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Today's topics

History of the Irrigation Research Foundation
“IRF”

Farming practices and the importance of Organic
Matter

Ogallala Aquifer

Irrigation wells

Technology advancements

Data collection- Pros and Cons





Calmer Corn Head

Calmer Corn
Head Video

Calmer Head Residual Effects

Harvest
Residue effect
Calmer Head

-Under Construction-
Seed Reign planter- Luke Cure
Wray, Colorado



Multi-Hybrid - VR Fertility/seed pop placement 2X2, top of soil 2X2, or In-furrow placement on-the-go









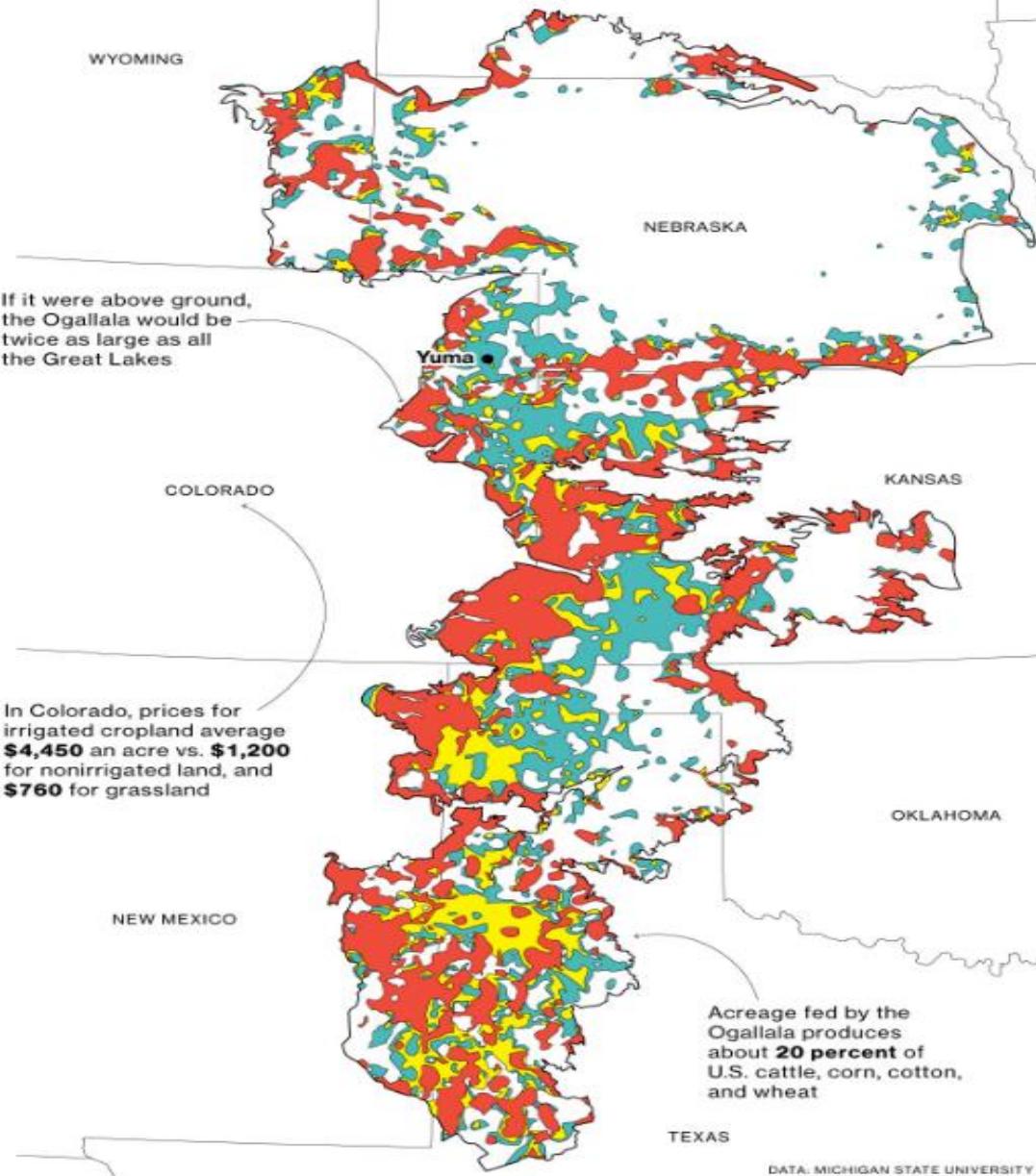
Ogallala Aquifer

By some estimates,
30 percent of the Ogallala's
water has already been
pumped:

Depleted

Depleted by 2050

Depleted by 2150



Fun facts

1 acre foot water = 325,851 gallons

1 acre foot = 66 feet wide X 660 feet Long X 1 foot High or
43,560 cubic feet

350 acre feet well = 750 gpm well = 114 million gallons water

1 acre foot water = Football field filled with water 1 foot deep

27% of Irrigated land in the entire United States lies over the
Aquifer

Since 1950 Irrigation has reduced the saturated volume by an
estimated 9%

-Yuma County, Irrigated wells- 2,000



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Imagery Date: 12/31/1969 39°58'48.52" N 102°18'07.42" W elev 3891 ft eye alt 101.51 mi

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USDA Report in October-bit.ly/precision-ag-report

25% of farms had adopted yield mapping

19% of farms were using GPS-based soil-mapping tools

29% of corn farmers in the report used auto guidance

Larger farms that utilized GPS yielding maps and auto guidance topped 80% report shows VRT was only used by 40% of those producers

**Source: Western Farmer-Stockman December 2016-
Reported by Willie Vogt-USDA full report at
bit.ly/precision-ag-report**

