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# Uses cases of potential sources for the agricultural domain

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# Cooperation:



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# I - NDVI

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Work Station



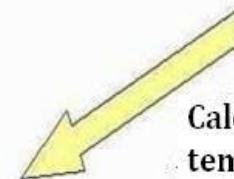
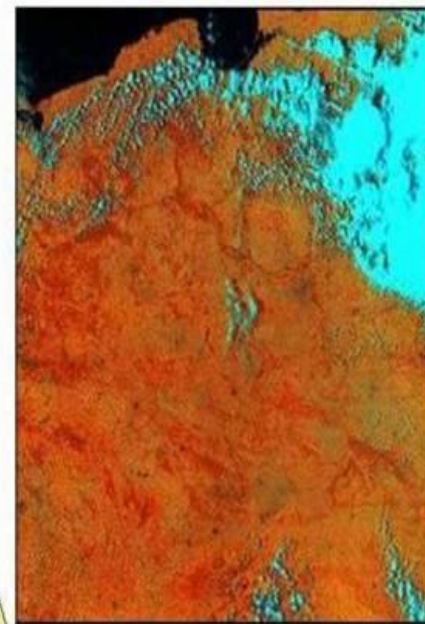
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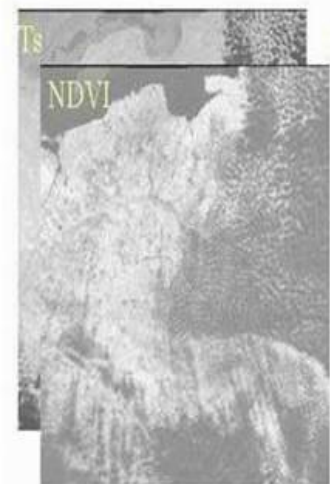
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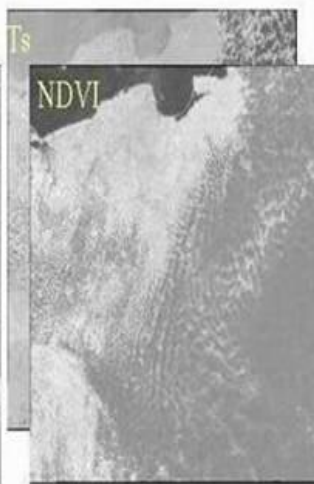
Cut out country  
area, masking  
clouds



Poland  
Calculation of radiation  
temperature and NDVI index



11 May



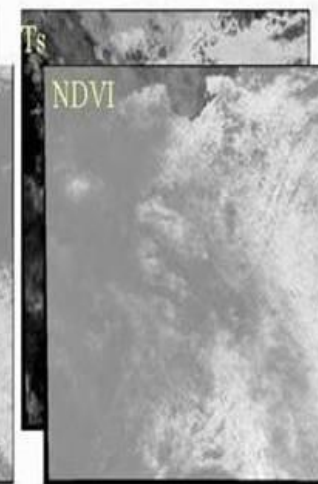
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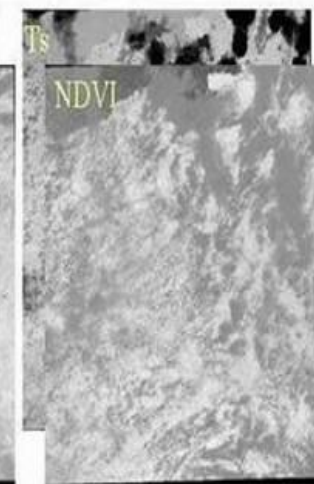
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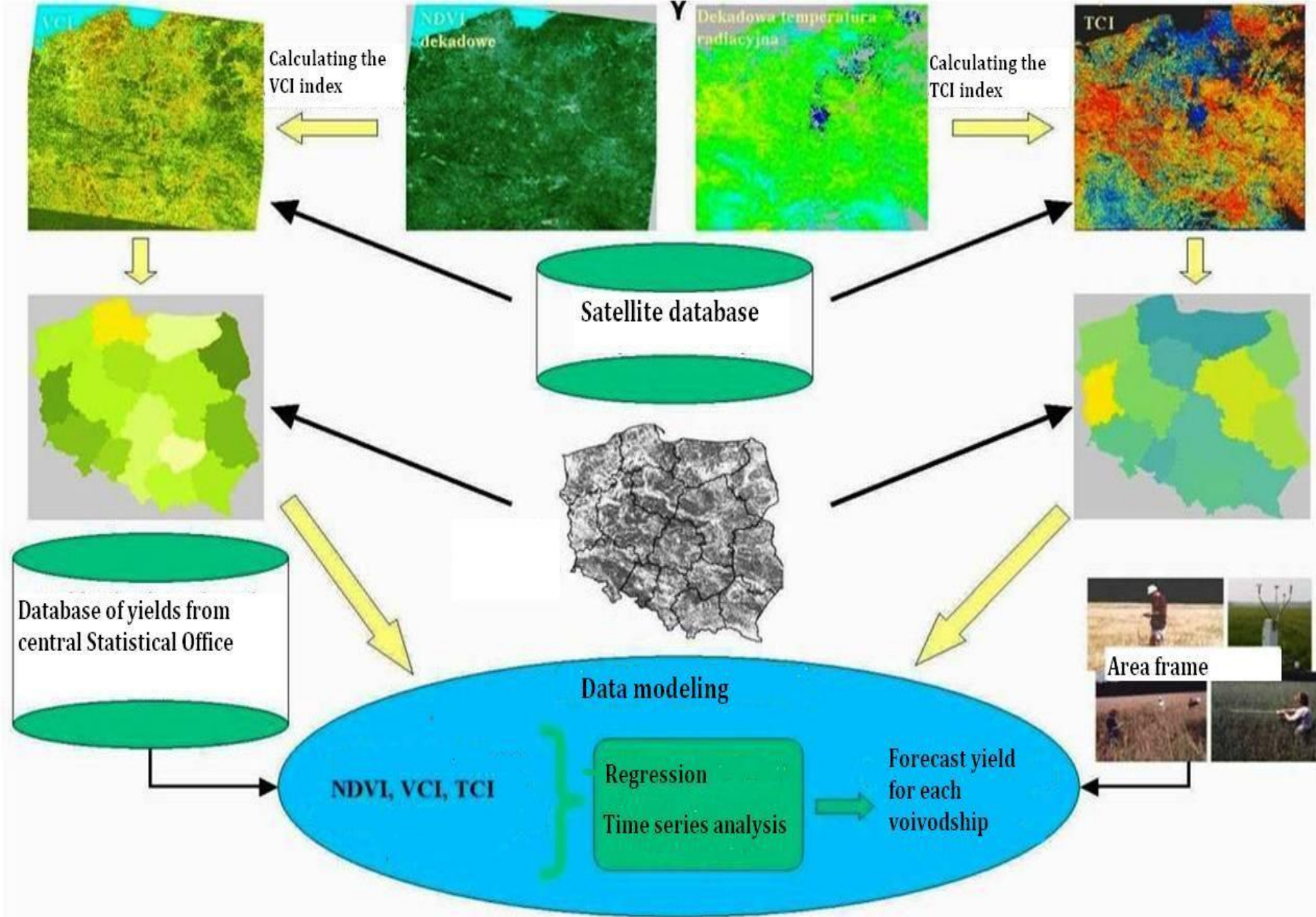
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Create a decade

