.6	5.0	1.4	12.4	3.5	6.0	11.3	8.5	10.5	6.7	1.0	4.4	12.0				
n	104	136	108	89	89	49	149	123	70	83	68	102	147	107	76				1500

**Level 1, Overall accuracy (standard error) = 87.6 (1.5)**

	10	20	30	40	50	70	80	90	Σ	UA	SE	n
10	<b>3.475</b>	0.031	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.152	3.658	95.0	2.7	104
20	0.039	<b>7.830</b>	0.012	0.118	0.043	0.128	0.255	0.000	8.424	92.9	2.1	376
30	0.002	0.010	<b>0.086</b>	0.000	0.004	0.000	0.031	0.021	0.153	56.2	10.8	77
40	0.000	0.557	0.000	<b>25.496</b>	0.526	0.303	1.252	0.299	28.432	89.7	2.4	333
50	0.000	0.055	0.000	0.187	<b>0.634</b>	0.000	0.033	0.104	1.013	62.6	7.6	86
70	0.000	0.294	0.000	0.786	0.126	<b>1.542</b>	0.514	0.031	3.292	46.8	8.0	95
80	0.000	2.164	0.002	1.333	0.377	0.428	<b>40.536</b>	0.555	45.396	89.3	2.6	249
90	0.082	0.289	0.000	0.834	0.027	0.054	0.311	<b>8.035</b>	9.632	83.4	3.5	180
Σ	3.598	11.230	0.100	28.754	1.736	2.454	42.932	9.197	100.00			
PA	96.6	69.7	85.9	88.7	36.5	62.8	94.4	87.4				
SE	2.5	5.4	11.6	2.3	11.9	12.8	1.6	4.2				
n	104	425	44	350	74	63	257	183				1500

**Table S9: Level II and Level I error matrices for region 7**

**Level 2, Overall accuracy (standard error) = 68.3 (2.2)**

	11	21	22	23	24	31	41	42	43	52	71	81	82	90	95	Σ	UA	SE	n
11	<b>4.303</b>	0.050	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.043	0.000	0.094	0.000	0.002	4.496	95.7	2.2	110
21	0.000	<b>1.455</b>	0.038	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.191	0.000	0.038	0.038	0.000	0.229	0.038	0.000	0.000	2.027	71.8	6.0	53
22	0.047	0.597	<b>0.731</b>	0.029	0.019	0.018	0.053	0.000	0.000	0.036	0.053	0.101	0.107	0.000	0.000	1.791	40.8	9.0	97
23	0.000	0.224	0.015	<b>0.224</b>	0.005	0.010	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.005	0.010	0.018	0.000	0.000	0.510	43.9	7.1	97
24	0.000	0.007	0.015	0.013	<b>0.072</b>	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.114	63.0	4.9	81
31	0.018	0.016	0.002	0.006	0.006	<b>0.053</b>	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.006	0.002	0.006	0.006	0.000	0.042	0.164	32.2	9.1	75
41	0.000	0.429	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	<b>15.434</b>	0.623	0.620	1.003	0.621	0.240	0.386	0.000	0.000	19.354	79.7	4.6	127
42	0.113	0.354	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.113	2.031	<b>7.951</b>	0.225	0.503	0.278	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	11.569	68.7	5.7	114
43	0.047	0.041	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.627	0.083	<b>2.923</b>	0.083	0.083	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	3.887	75.2	5.9	84
52	0.106	0.230	0.021	0.000	0.000	0.166	0.465	0.166	0.212	<b>2.799</b>	0.476	0.529	0.053	0.000	0.053	5.274	53.1	6.6	95
71	0.000	0.236	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.487	0.043	0.043	0.043	<b>2.577</b>	0.763	0.213	0.000	0.000	4.406	58.5	6.6	101
81	0.000	0.805	0.000	0.159	0.000	0.018	0.708	0.000	0.000	0.212	1.313	<b>13.121</b>	0.318	0.000	0.000	16.654	78.8	4.6	131
82	0.193	0.215	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.305	0.000	0.000	0.106	0.525	2.352	<b>14.588</b>	0.092	0.092	18.467	79.0	4.8	128
90	0.139	0.275	0.183	0.000	0.000	0.092	5.134	0.550	0.642	0.696	0.275	0.092	0.000	<b>1.101</b>	0.114	9.294	11.8	3.4	102
95	0.377	0.021	0.000	0.021	0.000	0.000	0.041	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.453	0.021	0.021	0.062	<b>0.975</b>	1.992	48.9	9.0	105
Σ	5.342	4.956	1.005	0.452	0.105	0.474	25.478	9.417	4.703	5.525	6.706	17.465	15.841	1.254	1.278	100.00			
PA	80.6	29.4	72.7	49.5	68.2	11.1	60.6	84.4	62.2	50.7	38.4	75.1	92.1	87.8	76.3				
SE	5.9	5.1	12.1	22.0	15.9	4.9	4.8	4.1	7.8	7.9	7.8	4.0	3.0	8.7	10.4				
n	136	154	65	71	59	39	224	93	81	82	119	165	122	16	74				1500