Key components needed for Variable Rate Technology

VRT fertilizer systems- Strip-till, Planter, and Pivot

VRT Water

Variable Rate motor at the well

Zone application vs. Sector applications

VRT Injection in water flow

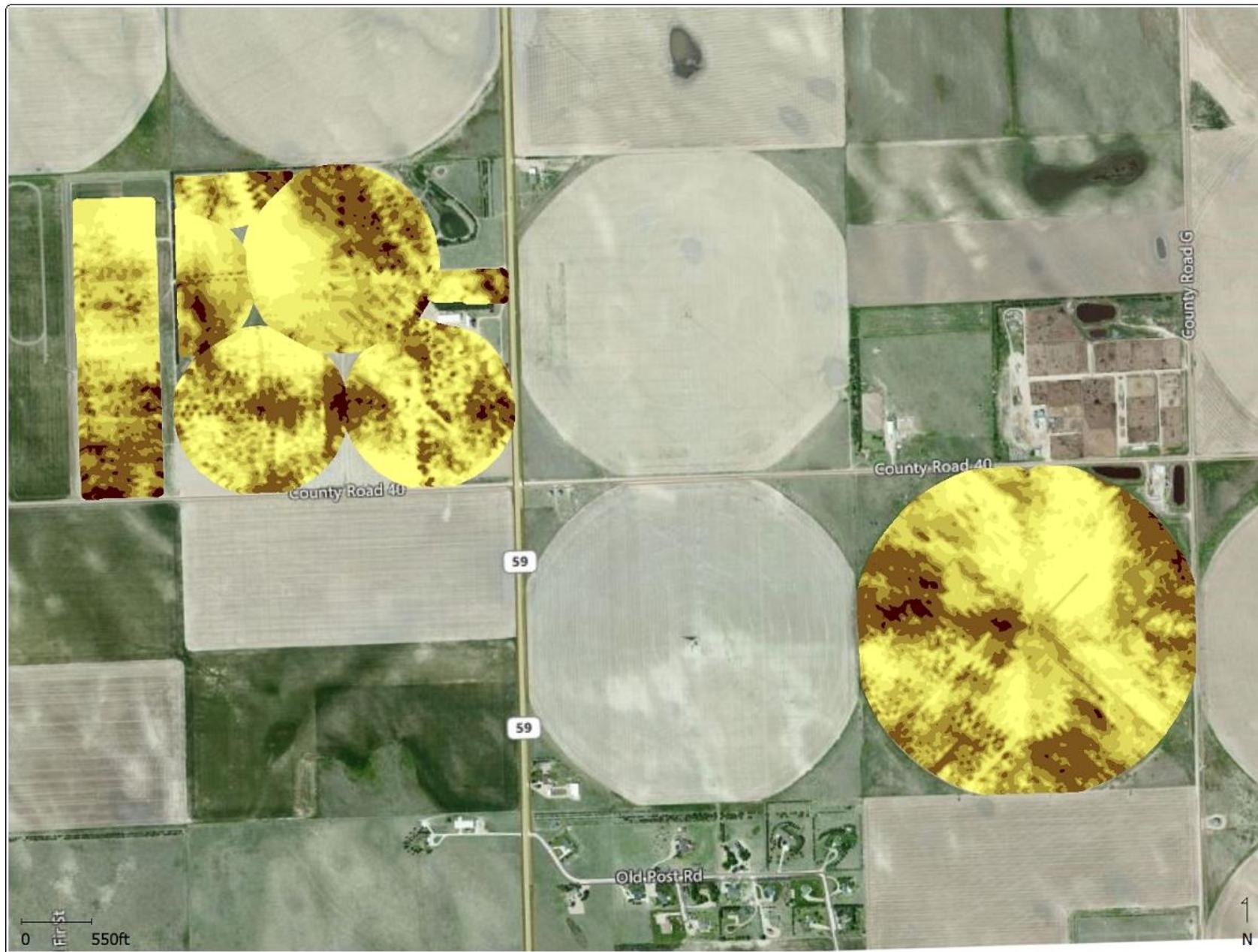
Agri-Inject- Reflex

Agri-measures- data collection and analysis control center

Past farming history- data maps - *EC maps, Grid soil samples, Yield maps, Aerial NDVI imagery and soil water \water analysis, capacitance probe with salinity



EC map shallow



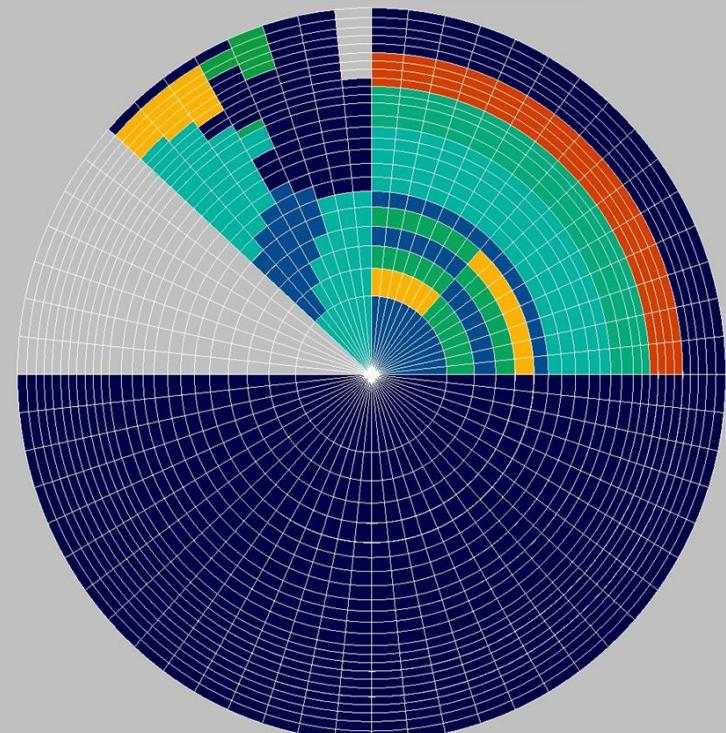
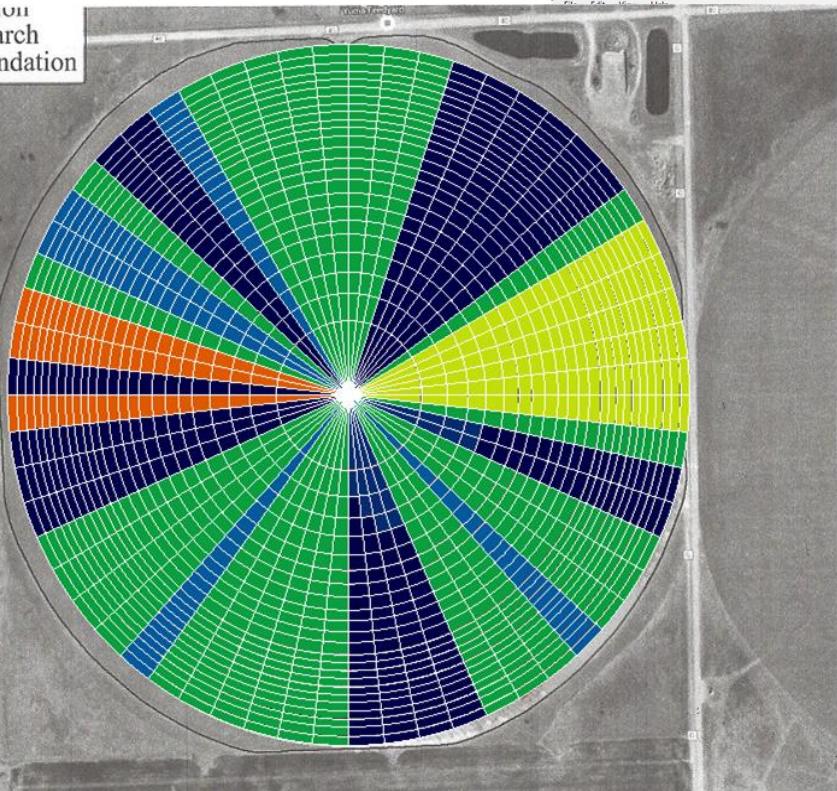
IRF Soil Survey Map