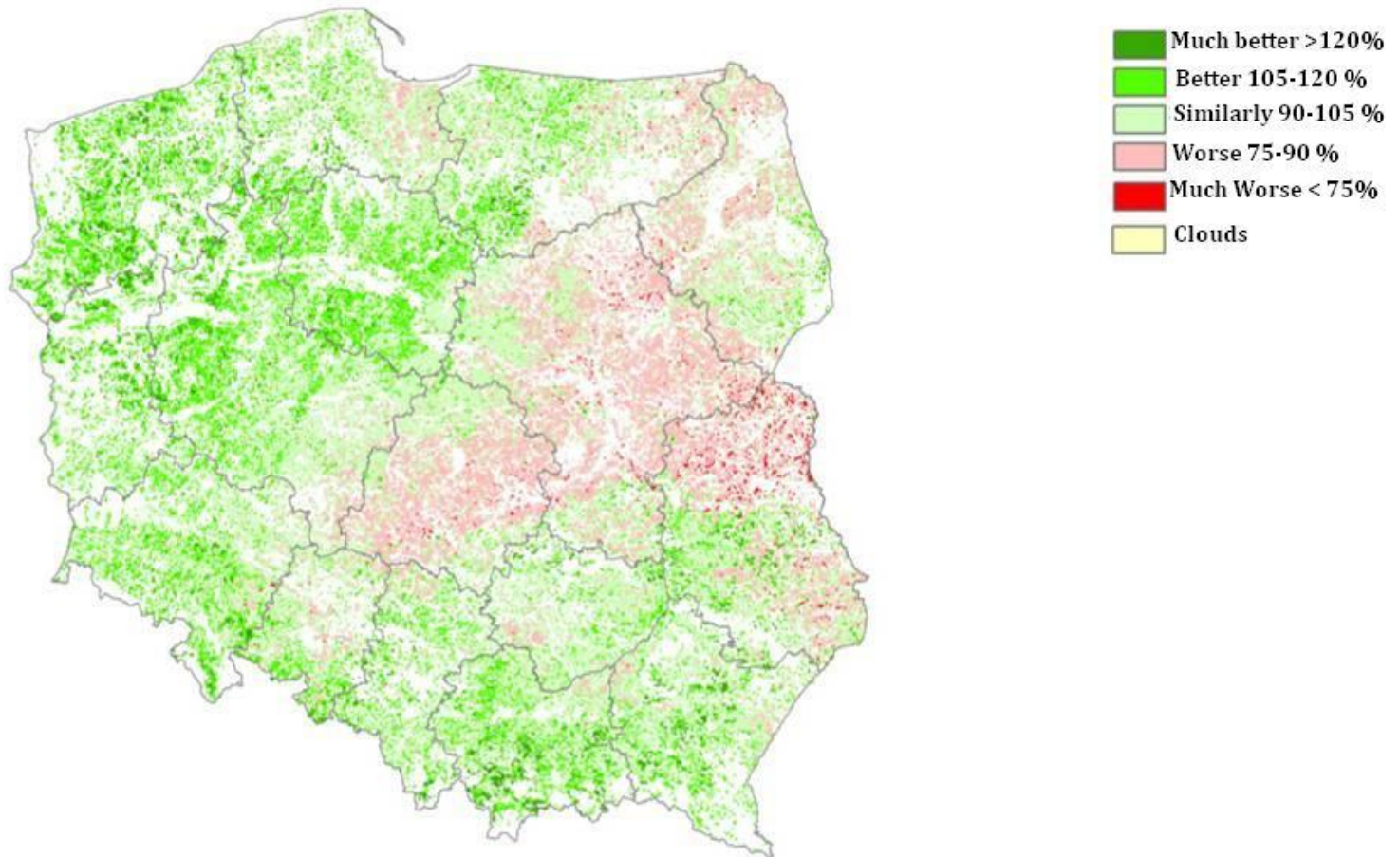




## Comparison of plant condition

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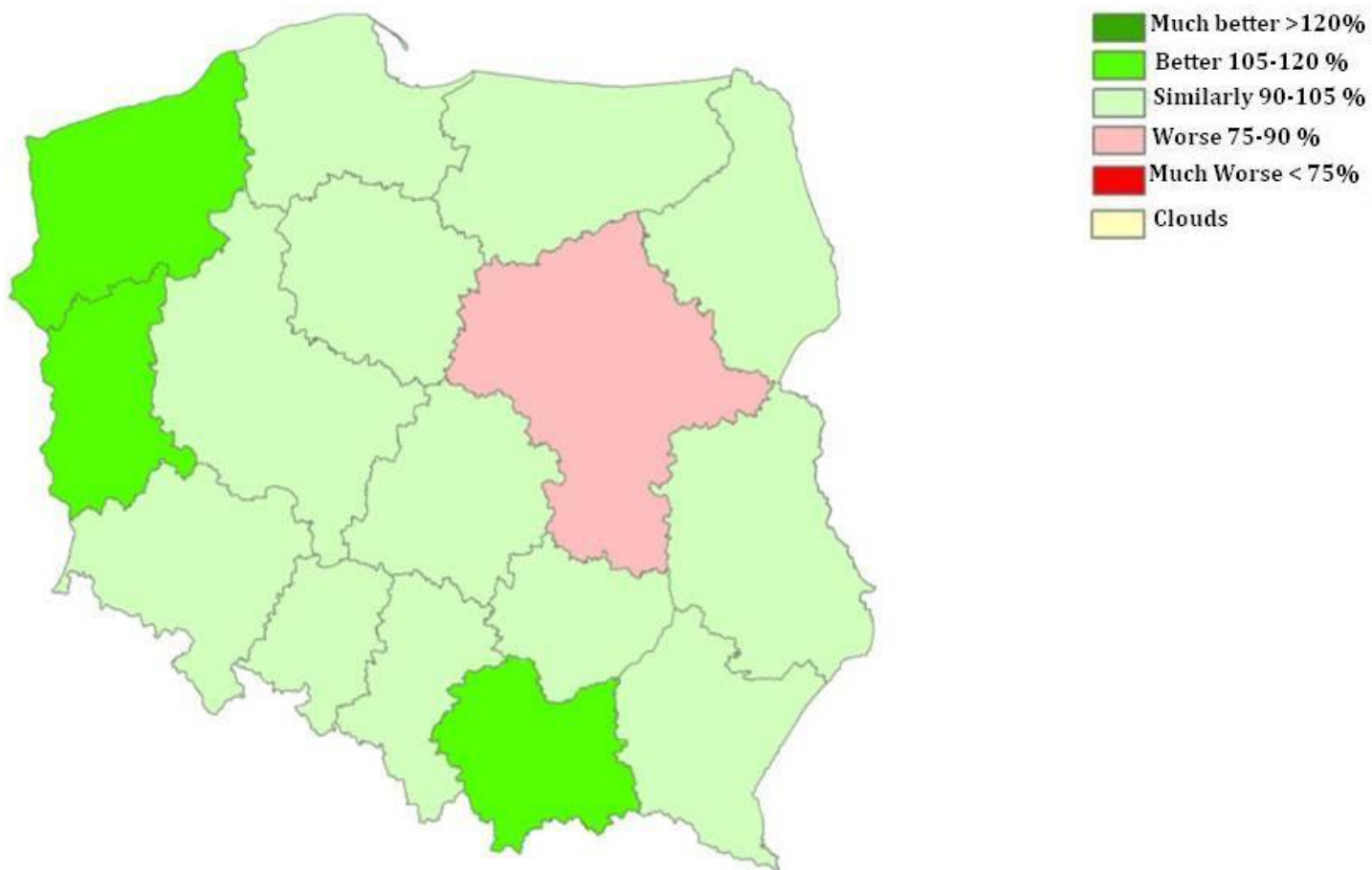


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## Comparison of plant condition by voivodships

The index value of greenning  
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## Values of NDVI distribution ratio compared to the average year

April - June 2015

**APRIL**



**DEKADA 10**



**DEKADA 11**



**DEKADA 12**

**MAY**



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## II – Pilot Estimation of grassland production using by drone and hyperspectral camera

