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Research  
Foundation



# 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

















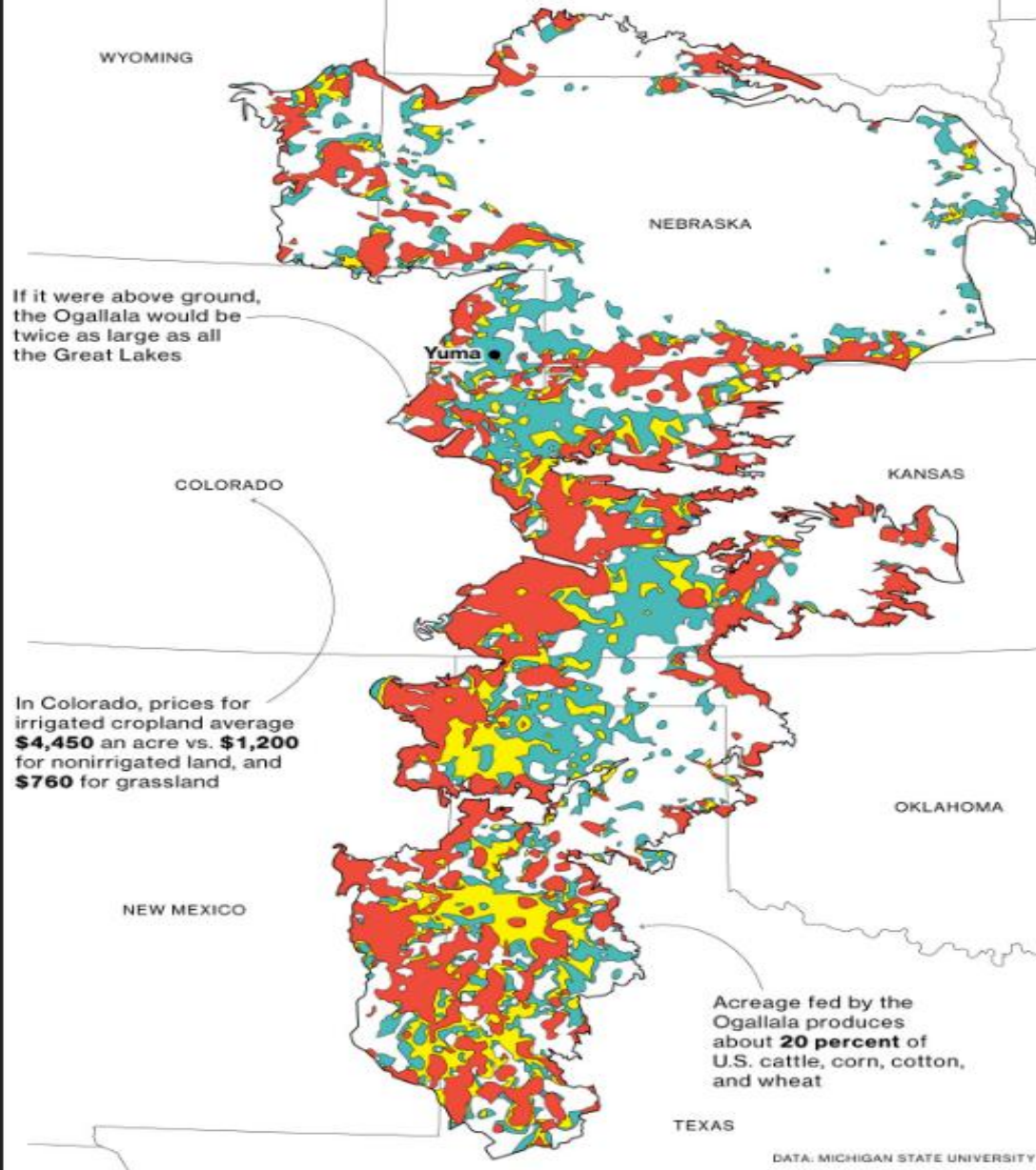
# Ogallala Aquifer

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

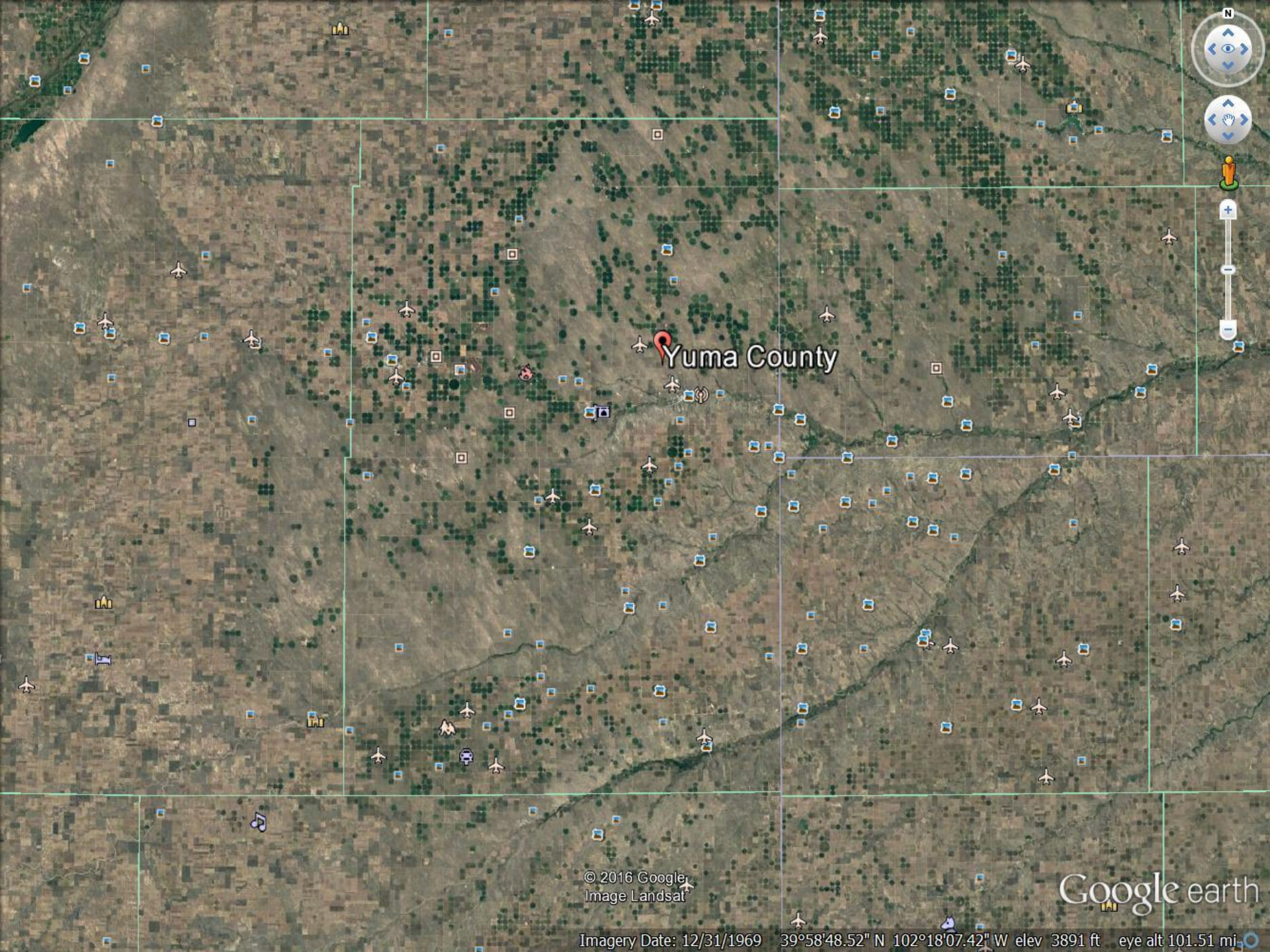
1 acre foot water = Football field filled with water 1 foot deep

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**





Yuma County

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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





Lateral North

Circle E

Circle D

Circle G

Base Station

Circle A

Circle B

Lateral South

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## USDA Report in October-[bit.ly/precision-ag-report](http://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](http://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**