Contrast of EC map and Soil map



Sector Water Vs. Zone water



Radius: | Angle:° | Water: - Chemic: 0

Overlapping pivot



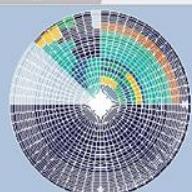
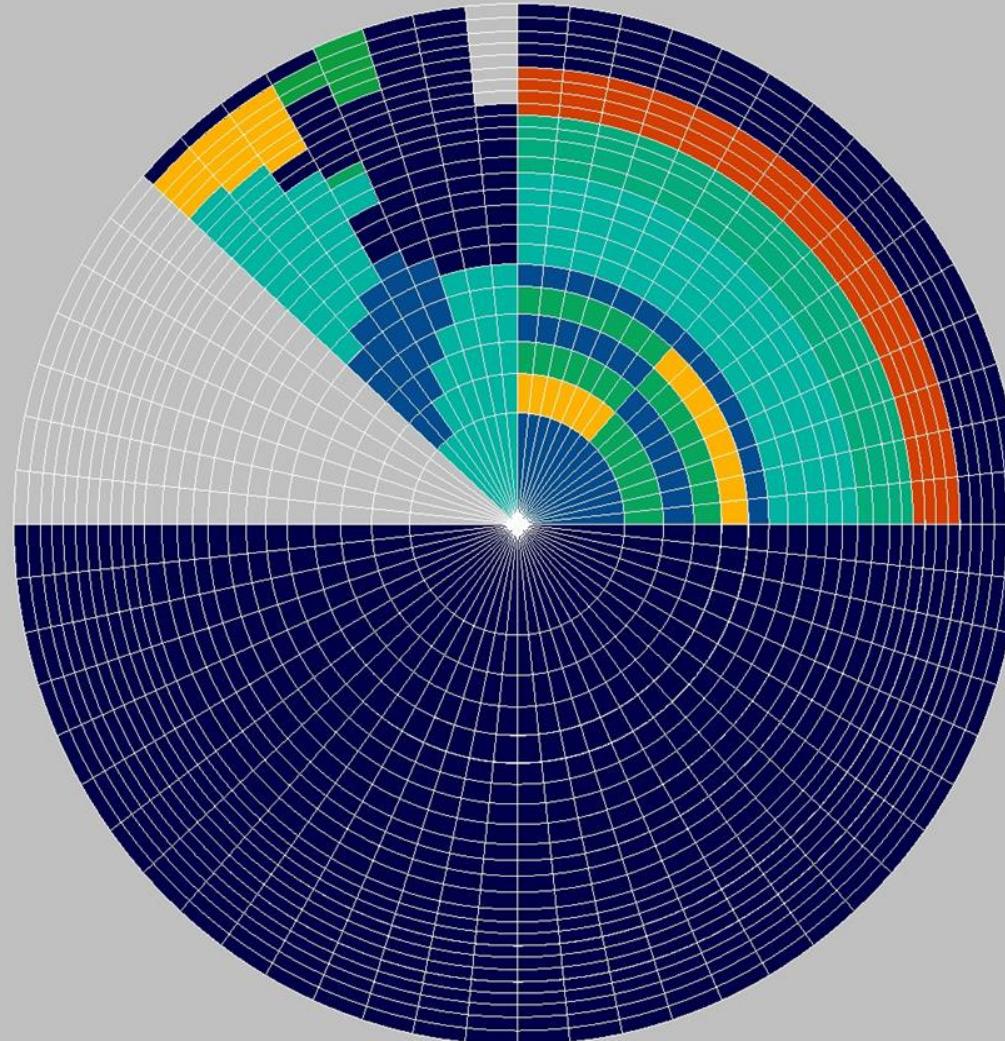
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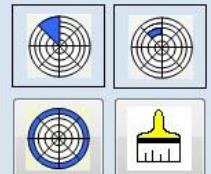
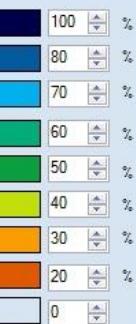
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05	69.00	55	A5	1
06	54.00	83	A6	1
