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Remote sensing for crop detection

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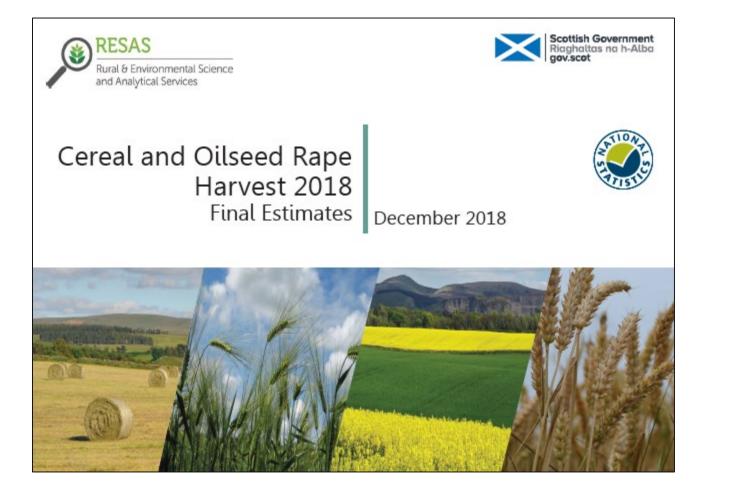






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National Statistics – Crops in Scotland



Cereal and Oilseed Harvest 2018 – Final Estimates

Spring barley

Area: ↑ 3% to 250,500 hectares Spring barley accounts for 55% of Scotland's cereal area

Yield: \oint 6% to 5.5 tonnes per hectare Possibly due to poor performance of spring barley sown early in the year

Production: \checkmark **3% to 1.3 million tonnes** About a half of barley produced is used for the drinks industry, with most of the rest used for animal feed

Wheat

Area: \oint 9% to 99,800 hectares Yield: \oint 16% to 6.8 t/ha Production: \oint 23% to 681,000 tonnes

Wheat accounts for 26% of Scotland's cereal production. Most wheat is used for distilling or in animal feed Winter barley

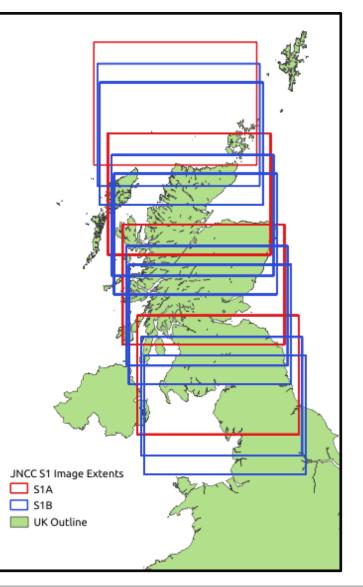
Area: ♥ 21% to 37,500 ha Yield: ♥ 4% to 7.1 t/ha Production: ♥ 24% to 268,100t



Sentinel Earth Observation









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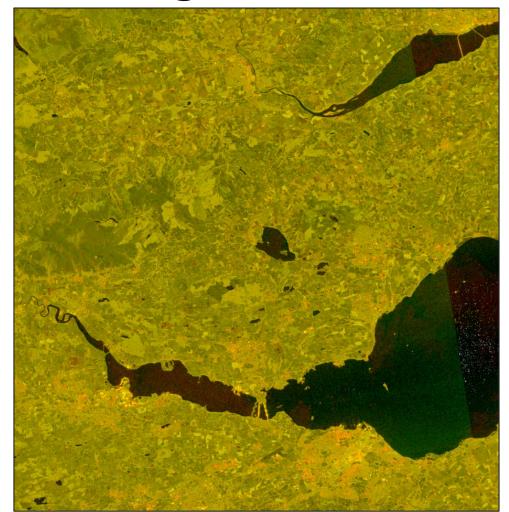
Scotland is cloudy







Sentinel Radar Images





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Scotland is cloudy – but we do need some images