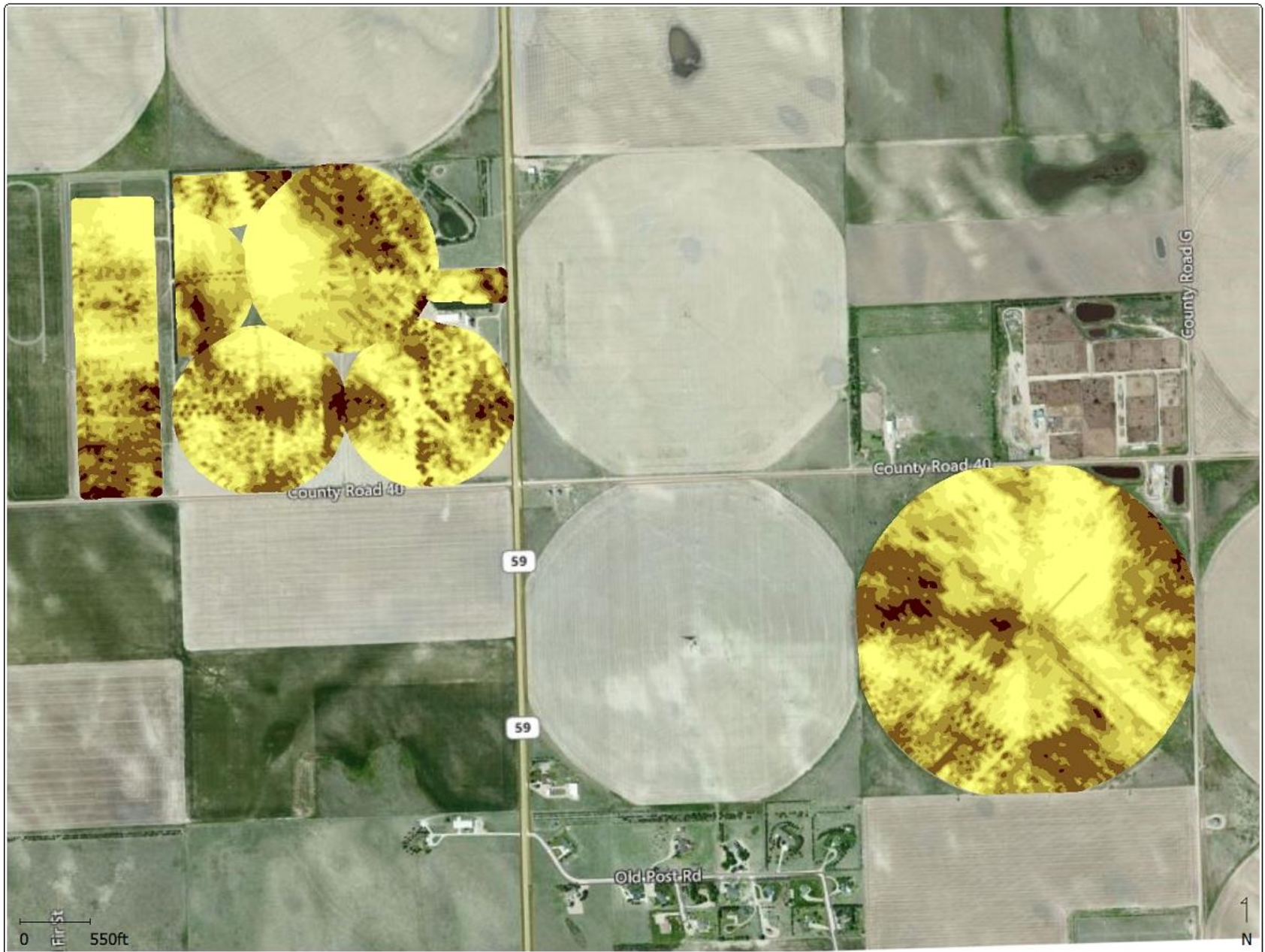
**Past farming history- data maps - \*EC maps, Grid soil samples, Yield maps, Aerial NDVI imagery and soil water \water analysis, capacitance probe with salinity**