**Level 1, Overall accuracy (standard error) = 78.9 (1.8)**

	10	20	30	40	50	70	80	90	Σ	UA	SE	n
10	<b>4.287</b>	0.052	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.043	0.094	0.002	4.480	95.7	2.2	110
20	0.065	<b>3.793</b>	0.006	0.208	0.074	0.036	0.464	0.000	4.646	81.6	3.8	335
30	0.018	0.027	<b>0.051</b>	0.002	0.006	0.002	0.010	0.042	0.157	32.4	9.5	71
40	0.047	0.423	0.113	<b>31.273</b>	1.313	1.035	0.625	0.000	34.829	89.8	2.2	325
50	0.106	0.250	0.166	0.842	<b>2.746</b>	0.476	0.582	0.053	5.221	52.6	6.5	94
70	0.000	0.278	0.000	0.572	0.043	<b>2.577</b>	0.976	0.000	4.446	58.0	6.6	100
80	0.018	0.845	0.018	1.054	0.265	1.325	<b>31.316</b>	0.183	35.025	89.4	2.4	259
90	0.330	0.500	0.092	6.347	0.340	0.637	0.133	<b>2.817</b>	11.195	25.2	4.4	206
Σ	4.870	6.169	0.445	40.301	4.785	6.131	34.201	3.097	100.00			
PA	88.0	61.5	11.4	77.6	57.4	42.0	91.6	90.9				
SE	4.1	7.0	5.3	2.9	8.2	8.3	1.7	4.3				
n	132	360	33	403	74	114	287	97				1500

**Table S10: Level II and Level I error matrices for region 8**

**Level 2, Overall accuracy (standard error) = 81.4 (2.8)**

	11	21	22	23	24	31	41	42	43	52	71	81	82	90	95	Σ	UA	SE	n
11	1.017	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.026	0.000	0.010	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.020	0.000	1.074	94.7	2.0	105
21	0.000	4.747	0.021	0.117	0.000	0.000	0.328	0.058	0.058	0.000	0.000	0.233	0.041	0.000	0.015	5.620	84.5	4.0	102
22	0.000	0.174	1.647	0.005	0.012	0.000	0.075	0.021	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.043	0.000	0.015	0.000	1.993	82.6	4.8	97
23	0.000	0.021	0.011	0.476	0.000	0.007	0.011	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.536	88.7	2.4	91
24	0.000	0.021	0.002	0.004	0.135	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.166	81.7	12.3	78
31	0.000	0.028	0.014	0.000	0.028	0.153	0.032	0.060	0.009	0.005	0.000	0.032	0.005	0.000	0.005	0.369	41.5	11.4	81
41	0.503	0.193	0.354	0.000	0.000	0.045	42.017	2.064	0.782	0.059	0.000	4.650	0.041	0.001	0.018	50.729	82.8	5.3	214
42	0.000	0.030	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.559	9.929	0.243	0.224	0.000	0.105	0.000	0.000	0.000	11.091	89.5	2.8	117
43	0.000	0.064	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.096	3.293	0.032	0.000	0.223	0.032	0.000	0.000	3.740	88.0	5.3	65
52	0.000	0.054	0.027	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.378	0.054	0.108	0.355	0.000	0.070	0.041	0.000	0.000	1.086	32.7	7.4	65
71	0.030	0.434	0.030	0.000	0.000	0.090	0.834	0.259	0.333	0.268	0.451	0.180	0.030	0.060	0.000	2.999	15.0	6.1	85
81	0.000	0.869	0.343	0.005	0.005	0.014	0.317	0.163	0.158	0.014	0.000	13.218	0.000	0.000	0.000	15.106	87.5	4.5	134
82	0.000	0.343	0.041	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.122	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.244	3.237	0.041	0.041	4.067	79.6	3.8	101
90	0.000	0.058	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.416	0.078	0.062	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.756	0.031	1.401	53.9	6.5	94
95	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.012	0.022	57.7	7.1	52
Σ	1.551	7.038	2.490	0.607	0.181	0.309	45.119	12.791	5.056	0.956	0.451	19.009	3.426	0.894	0.122	100.00			
PA	65.6	67.5	66.1	78.4	74.9	49.5	93.1	77.6	65.1	37.1	100.0	69.5	94.5	84.5	10.2				
SE	22.6	5.8	11.4	11.2	11.4	11.8	1.8	6.2	7.6	11.0	0.0	10.5	3.0	7.0	5.3				
n	100	143	101	86	82	42	243	159	97	47	15	169	88	66	43				1481