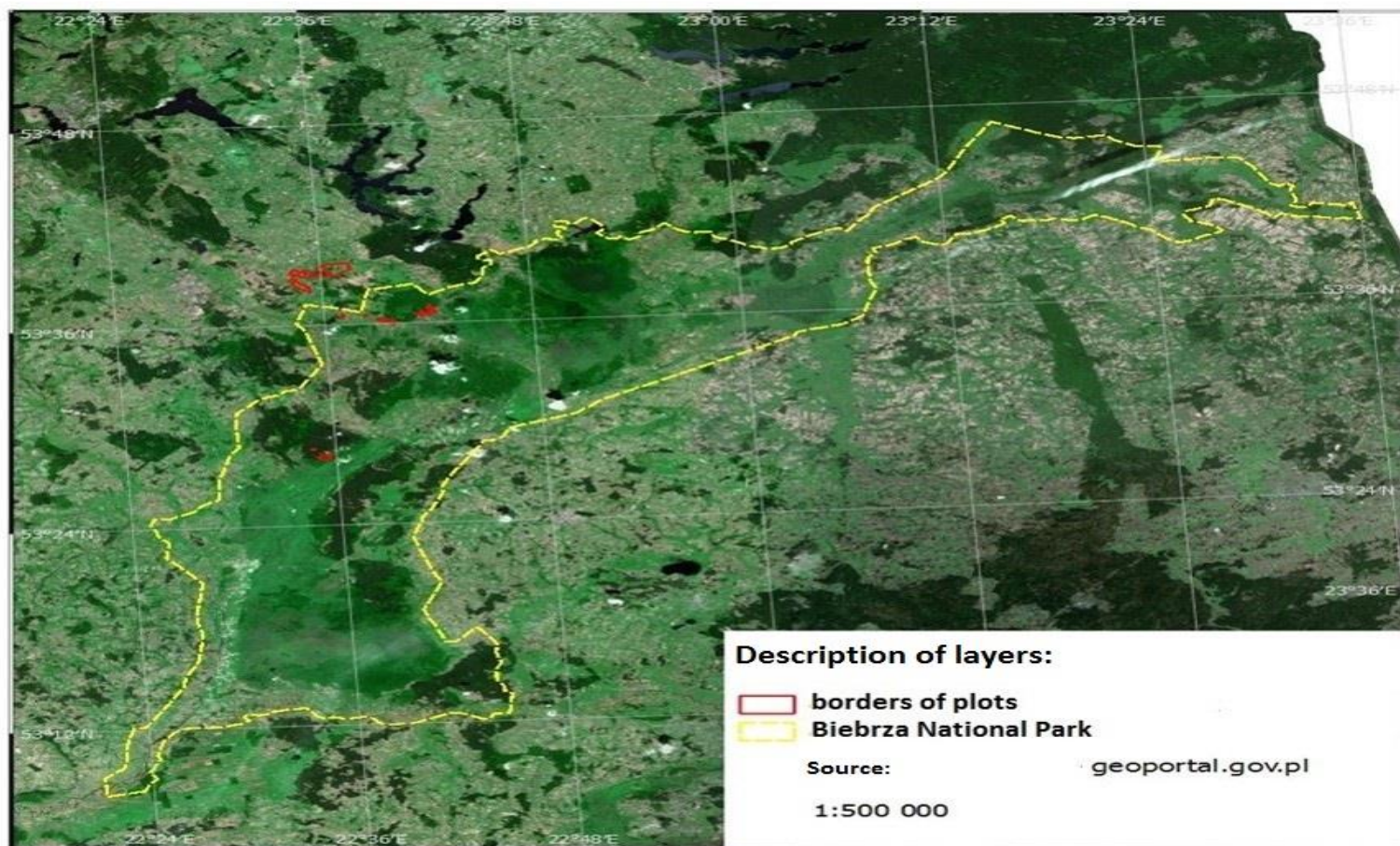
- Eurostat grant – „*Pilot studies to develop methodological improvements to agri-environmental statistics and statistics on grassland production*”
- CSO of Poland (the Employer) in Warsaw
- Institute of Geodesy and Cartography (IGiK) in Warsaw (the Contractor)
- The Institute of Technology of Sciences
- Statistical Office in Olsztyn
- Centre of Life Sciences of the Warsaw University

# Purposes

- Comparing previous methods of estimating grassland production.
- Developing methodology of classification of permanent grasslands using an example of a single voivodeship.
- The creation of the current map grassland- region
- Analysis methodology for estimating yields and harvested from grasslands with the possible use of NDVI ratio and photos from the type of Landsat satellite.
- Develop and test new methodological approaches for the classification and production of grassland.

# Area Frame

- 21 plots indicated by the Employer
- 460.2 hectare
- Biebrza National Park
- 2 field campaigns
- 74 points (LAI)
- Landsat 8
- Drone









# Drone (Multicopter VersaX6)

- 6 rotors
- weight 4 kg
- weight up to 1.5 kg
- autonomous flight handling
- 1,000 – 2,000 m
- altitude of 150 or 200 meters

# Hyperspectral Camera (Rikola, Oulu, Finland)

- the range of 480-890 nanometers
- weight 780 g
- 9 mm fixed focal length lens with field of view of 36.5°
- 10 ms of automatically changing spectral channel
- 16 spectral channels (480, 515, 550, 580, 610, 670, 700, 705, 710, 720, 740, 750, 780, 800, 840 and 885 nm)
- total time of acquisition 900 - 2020 ms

# Landsat 8

- 9-channel OLI (Operational Land Image) and 2-channel TIRS (Thermal Infrared Sensor)
- single scene is 170 x 185 km
- 16 days
- two scenes from 25 May and 10 June 2015