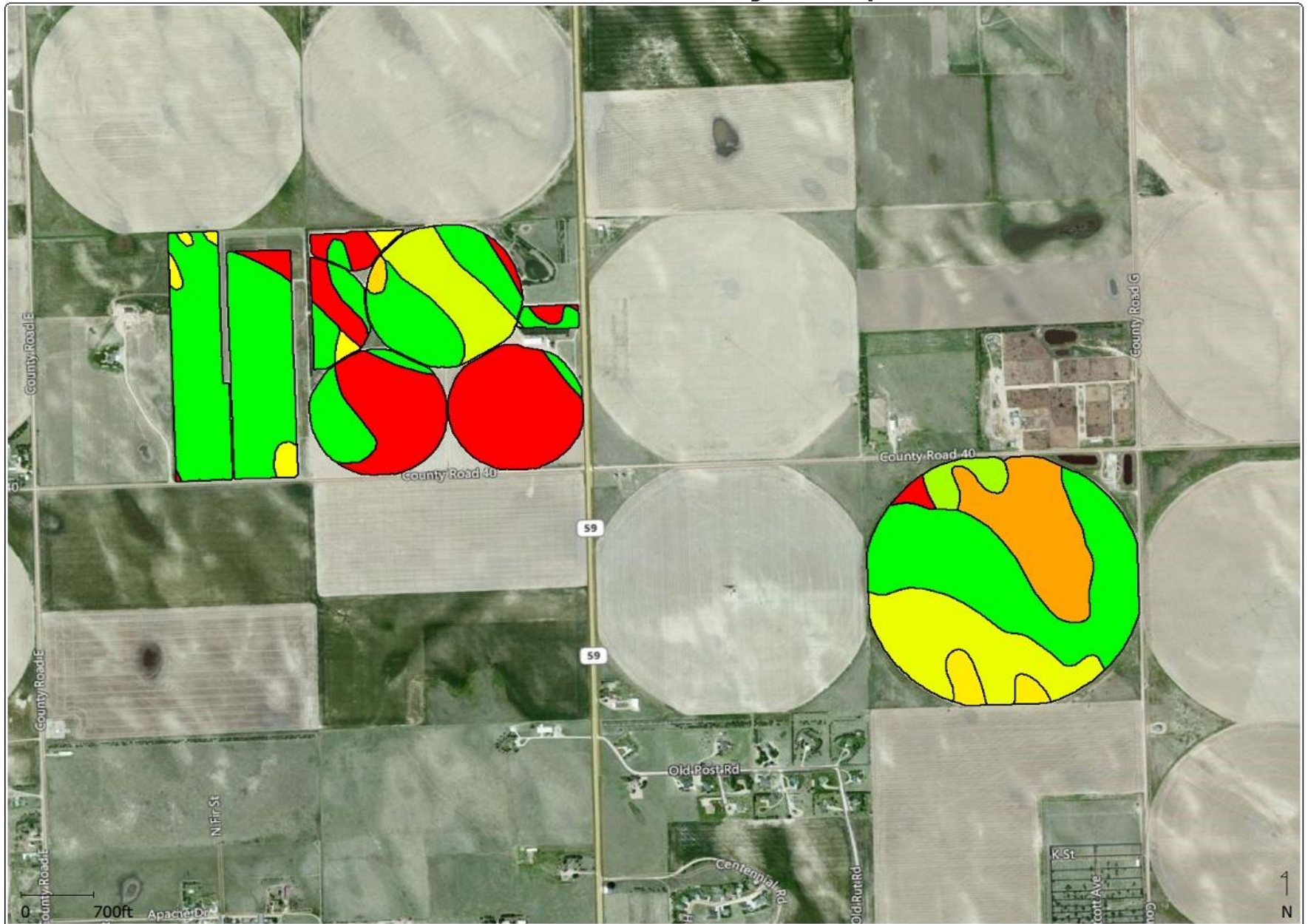


# EC map shallow



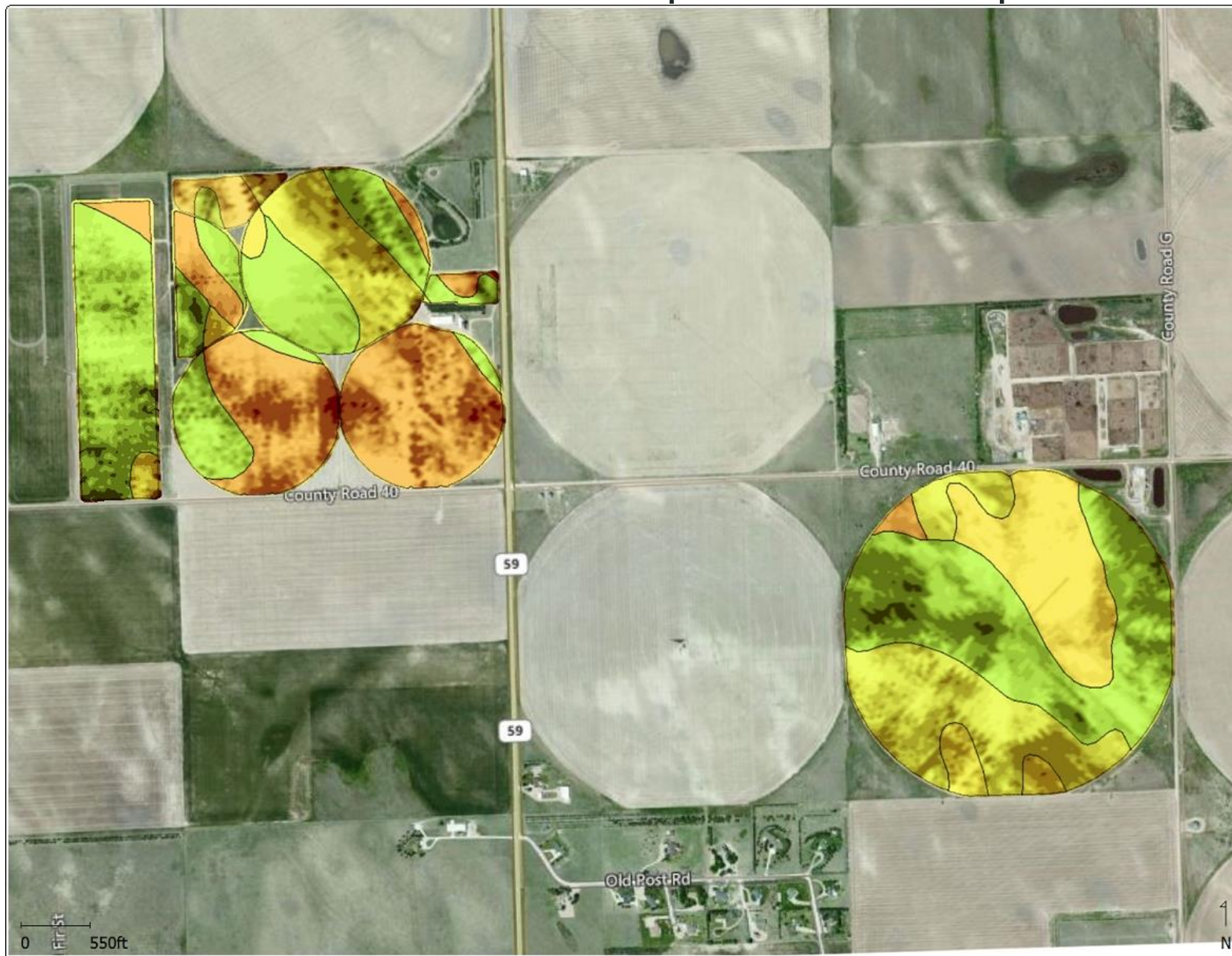


# IRF Soil Survey Map



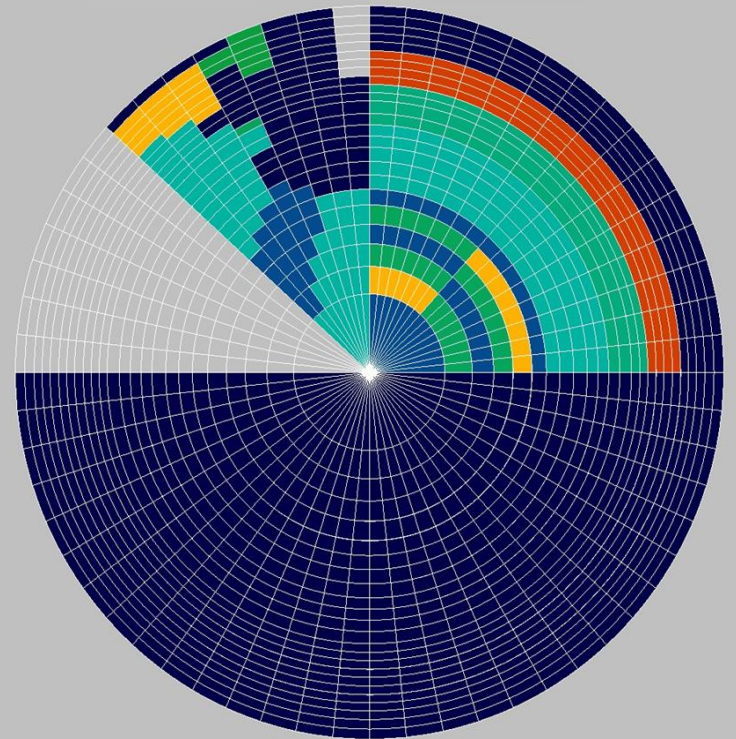
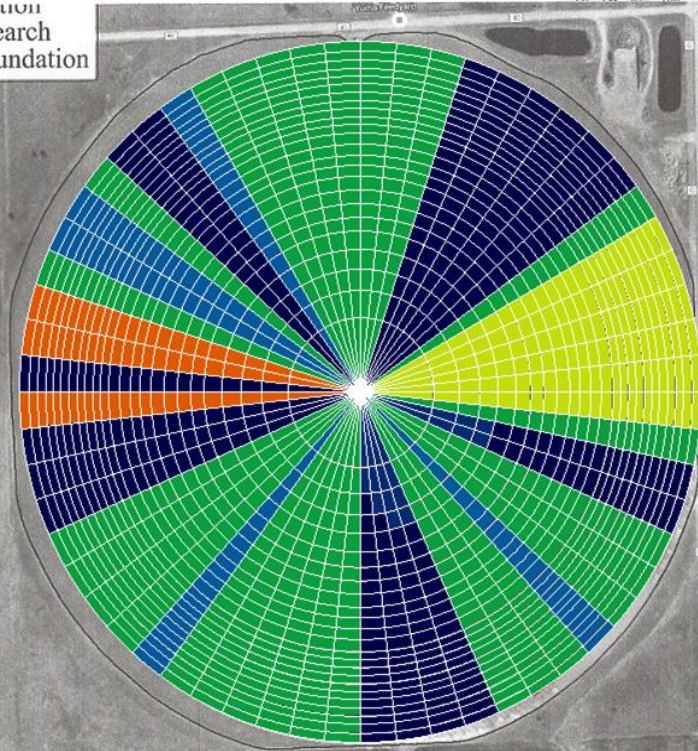