**Level 1, Overall accuracy (standard error) = 86.8 (2.4)**

	10	20	30	40	50	70	80	90	Σ	UA	SE	n
10	1.029	0.000	0.000	0.047	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.022	1.098	93.7	2.1	105
20	0.000	7.390	0.017	0.436	0.000	0.000	0.383	0.015	8.243	89.7	2.9	371
30	0.000	0.053	0.148	0.098	0.004	0.000	0.036	0.004	0.344	43.2	12.2	78
40	0.514	0.610	0.075	59.510	0.091	0.000	5.003	0.019	65.822	90.4	3.5	409
50	0.000	0.059	0.000	0.558	0.385	0.000	0.116	0.000	1.118	34.4	7.7	62
70	0.030	0.399	0.059	1.351	0.266	0.443	0.177	0.059	2.784	15.9	6.3	79
80	0.000	1.381	0.015	0.720	0.015	0.000	17.068	0.041	19.240	88.7	3.5	235
90	0.000	0.059	0.000	0.430	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.858	1.352	63.5	6.5	142
Σ	1.573	9.952	0.315	63.150	0.762	0.443	22.786	1.019	100.00			
PA	65.4	74.3	47.1	94.2	50.5	100.0	79.9	84.3				
SE	22.4	5.7	11.3	1.3	10.2	0.0	9.3	6.5				
n	99	409	43	496	43	15	259	117				1481

Table S11: Level II and Level I error matrices for region 9

Level 2, Overall accuracy (standard error) = 70.6 (1.8)