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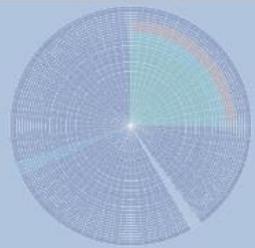
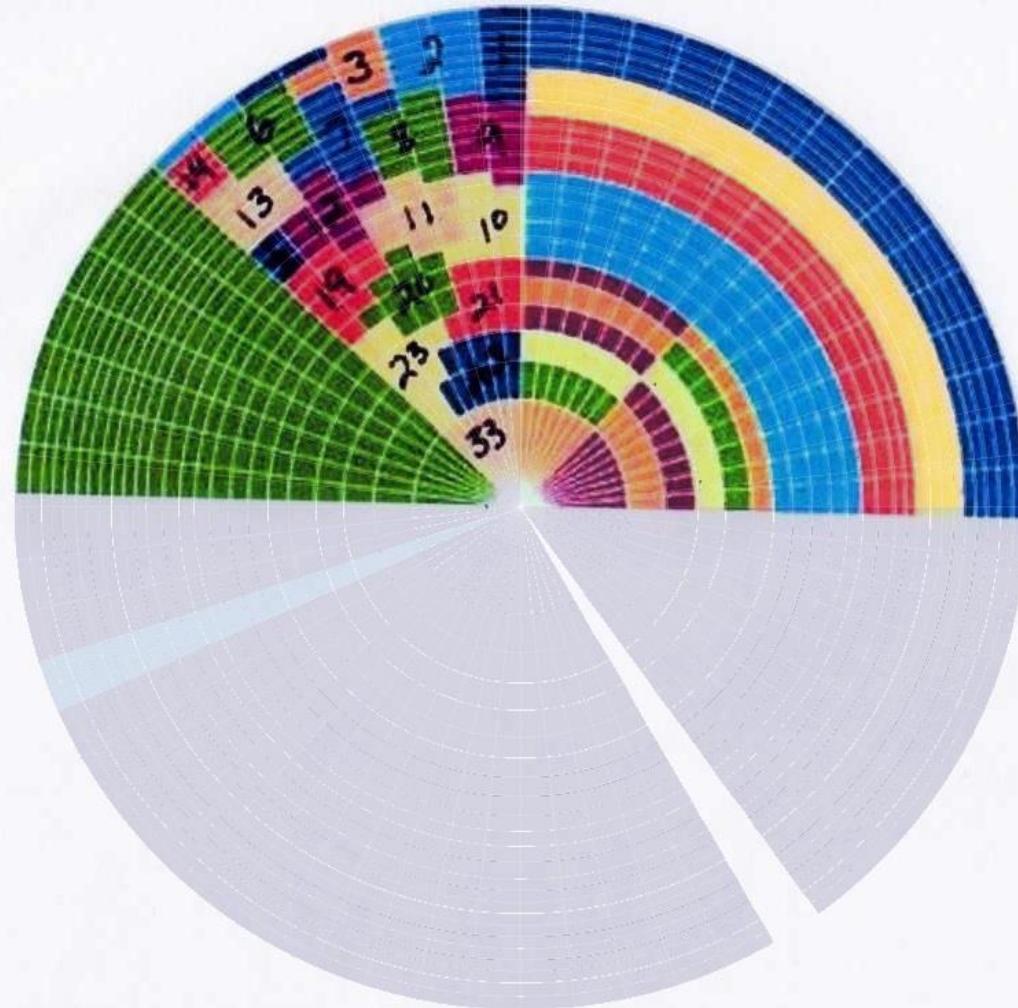
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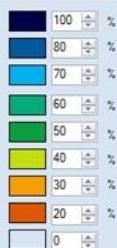
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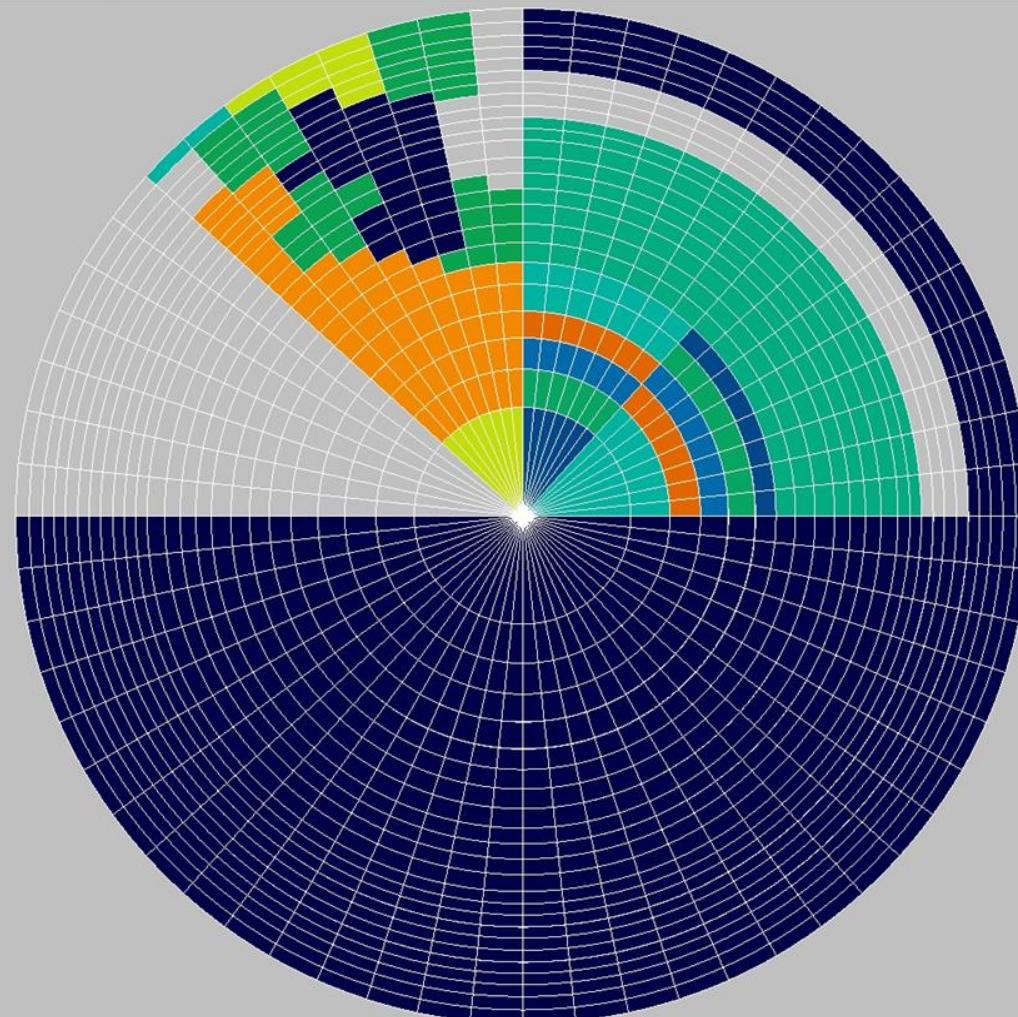
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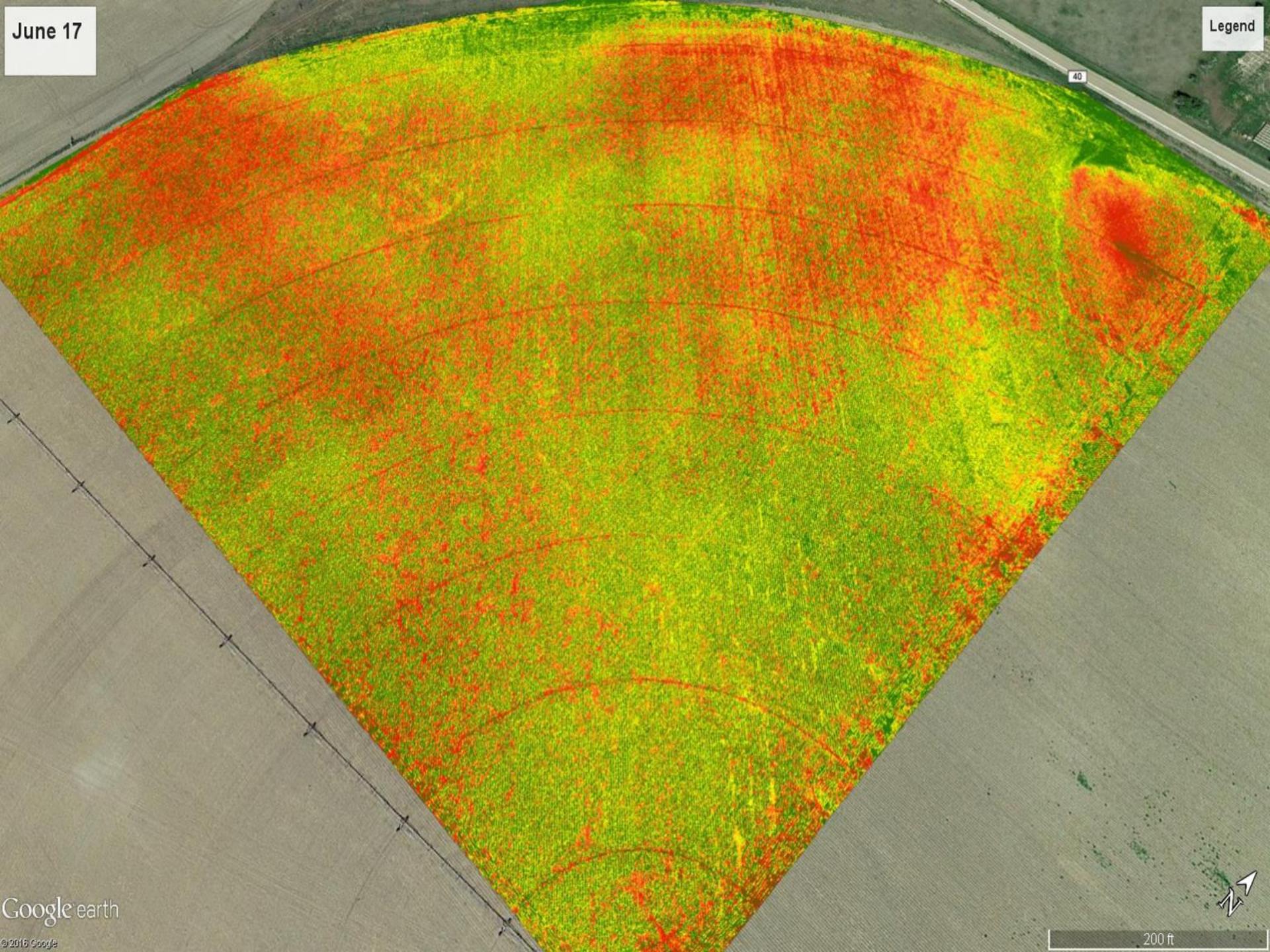