# Contrast of EC map and Soil map

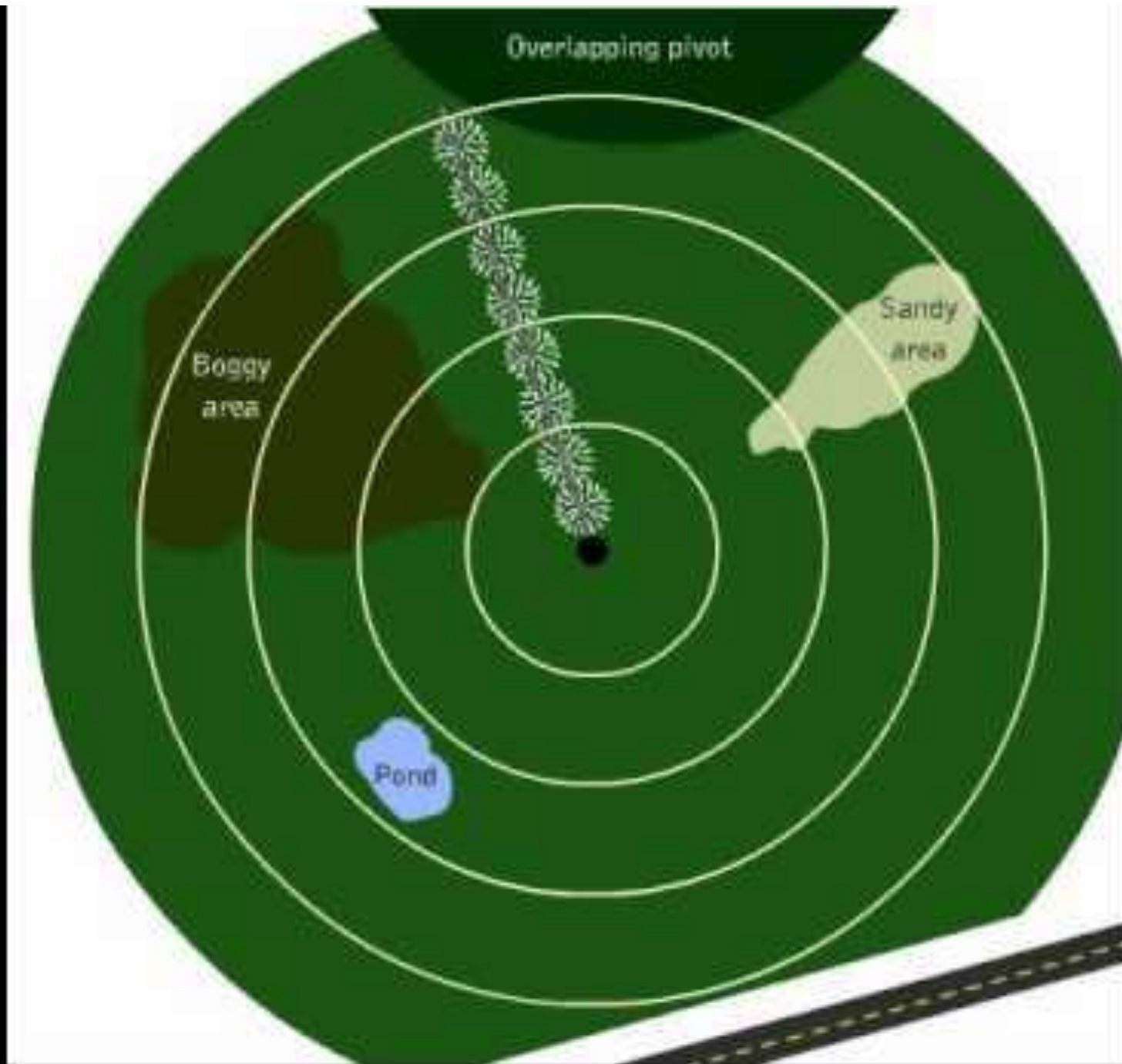




# Sector Water Vs. Zone water









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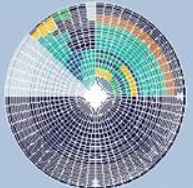
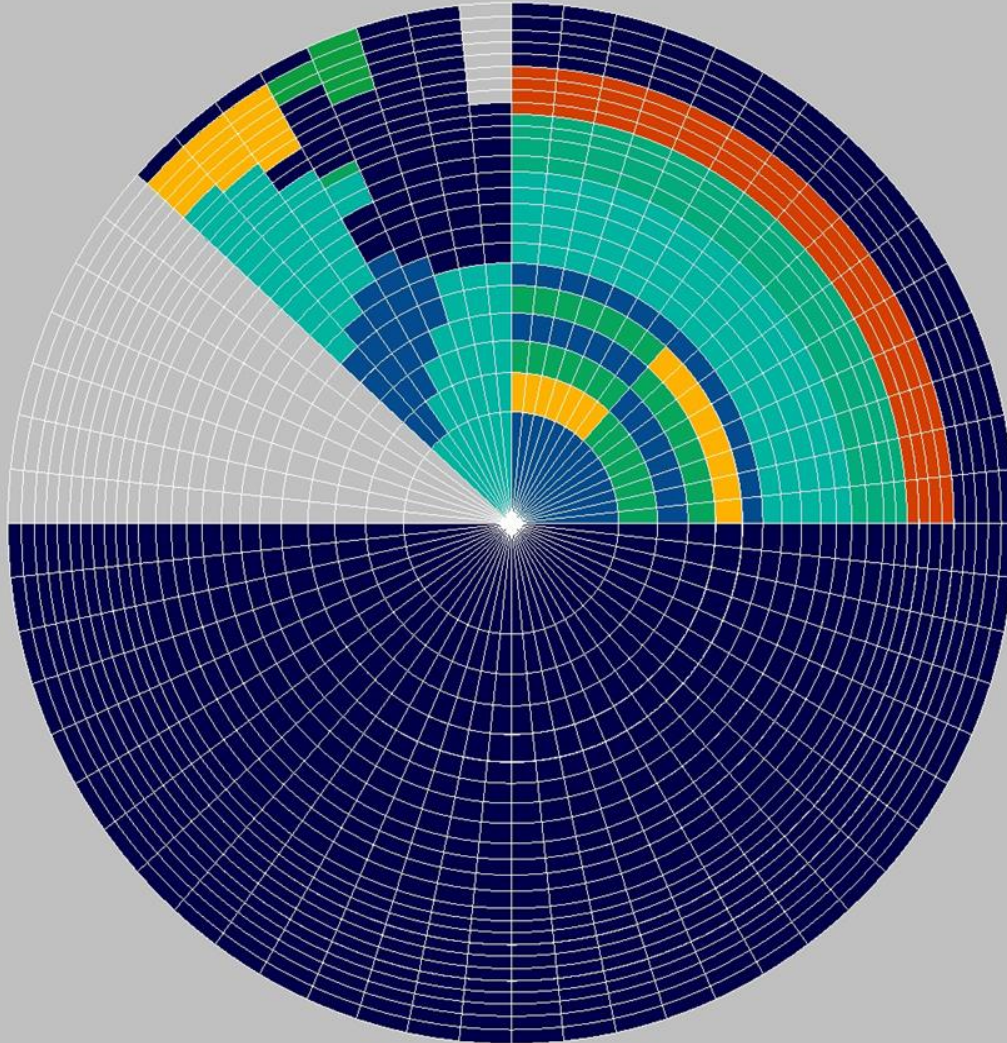