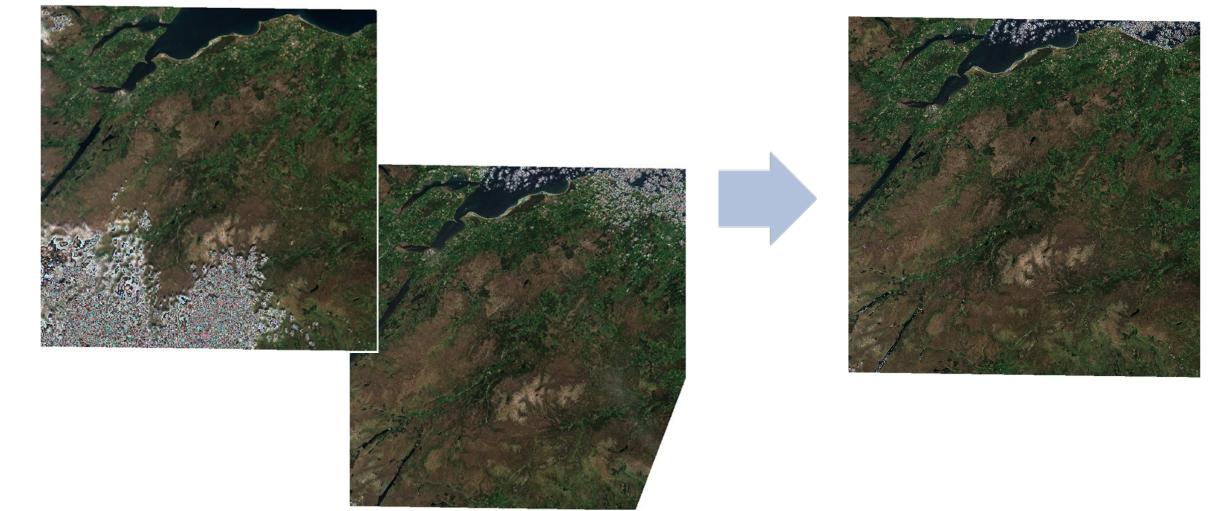








Creating a cloud free composite





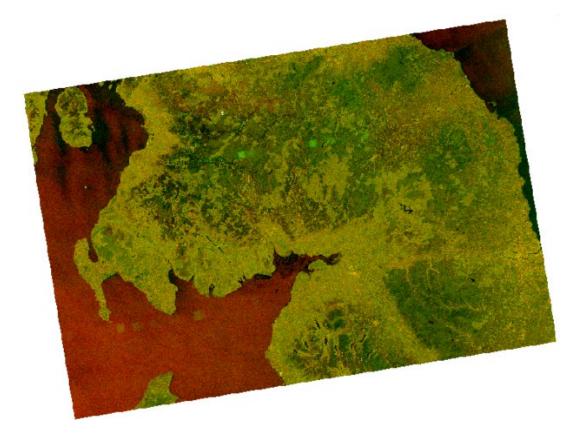
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Finding the fields





Selecting each field







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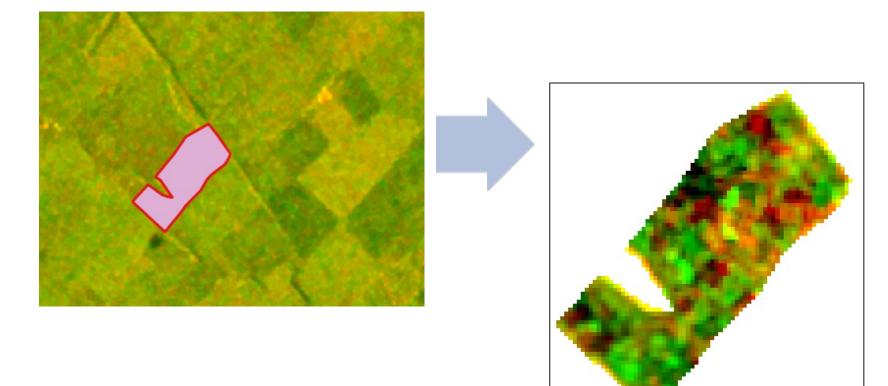
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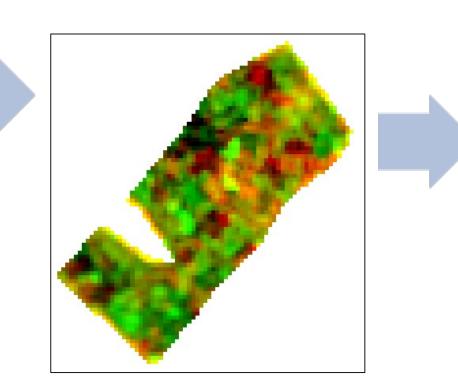
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Producing a series of values throughout the growing season





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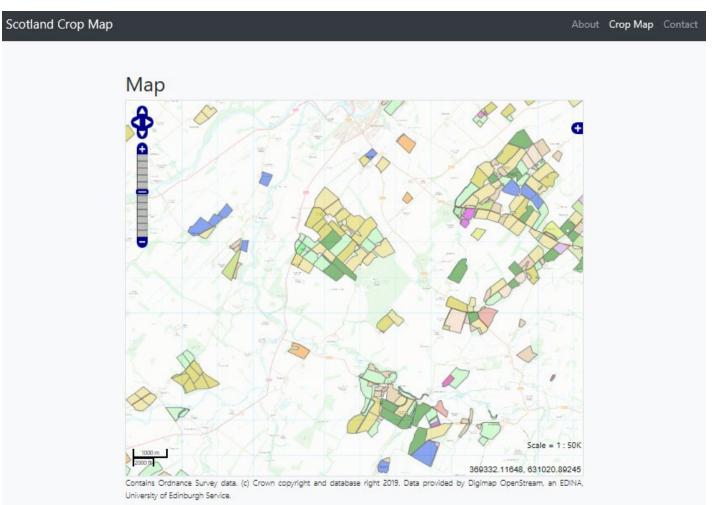
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An interactive crop map for Scotland





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Thank you for listening