# NDVI

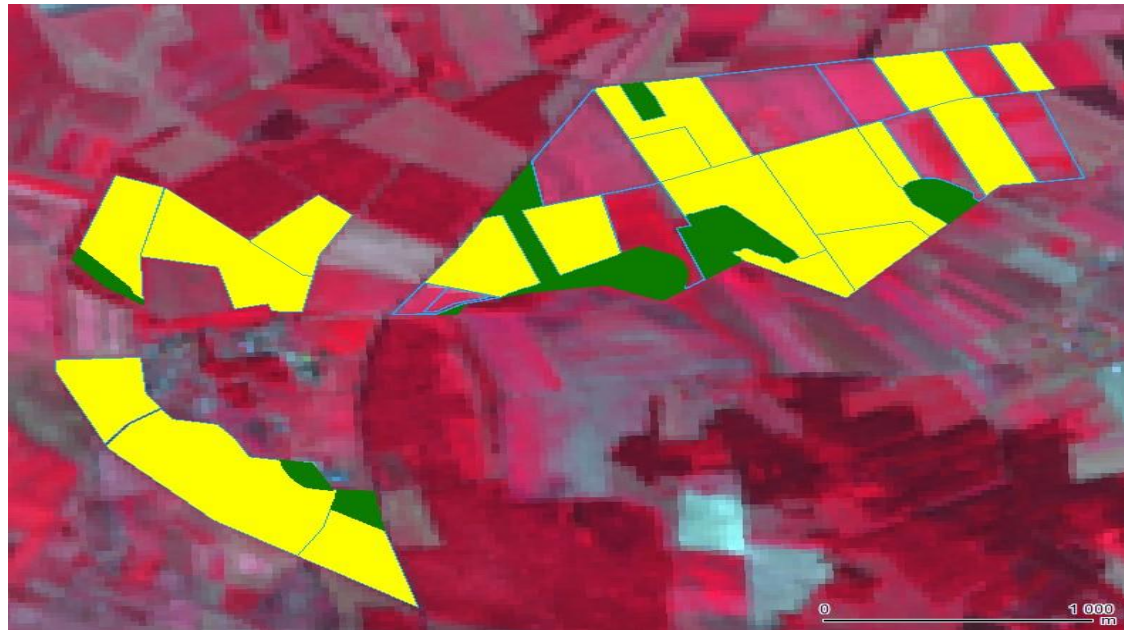
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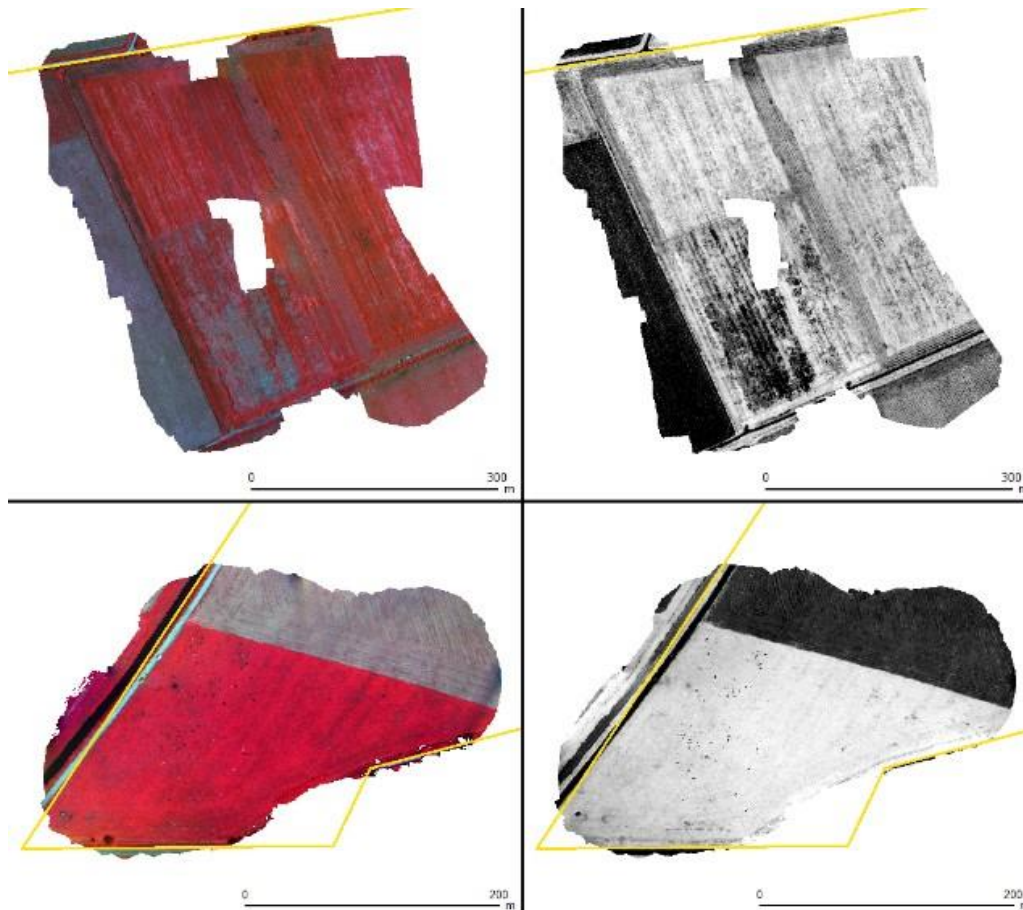
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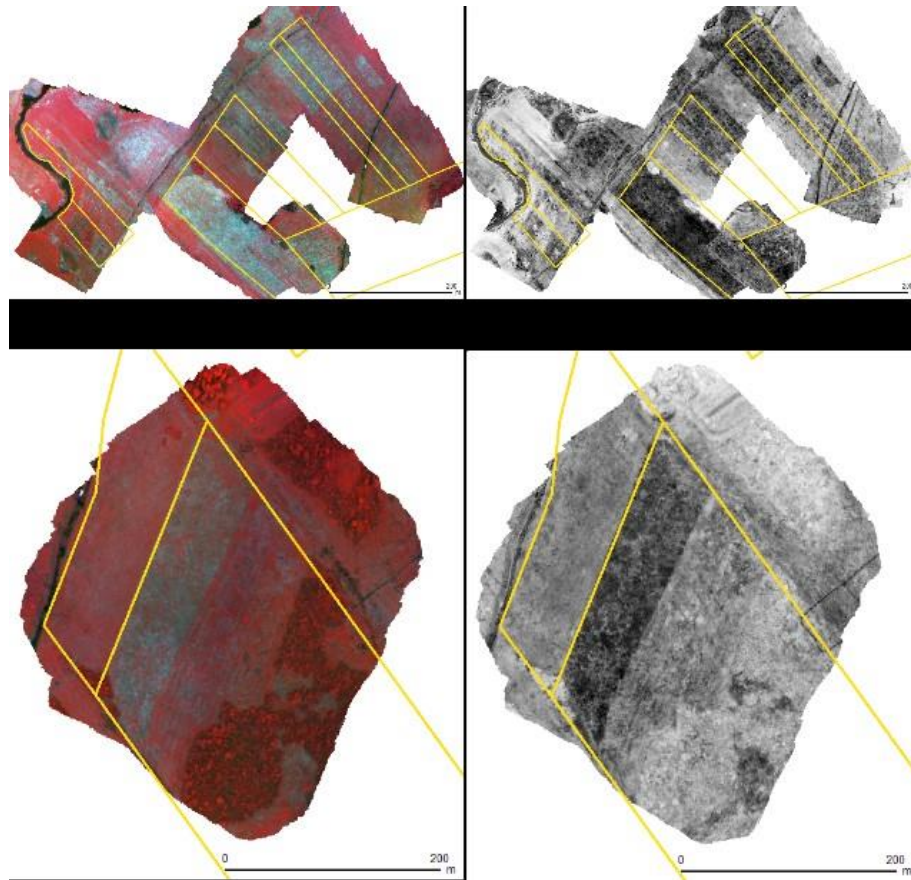
**Yellow colour – area, the grassland analysis of which uses data from Landsat 8,  
green colour – areas excluded from the analysis (basis: data from Landsat 8  
satellite, date of acquisition 10.06.2015, coloured composition 5-4-3).**