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Zone	Width	Water Sector(1)	Relay Address	# Sprinkler
01	277.00	83	A1	1
02	99.00	33	A2	1
03	79.00	56	A3	1
04	70.00	83	A4	1
05	69.00	56	A5	1
06	54.00	83	A6	1
07	50.00	67	B1	1
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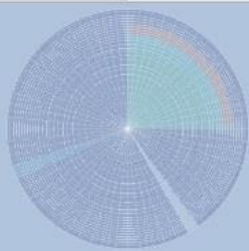
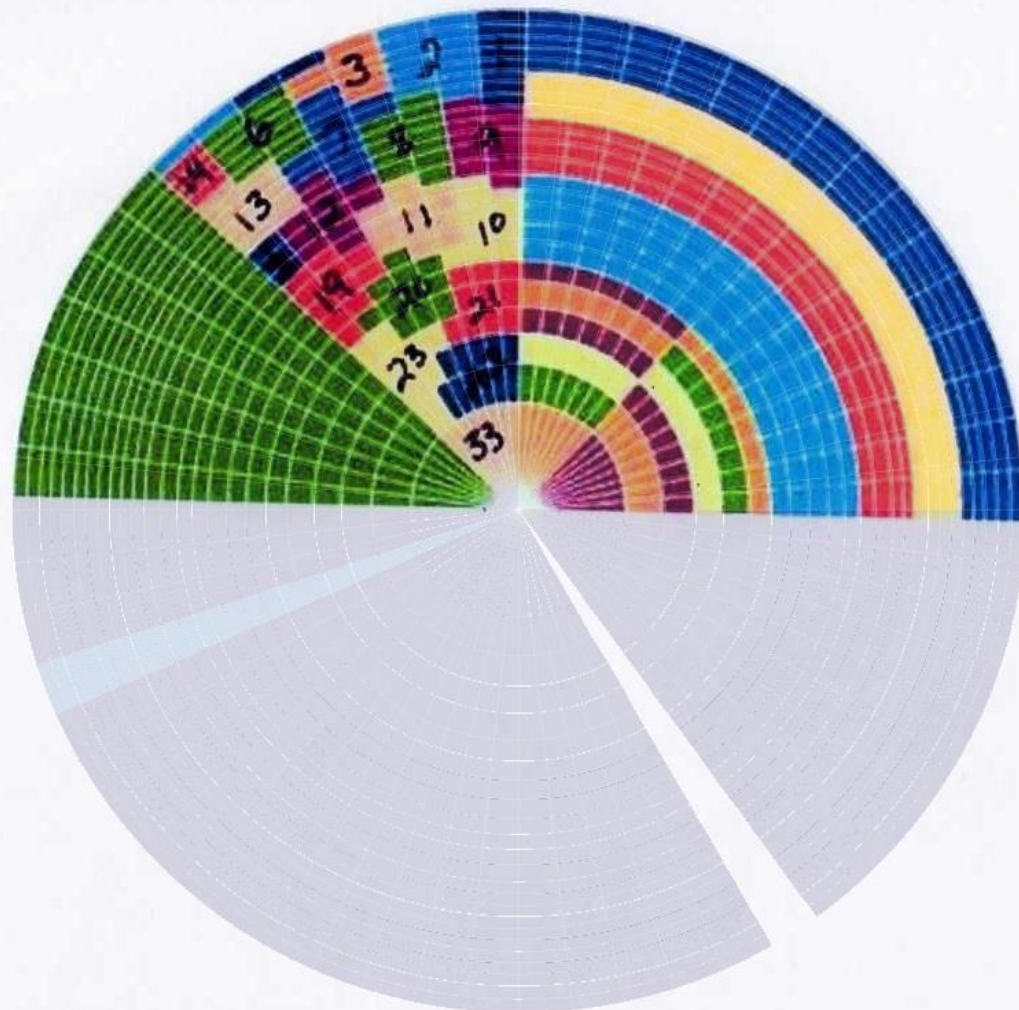
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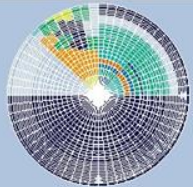
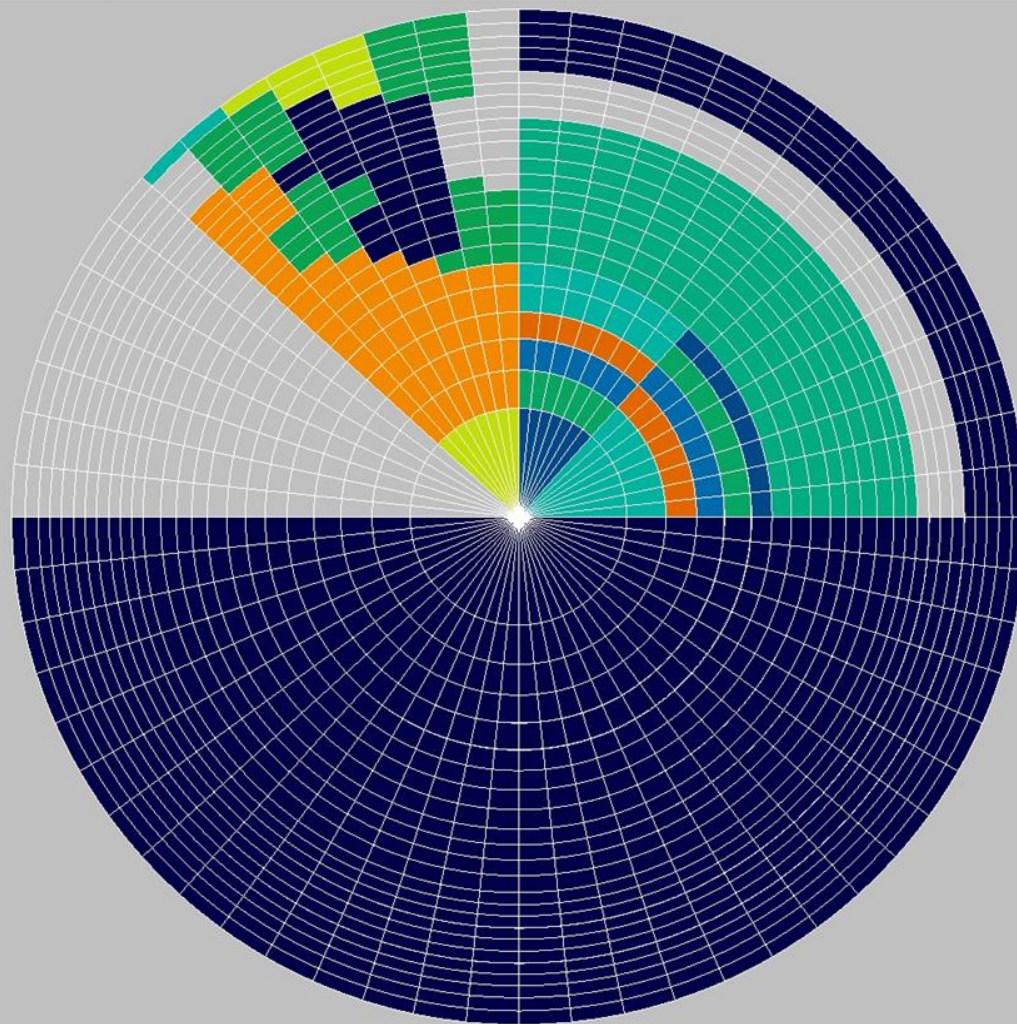


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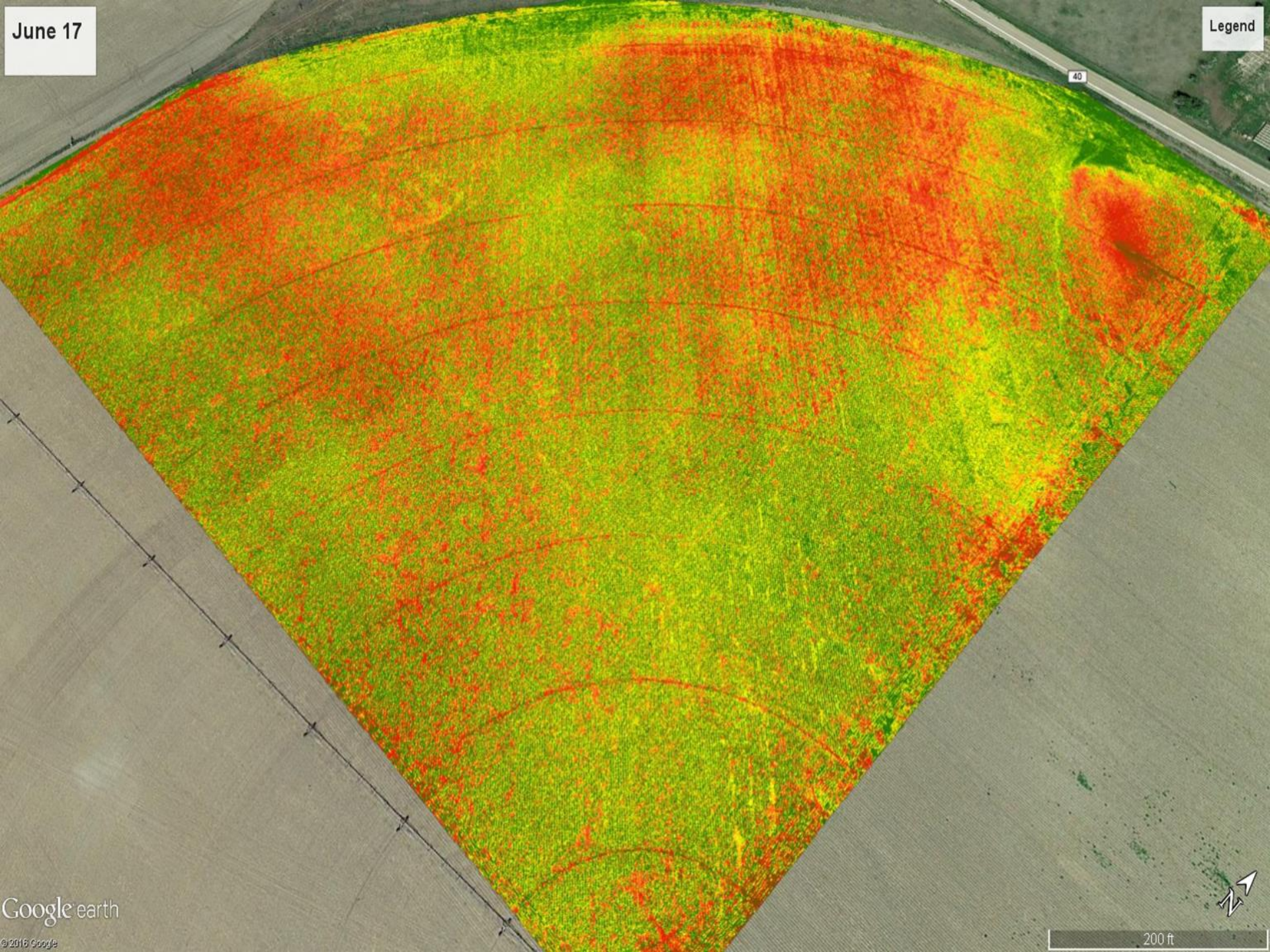