	11	21	22	23	24	31	41	42	43	52	71	81	82	90	95	Σ	UA	SE	n
11	2.379	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.033	2.412	96.8	0.9	124
21	0.014	5.336	0.594	0.000	0.045	0.000	0.000	0.069	0.000	0.218	0.069	0.203	0.137	0.000	0.000	6.685	79.8	4.6	101
22	0.045	0.242	3.447	0.268	0.195	0.134	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.045	0.090	0.000	0.000	4.466	77.2	4.9	106
23	0.000	0.188	0.104	1.040	0.221	0.054	0.000	0.000	0.018	0.018	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.642	63.3	6.3	92
24	0.000	0.000	0.018	0.011	0.559	0.000	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.593	94.3	3.3	92
31	0.024	0.061	0.015	0.015	0.005	0.078	0.019	0.029	0.000	0.010	0.005	0.082	0.102	0.005	0.000	0.447	17.3	6.0	84
41	0.019	0.815	0.000	0.112	0.000	0.000	7.765	1.377	0.864	0.362	0.112	0.000	0.000	0.224	0.000	11.651	66.6	5.4	117
42	0.000	0.587	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.740	18.246	1.292	0.688	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.210	0.000	21.764	83.8	3.2	131
43	0.000	0.093	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.062	2.562	0.114	0.031	0.000	0.031	0.148	0.000	3.043	84.2	6.2	83
52	0.014	0.078	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.190	0.244	0.130	1.488	0.026	0.078	0.052	0.026	0.000	2.327	64.0	6.6	80
71	0.000	0.942	0.119	0.060	0.000	0.060	0.418	0.179	0.327	0.921	1.627	0.298	0.496	0.086	0.060	5.592	29.1	4.4	93
81	0.326	2.678	0.342	0.005	0.069	0.000	0.000	0.060	0.000	0.123	0.195	5.804	0.195	0.060	0.097	9.954	58.3	6.4	112
82	0.000	0.752	0.279	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.386	0.000	0.000	0.137	0.274	0.137	11.457	0.137	0.000	13.559	84.5	4.7	110
90	0.310	0.514	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.583	1.637	1.482	1.155	0.246	0.193	0.222	8.127	0.000	14.469	56.2	5.7	112
95	0.152	0.055	0.014	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.087	0.000	0.152	0.097	0.028	0.028	0.055	0.729	1.398	52.1	11.4	83
Σ	3.283	12.342	4.931	1.511	1.094	0.325	10.101	21.996	6.675	5.386	2.682	6.868	12.809	9.078	0.919	100.00			
PA	72.5	43.2	69.9	68.9	51.1	23.8	76.9	82.9	38.4	27.6	60.6	84.5	89.4	89.5	79.3				
SE	10.4	5.4	6.6	9.6	10.4	12.4	5.3	3.0	6.6	6.0	9.3	4.3	2.3	3.5	11.5				
n	147	183	108	75	114	23	105	157	109	107	38	95	135	78	46				1520

Level 1, Overall accuracy (standard error) = 80.7 (1.5)

	10	20	30	40	50	70	80	90	Σ	UA	SE	n
10	2.356	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.033	2.389	98.6	0.1	123
20	0.014	12.792	0.018	0.093	0.235	0.069	0.542	0.000	13.763	92.9	2.1	401
30	0.019	0.075	0.078	0.048	0.010	0.005	0.160	0.005	0.399	19.4	6.7	76
40	0.000	0.781	0.000	35.759	0.485	0.210	0.000	0.026	37.261	96.0	1.2	343
50	0.014	0.052	0.000	0.507	1.253	0.026	0.130	0.026	2.008	62.4	6.9	74
70	0.000	1.002	0.060	0.924	0.801	1.446	0.675	0.145	5.053	28.6	4.5	85
80	0.326	3.666	0.000	0.594	0.123	0.332	18.301	0.294	23.636	77.4	3.9	225
90	0.449	0.556	0.000	3.758	1.293	0.246	0.440	8.751	15.492	56.5	5.4	193
Σ	3.176	18.924	0.155	41.682	4.202	2.333	20.247	9.280	100.00			
PA	74.2	67.6	50.0	85.8	29.8	62.0	90.4	94.3				
SE	10.4	4.3	21.5	1.9	7.0	11.2	2.1	2.2				
n	142	471	18	404	93	34	236	122				1520