Two examples of data obtained from drone; the composition of channels 16-6-4 on the left, established NDVIs on the right.

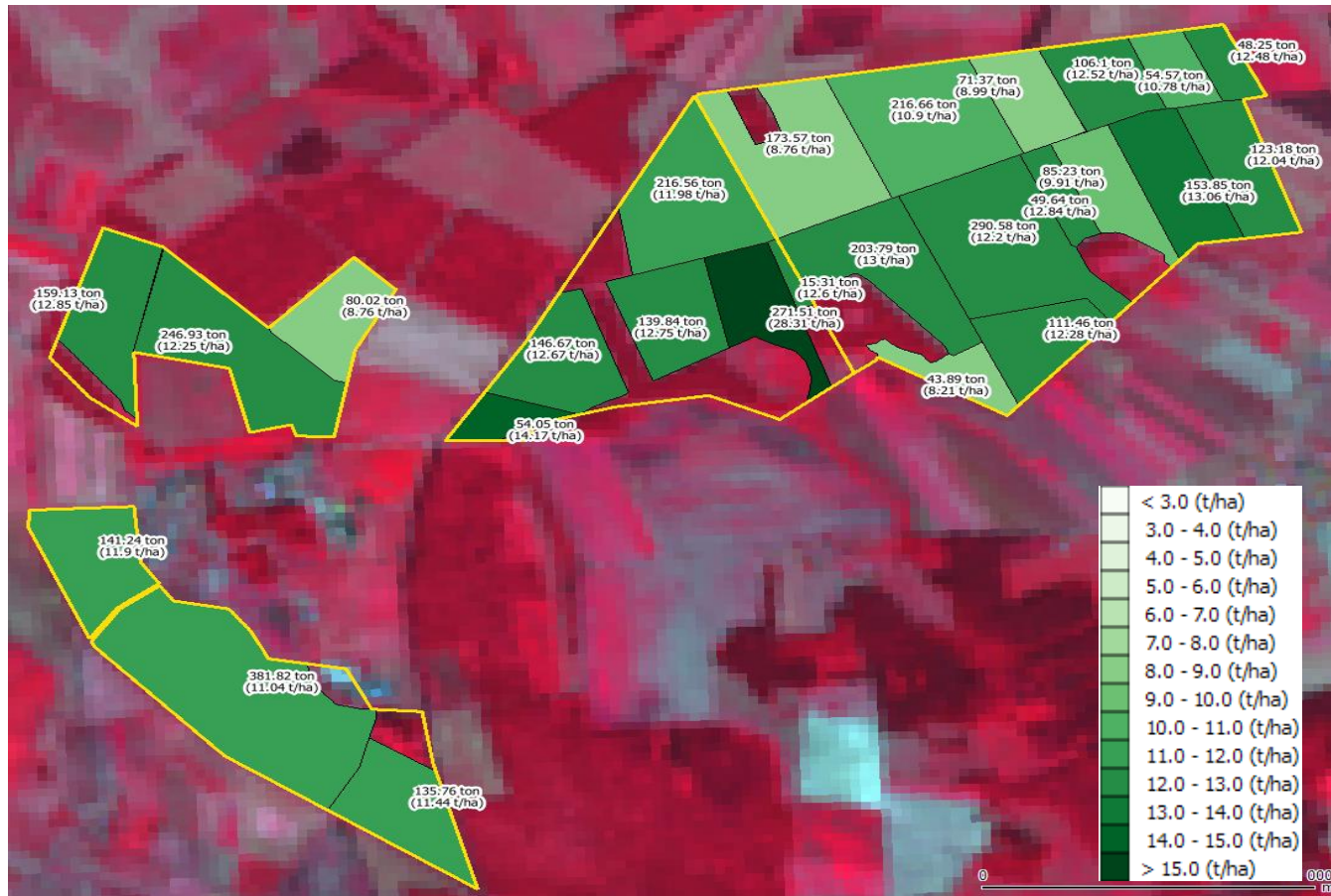


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Spatial distribution of quantity values of fresh biomass and the average biomass per one hectare for particular fields (basis: data from Landsat 8 satellite, date of acquisition 10.06.2015, coloured composition 5-4-3).



**Table with summary of the quantity of fresh biomass and the average biomass per one hectare for particular plots of the Sołki district.**

	NUMBER OF THE PLOT	SURFACE OF THE PLOT (ha)	AREAS BEYOND THE ANALYSIS (ha)	ARABLE LANDS (ha)	BIOMASS (tons)	BIOMASS (tons/ha)	DRYMASS (tons/ha)
SOŁKI district	200404_5.0018.193/12	2.30	0.09	2.22	25.65	11.58	5.0
	200404_5.0018.215/2	27.60	4.59	23.02	130.20	5.66	2.5
	200404_5.0019.62	5.05	-	5.05	47.28	9.37	3.0

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- 397.65 ha; 4402 tons; 11.07 tons/ha
- Pictures at low heights
- 200m / 12 cm
- Mobility, flexibility and relatively small cost / single flight
- Good recognition of the imaged areas by drone operator

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- ca.15 minutes/one flight