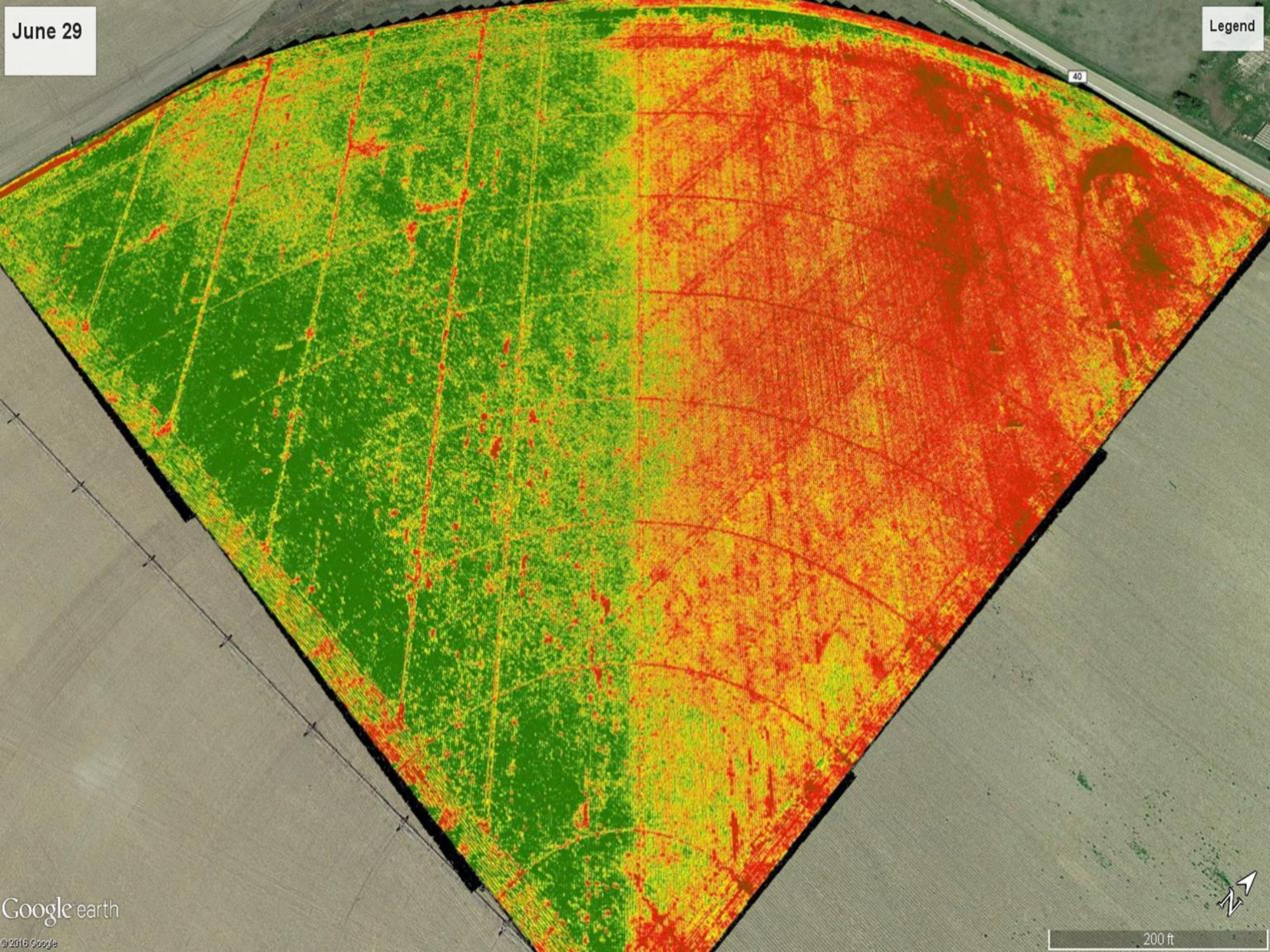


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