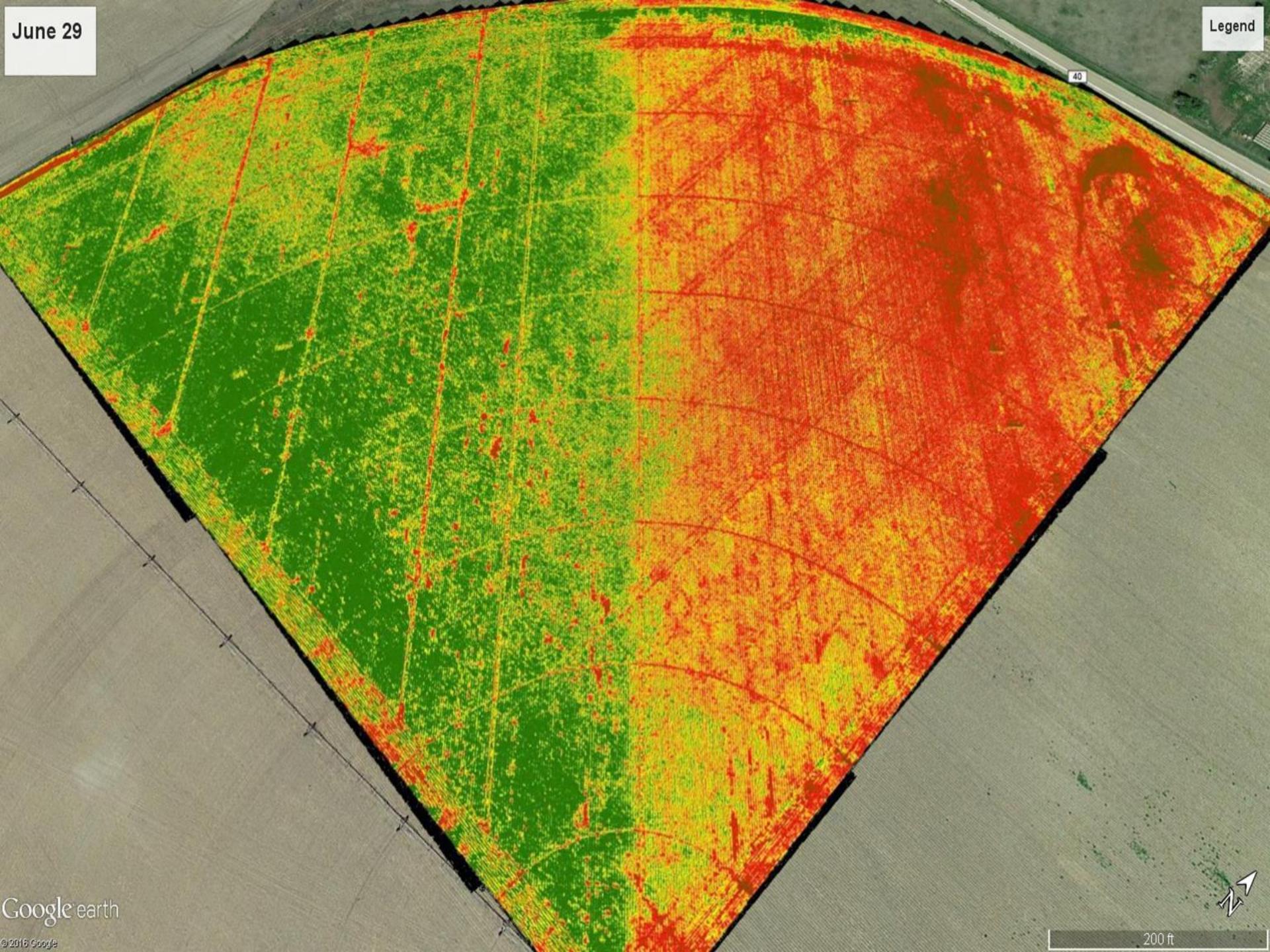
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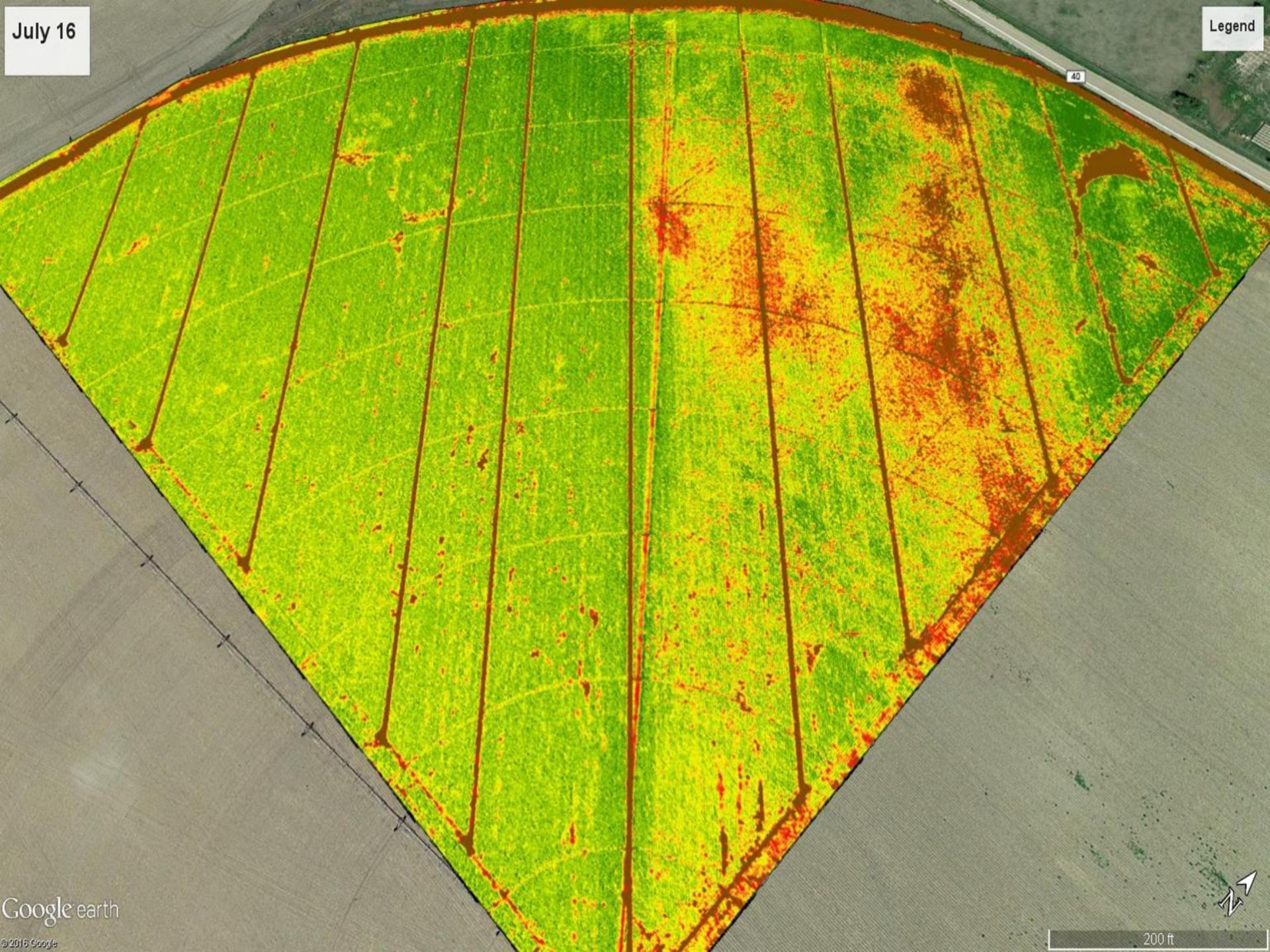
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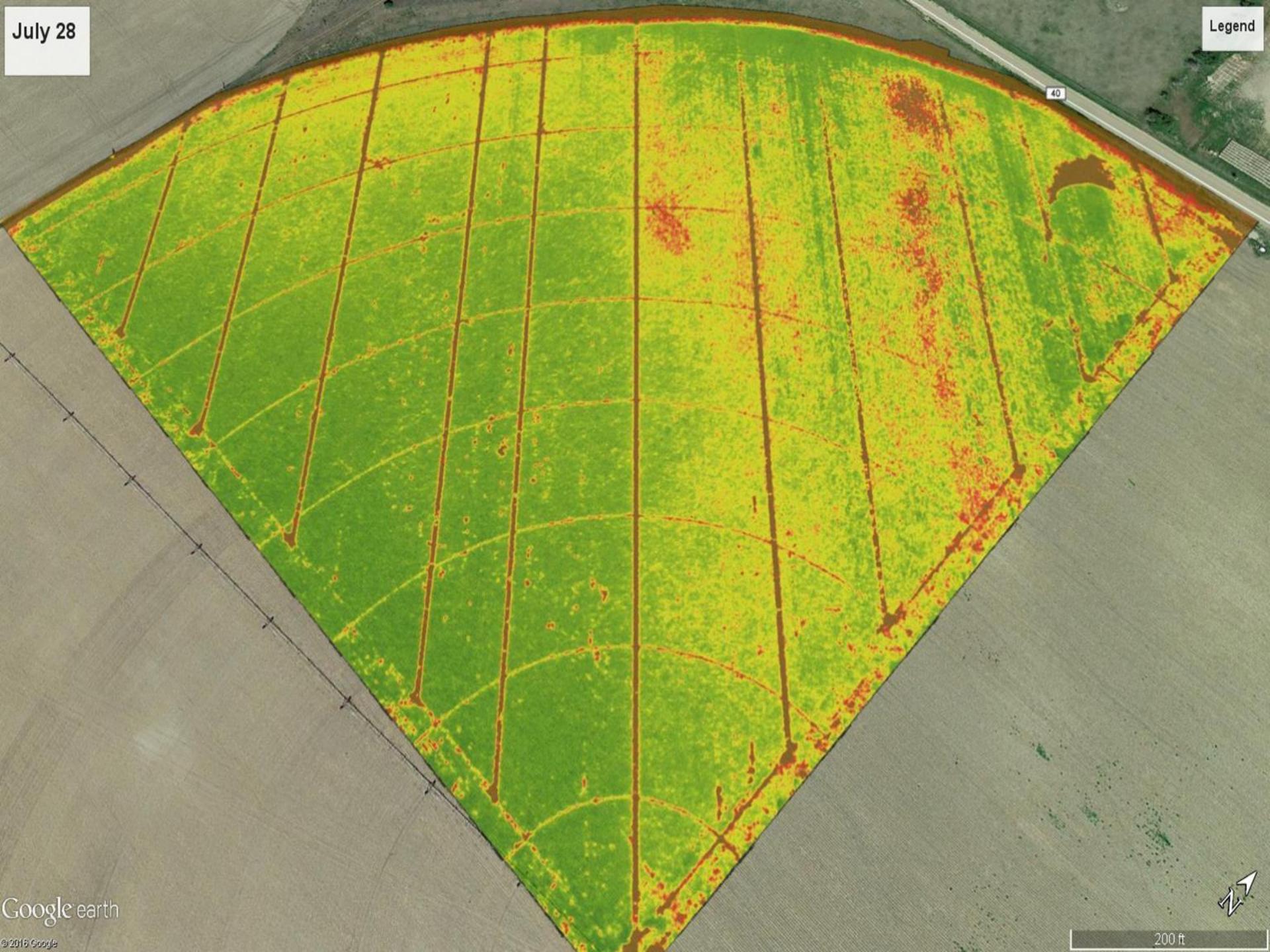