- high dependence on weather conditions
- eye contact
- camera (one lens vs many lens)



# Simulation 2015

- one voivodship - NUTS 2
- Total area = 20 180 km<sup>2</sup>
- Agriculture area = 10 741 km<sup>2</sup>
- daily area = 1 km<sup>2</sup>
- working days = 2 685
- Daily costs = 210 euros
- Over **0.5 mln** euros

### **III - Pilot research to isolate particular groups of crops and land cover classes**

- CSO - RSO Olsztyn
- Space Research Centre - Polish Academy of Science

## Data sources already collected

- **The Integrated Administration and Control System (IACS)** – complex administrative information system
- **The Land Parcel Identification System (LPIS)** – part of the National Register of Producers
- **LUCAS** – Land Use and Coverage Area frame Survey
- **Copernicus** – previously known as GMES – Global Monitoring for Environment and Security programme (Sentinels)

# Methodology and technical aspects

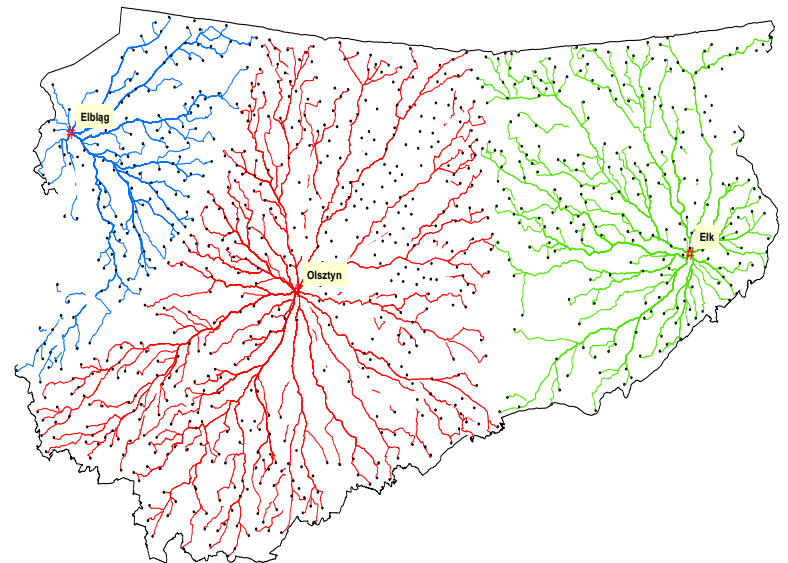
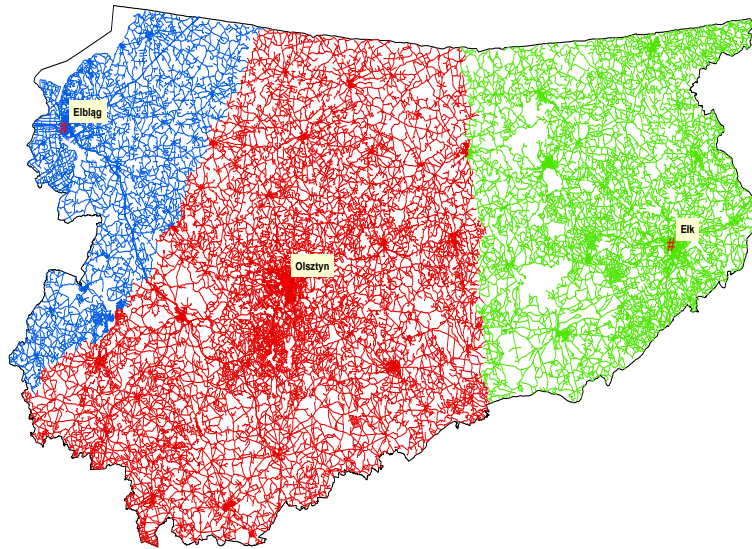
- Dedicated software for teledetections
- Data calibration
- Data combining
- Machine Learning
- Volume size for Pilot Use Case
  - 1.5 TB for 2015 for 1 of 16 voivodships
  - 3.5 TB for 2016 for 2 of 16 voivodships