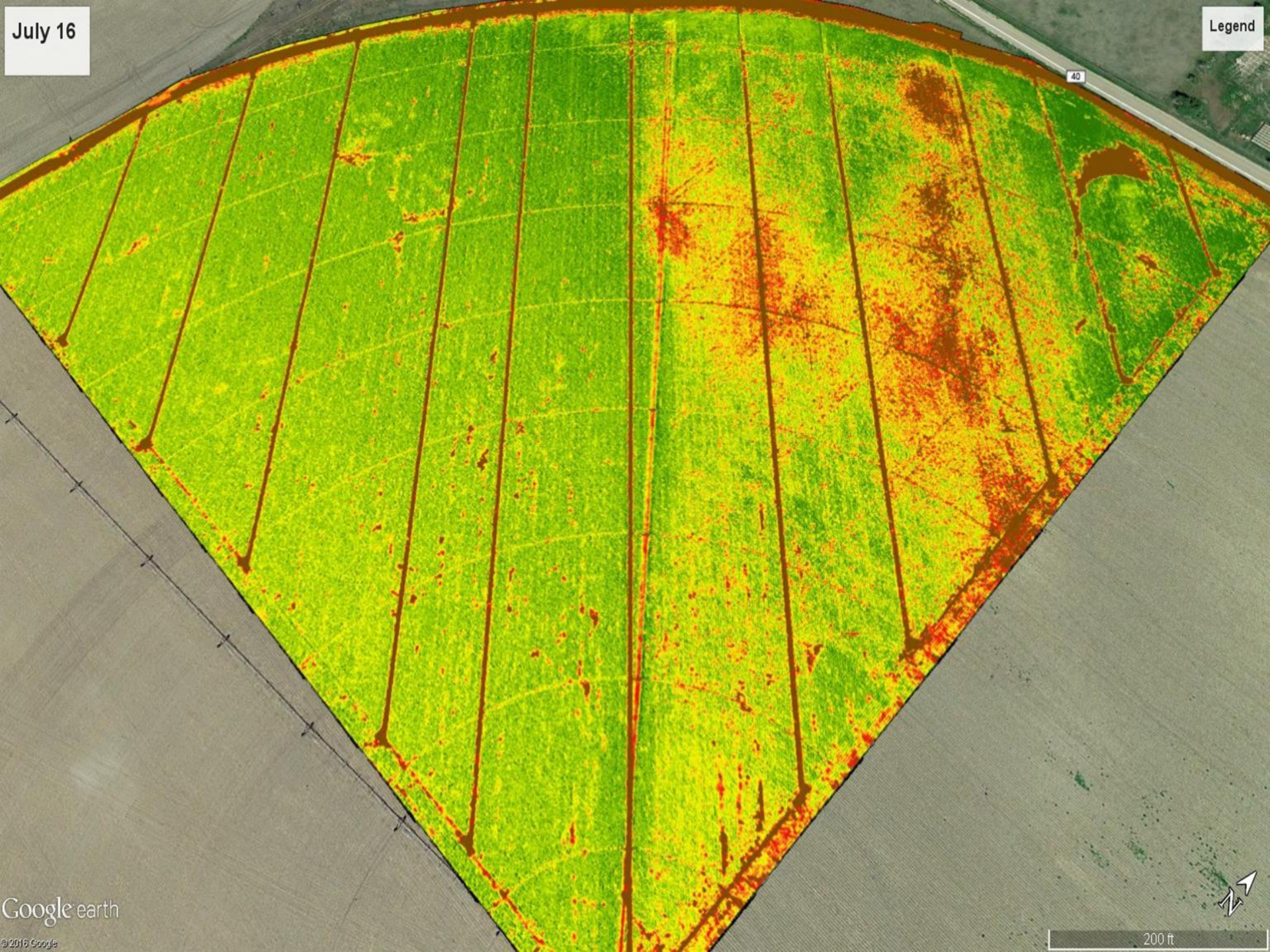
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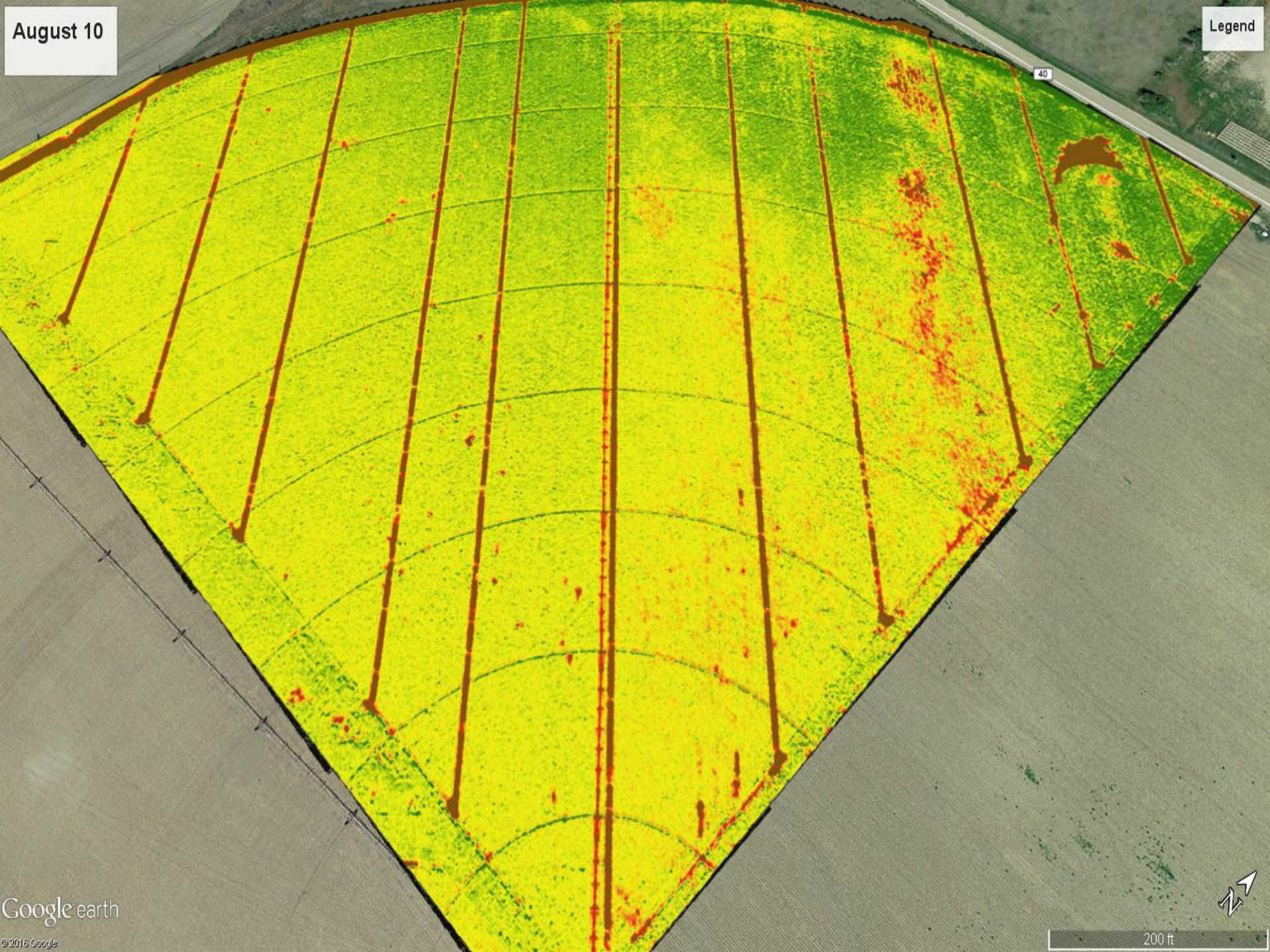