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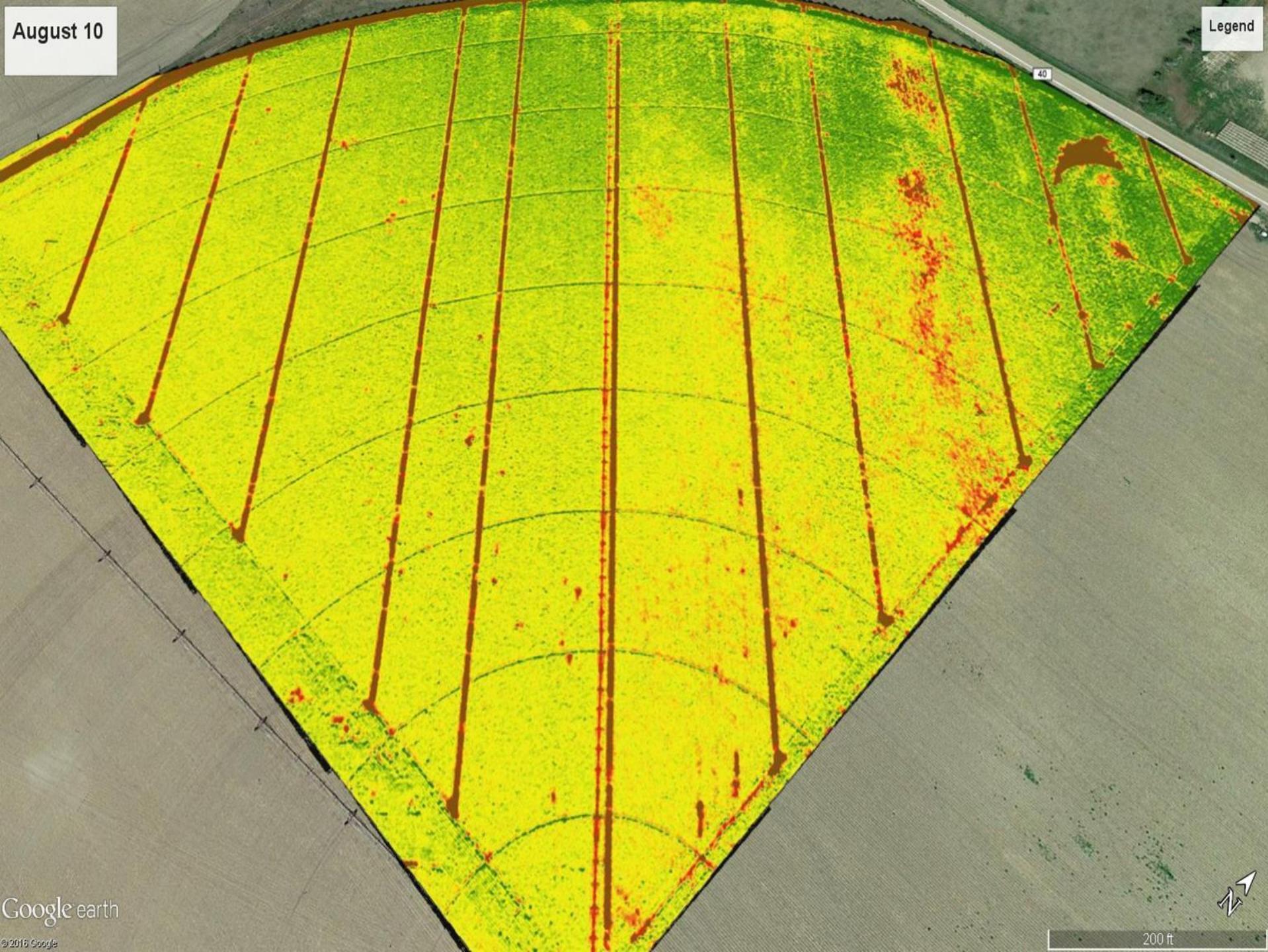
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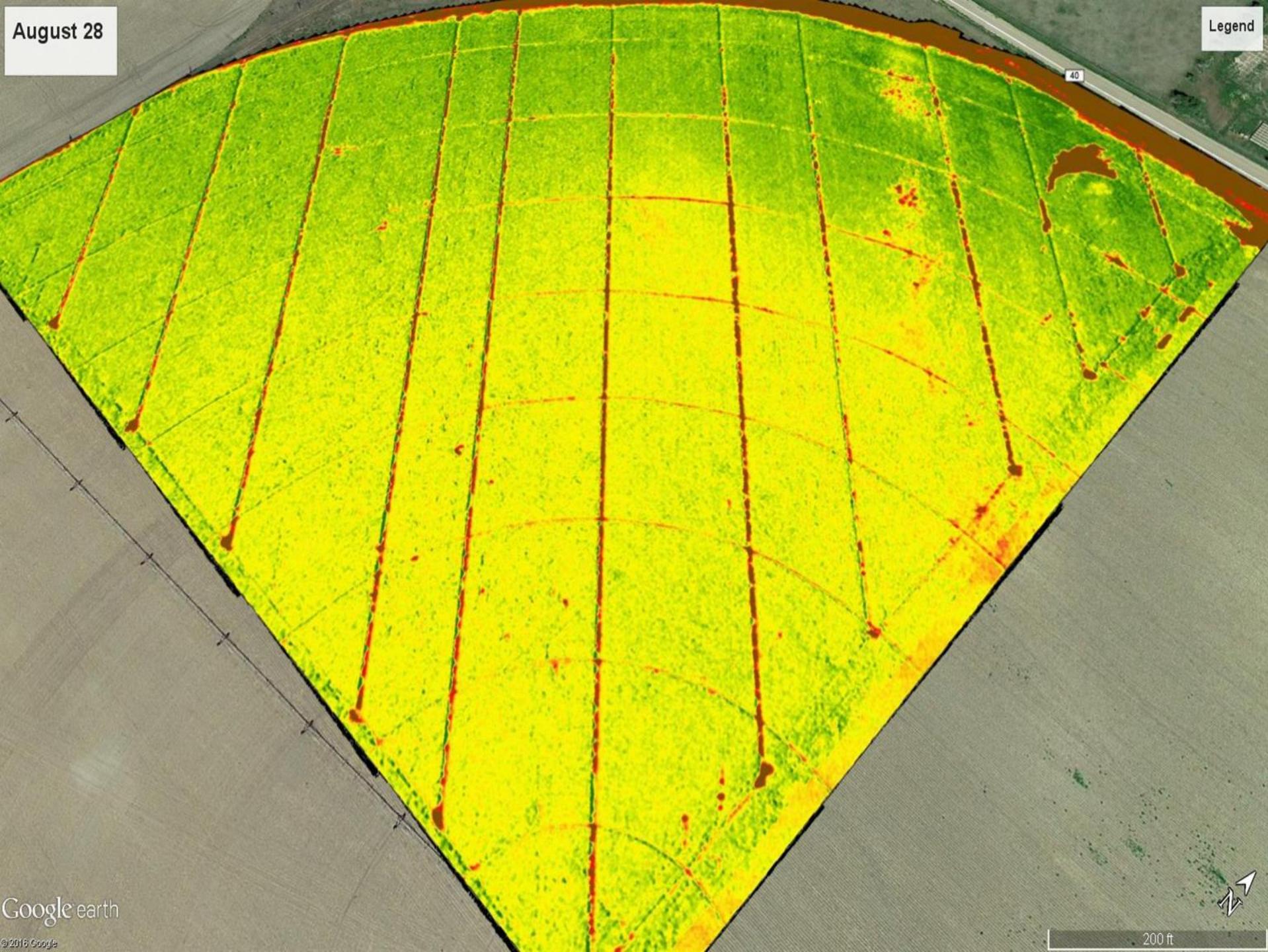
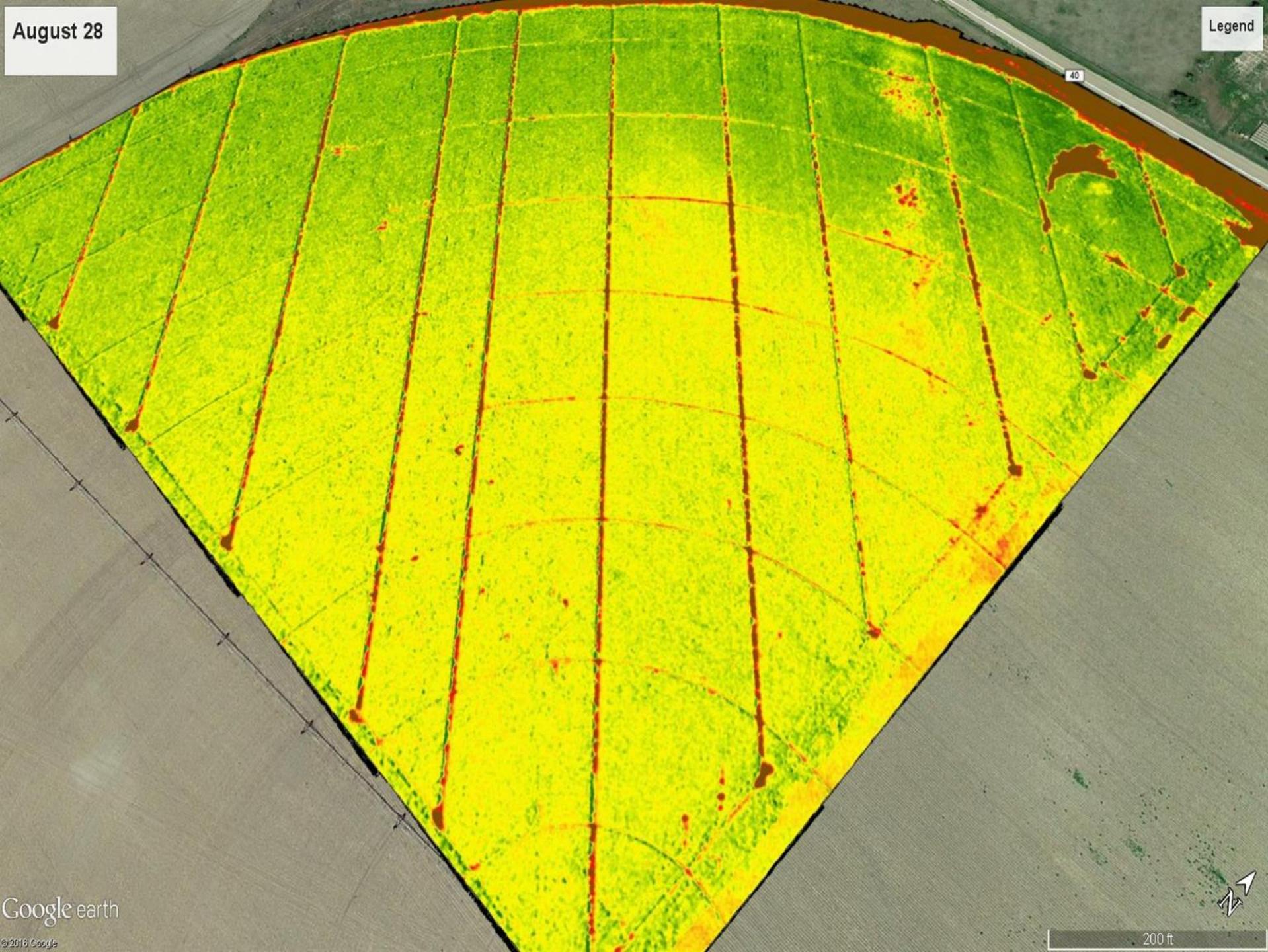