## Detailed methodology:

- time series for classes of spectral reflections for each crops interviewers
- analyzes network communication system
- allocation of network zones for each interviewer
- get directions to points
- photos (series of geo-tagged images)

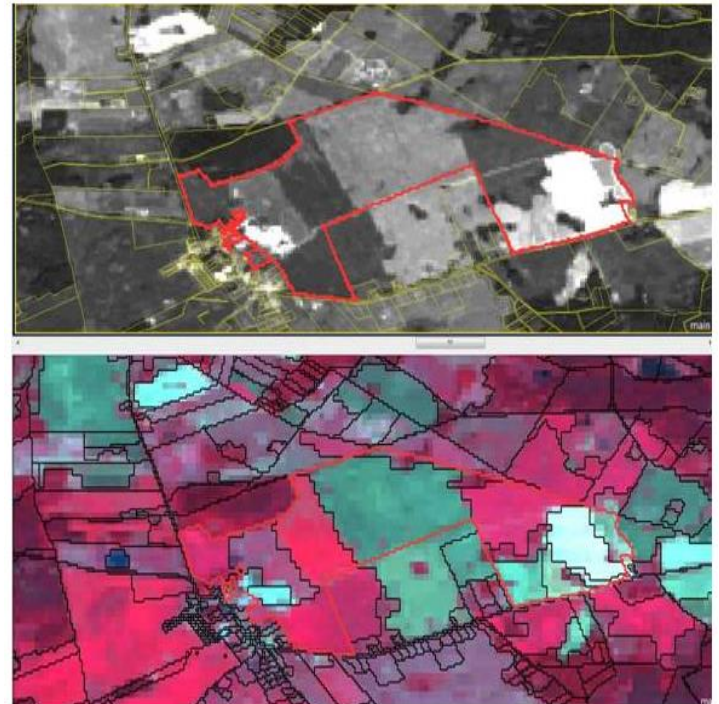


# The network zones allocation to interviewers in relation to the transport system in the Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodship (Poland)



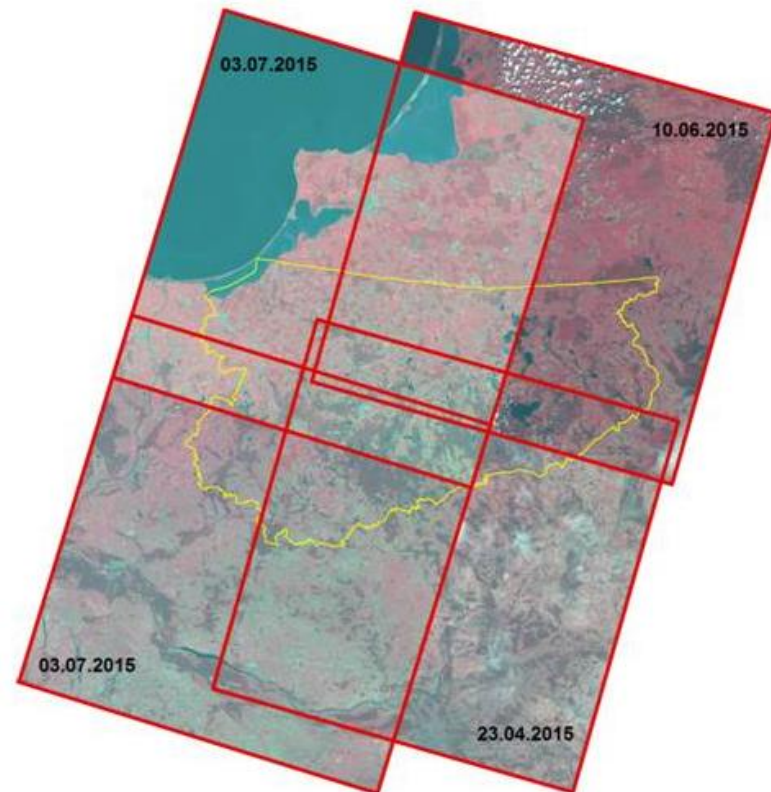
# Data segmentation

- administrative vector data (LPIS)
- radar satellite images
- optical satellite images
- Depending on the actual data quality and availability, one or several segmentation methods can be used.
- Fitting the type of crop to the satellite pixel.



# Data classification

- Support Vector Machine (SVM),
- Decision Trees (DT),
- K-Nearest Neighbours (KNN) including the following classification parameters:
- Sigma,
- Entropia,
- Alfa,
- multi-temporal indicators,
- Wishard distribution.



## Data aggregation

- analysing the training fields classification error matrix,
- analysing the calculations accuracy,
- making comparisons with administrative data,
- making comparisons with statistical data.



## Summary (I-III)

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- Benefits
- The development of satellite techniques (Sentinel constellations)
- The future of agricultural statistics/ Big Data
- The role of **End Users**

# Thank you for your attention



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