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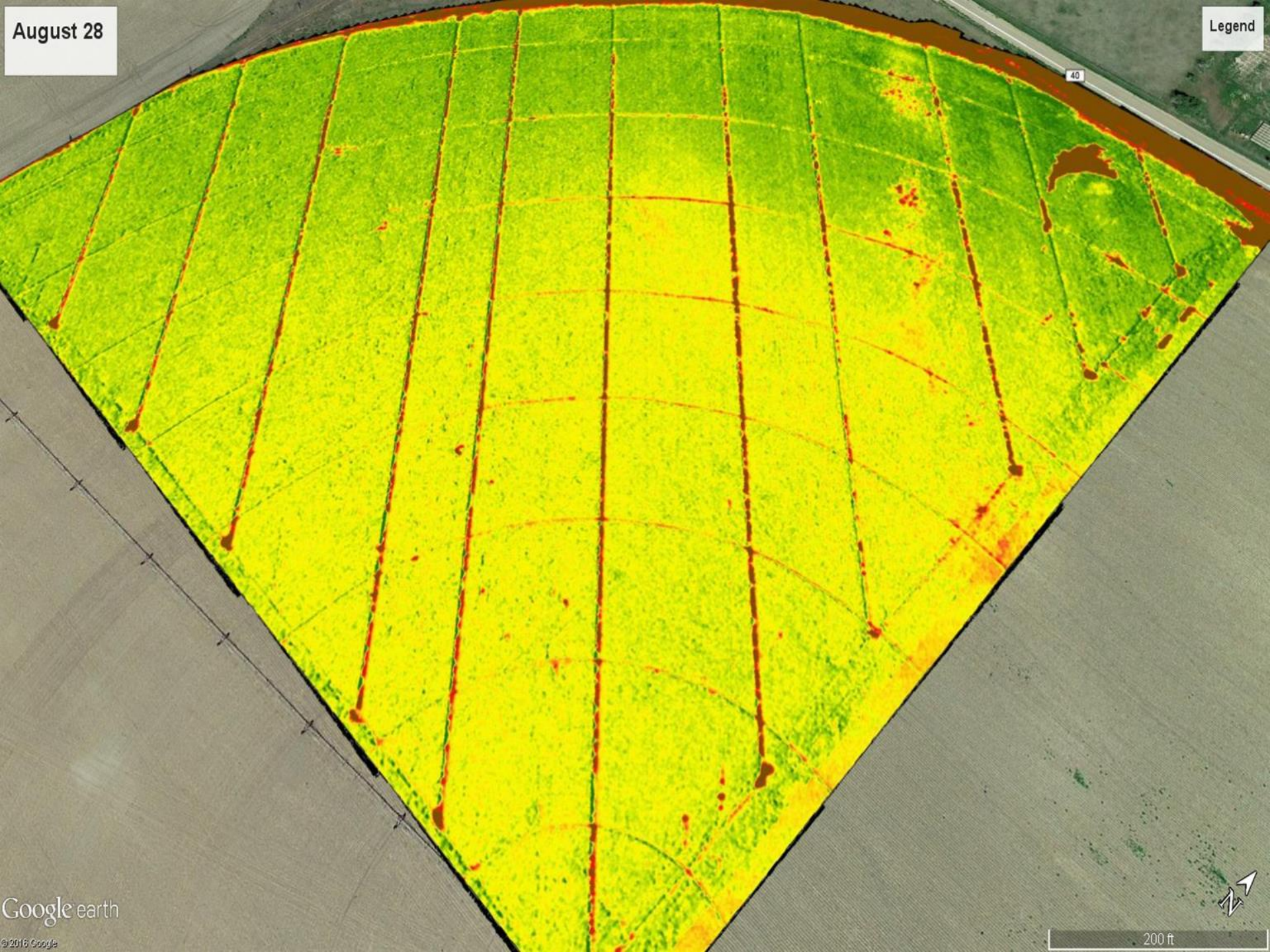
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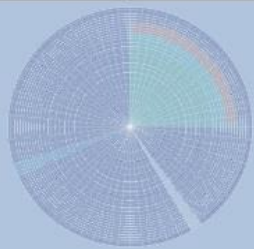
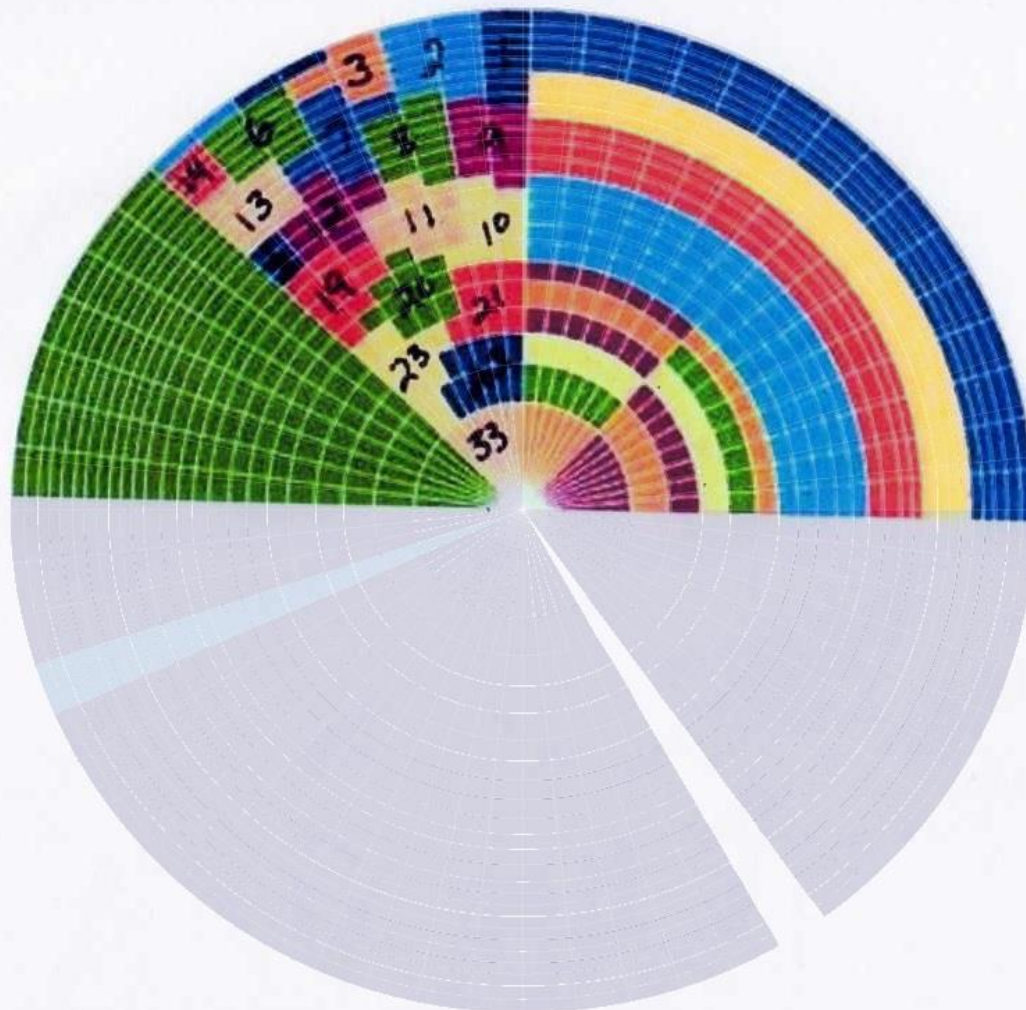
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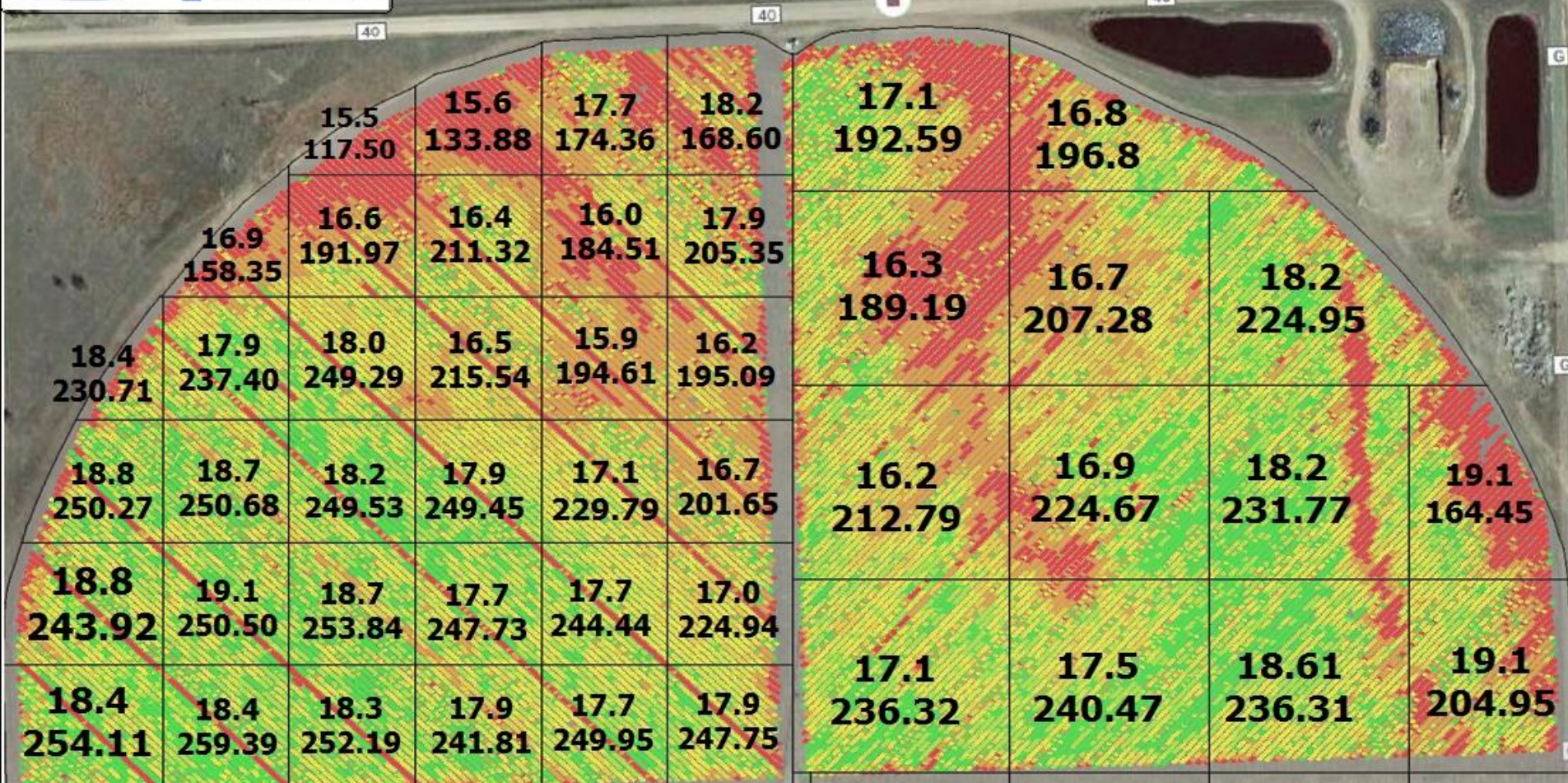
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# YIELD MAP GRID RESULTS NEWBANKS NORTH HALF



TOP NUMBER = MOISTURE  
BOTTOM NUMBER = YIELD





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