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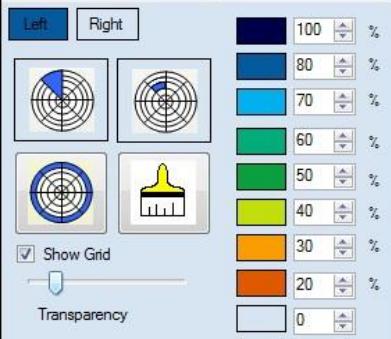
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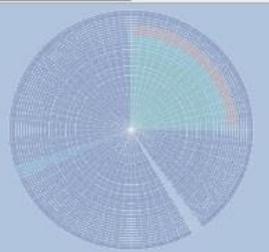
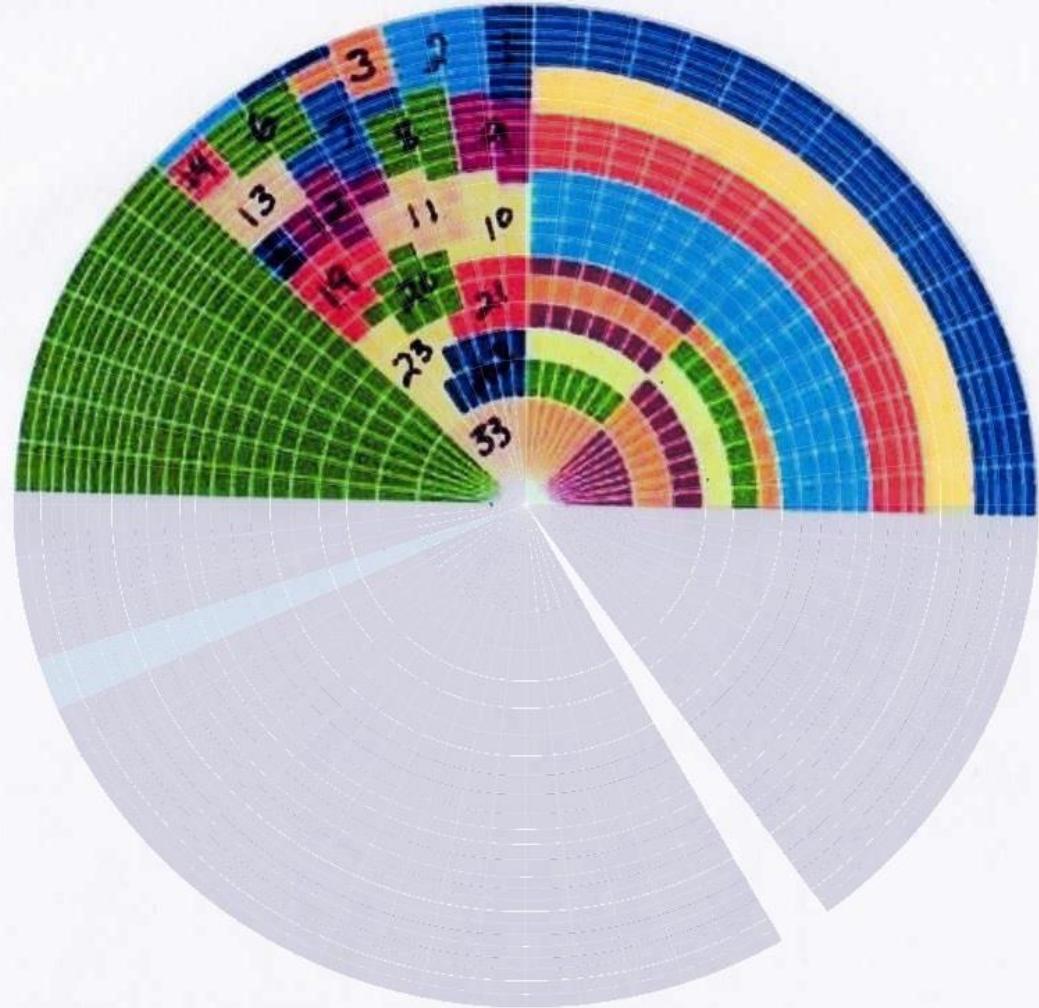