**Table S12: Level II and Level I error matrices for region 10**

**Level 2, Overall accuracy (standard error) = 77.7 (1.8)**

	11	21	22	23	24	31	41	42	43	52	71	81	82	90	95	Σ	UA	SE	n
11	<b>2.482</b>	0.027	0.027	0.000	0.027	0.027	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.063	0.000	2.652	93.6	2.4	102
21	0.039	<b>2.034</b>	0.058	0.058	0.000	0.000	0.078	0.078	0.039	0.000	0.000	0.078	0.155	0.000	0.010	2.627	77.5	5.5	73
22	0.019	0.258	<b>1.465</b>	0.026	0.021	0.019	0.019	0.019	0.000	0.058	0.000	0.058	0.047	0.000	0.019	2.029	77.2	5.1	108
23	0.000	0.035	0.075	<b>0.476</b>	0.034	0.014	0.000	0.000	0.007	0.007	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.647	73.6	5.2	95
24	0.000	0.008	0.004	0.012	<b>0.155</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.179	86.7	4.7	88
31	0.012	0.081	0.012	0.006	0.000	<b>0.190</b>	0.008	0.008	0.328	0.030	0.020	0.004	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.704	27.1	13.9	92
41	0.000	0.566	0.097	0.000	0.000	0.004	<b>28.466</b>	2.836	1.038	0.000	0.047	0.694	0.083	0.000	0.665	34.495	82.5	3.5	145
42	0.000	0.058	0.058	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.418	<b>12.781</b>	0.616	0.430	0.143	0.078	0.000	0.000	0.000	14.582	87.6	3.6	117
43	0.000	0.398	0.000	0.007	0.000	0.000	0.158	0.460	<b>13.635</b>	0.363	0.158	0.078	0.000	0.000	0.158	15.416	88.4	3.2	102
52	0.000	0.330	0.004	0.047	0.000	0.000	0.727	0.280	0.233	<b>2.621</b>	0.047	0.233	0.093	0.000	0.000	4.615	56.8	8.0	99
71	0.000	0.149	0.026	0.009	0.000	0.000	0.053	0.009	0.018	0.026	<b>0.254</b>	0.105	0.053	0.000	0.009	0.710	35.7	10.4	82
81	0.000	1.160	0.122	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.083	0.000	0.083	0.083	0.083	<b>6.096</b>	0.455	0.083	0.000	8.249	73.9	5.0	106
82	0.047	0.434	0.047	0.047	0.049	0.047	0.281	0.000	0.047	0.000	0.047	0.187	<b>3.641</b>	0.140	0.000	5.014	72.6	5.0	108
90	0.155	0.430	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.087	1.696	0.543	0.088	0.000	0.000	0.000	<b>3.005</b>	0.165	7.169	41.9	6.1	97
95	0.122	0.041	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.019	0.020	0.020	0.020	0.031	0.020	0.020	0.010	0.163	<b>0.423</b>	0.911	46.5	8.0	86
Σ	2.877	6.008	1.995	0.688	0.286	0.320	31.398	18.186	16.607	3.738	0.819	7.631	4.542	3.455	1.451	100.00			
PA	86.3	33.9	73.4	69.3	54.4	59.5	90.7	70.3	82.1	70.1	31.0	79.9	80.2	87.0	29.2				
SE	4.4	5.1	6.1	9.1	13.3	12.8	1.9	5.4	4.4	8.3	12.5	5.9	7.6	4.4	10.8				
n	115	170	111	86	88	54	161	147	119	82	43	111	100	65	48				1500

**Level 1, Overall accuracy (standard error) = 87.4 (1.2)**

	10	20	30	40	50	70	80	90	Σ	UA	SE	n
10	<b>2.456</b>	0.080	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.063	2.599	94.5	2.2	100
20	0.058	<b>5.036</b>	0.007	0.240	0.039	0.000	0.377	0.029	5.786	87.0	2.5	373
30	0.012	0.093	<b>0.190</b>	0.016	0.030	0.020	0.008	0.000	0.370	51.4	10.5	89
40	0.000	0.385	0.031	<b>62.717</b>	0.199	0.348	0.932	0.823	65.436	95.8	1.1	377
50	0.000	0.335	0.000	1.147	<b>2.528</b>	0.047	0.326	0.000	4.382	57.7	8.2	94
70	0.000	0.176	0.000	0.079	0.026	<b>0.245</b>	0.158	0.009	0.693	35.4	10.6	80
80	0.000	1.596	0.047	0.467	0.083	0.130	<b>10.565</b>	0.177	13.064	80.9	2.9	210
90	0.273	0.422	0.019	3.113	0.108	0.020	0.031	<b>3.683</b>	7.670	48.0	5.8	177
Σ	2.800	8.122	0.294	67.779	3.014	0.811	12.397	4.785	100.00			
PA	87.7	62.0	64.8	92.5	83.9	30.2	85.2	77.0				
SE	4.3	4.0	13.7	1.1	6.6	13.6	3.9	8.6				
n	111	452	52	436	74	42	215	118				1500