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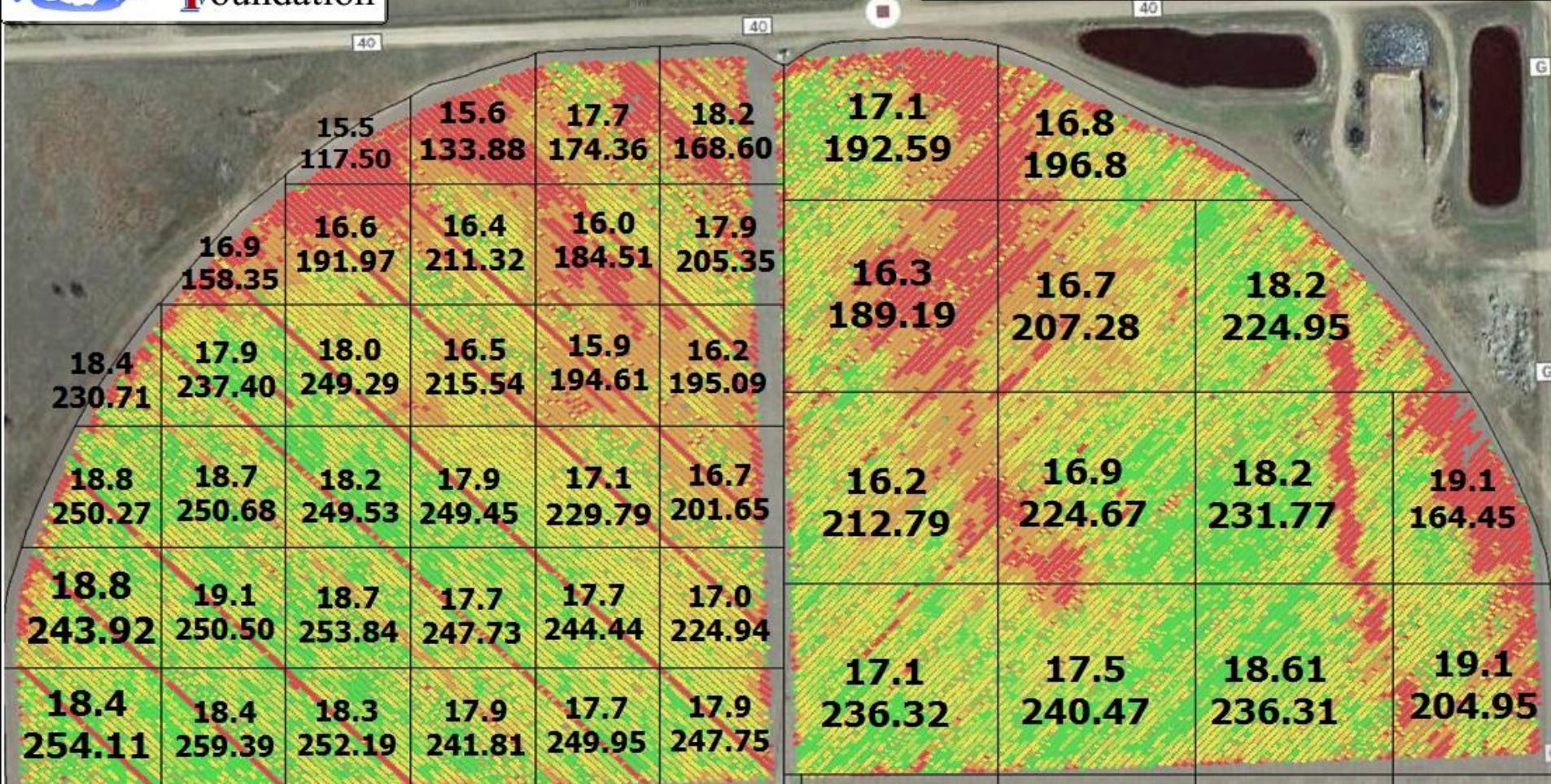




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**TOP NUMBER = MOISTURE
BOTTOM NUMBER = YIELD**



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