Please provide the following information, and submit to the NOAA DM Plan Repository.

# Reference to Master DM Plan (if applicable)

As stated in Section IV, Requirement 1.3, DM Plans may be hierarchical. If this DM Plan inherits provisions from a higher-level DM Plan already submitted to the Repository, then this more-specific Plan only needs to provide information that differs from what was provided in the Master DM Plan.

URL of higher-level DM Plan (if any) as submitted to DM Plan Repository:

# 1. General Description of Data to be Managed

# **1.1. Name of the Data, data collection Project, or data-producing Program:** 2021 Connecticut NAIP 4-Band 8 Bit Imagery

# 1.2. Summary description of the data:

This data set contains imagery from the National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAIP). The NAIP program is administered by USDA FSA and has been established to support two main FSA strategic goals centered on agricultural production. These are, increase stewardship of America's natural resources while enhancing the environment, and to ensure commodities are procured and distributed effectively and efficiently to increase food security. The NAIP program supports these goals by acquiring and providing ortho imagery that has been collected during the agricultural growing season in the U.S. The NAIP ortho imagery is tailored to meet FSA requirements and is a fundamental tool used to support FSA farm and conservation programs. Ortho imagery provides an effective, intuitive means of communication about farm program administration between FSA and stakeholders. New technology and innovation is identified by fostering and maintaining a relationship with vendors and government partners, and by keeping pace with the broader geospatial community. As a result of these efforts the NAIP program provides three main products: DOQQ tiles, Compressed County Mosaics ( CCM), and Seamline shape files. The Contract specifications for NAIP imagery have changed over time reflecting agency requirements and improving technologies. These changes include image resolution, horizontal accuracy, coverage area, and number of bands. In general, flying seasons are established by FSA and are targeted for peak crop growing conditions. The NAIP acquisition cycle is based on a minimum 3 year refresh of base ortho imagery. The tiling format of the NAIP imagery is based on a 3.75' x 3.75' quarter quadrangle with a 300 pixel buffer on all four sides. NAIP quarter quads are formatted to the UTM coordinate system using the North American Datum of 1983. NAIP imagery may contain as much as 10% cloud cover per tile.

# **1.3.** Is this a one-time data collection, or an ongoing series of measurements? One-time data collection

## 1.4. Actual or planned temporal coverage of the data:

2021-09-04 to 2021-11-06

# 1.5. Actual or planned geographic coverage of the data:

W: -73.778, E: -71.79, N: 42.075, S: 40.957

## 1.6. Type(s) of data:

(e.g., digital numeric data, imagery, photographs, video, audio, database, tabular data, etc.) Image (digital)

## 1.7. Data collection method(s):

(e.g., satellite, airplane, unmanned aerial system, radar, weather station, moored buoy, research vessel, autonomous underwater vehicle, animal tagging, manual surveys, enforcement activities, numerical model, etc.)

# 1.8. If data are from a NOAA Observing System of Record, indicate name of system:

# 1.8.1. If data are from another observing system, please specify:

# 2. Point of Contact for this Data Management Plan (author or maintainer)

#### 2.1. Name:

NOAA Office for Coastal Management (NOAA/OCM)

#### 2.2. Title:

Metadata Contact

# 2.3. Affiliation or facility:

NOAA Office for Coastal Management (NOAA/OCM)

## 2.4. E-mail address:

coastal.info@noaa.gov

### 2.5. Phone number:

(843) 740-1202

# 3. Responsible Party for Data Management

Program Managers, or their designee, shall be responsible for assuring the proper management of the data produced by their Program. Please indicate the responsible party below.

## 3.1. Name:

#### 3.2. Title:

Data Steward

### 4. Resources

Programs must identify resources within their own budget for managing the data they produce.

### 4.1. Have resources for management of these data been identified?

# 4.2. Approximate percentage of the budget for these data devoted to data management ( specify percentage or "unknown"):

# 5. Data Lineage and Quality

NOAA has issued Information Quality Guidelines for ensuring and maximizing the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information which it disseminates.

# 5.1. Processing workflow of the data from collection or acquisition to making it publicly accessible

(describe or provide URL of description):

**Process Steps:** 

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- 2022-02-01 00:00:00 - DOQQ Production Process Description;
                                                                  USDA FSA
APFO NAIP Program 2021;
                                                 The imagery was collected using
the following digital sensors:
                                  Leica ADS-100 (Serial Number 10530),
Leica ADS-100 (Serial Number 10510),
                                           Leica ADS-100 (Serial Number 10515),
    Leica ADS-100 (Serial Number 10522),
                                               Leica ADS-100 (Serial Number
10537).
             Leica ADS-100 (Serial Number 10519).
                                                        Leica ADS-100 (Serial
                                   with Flight and Sensor Control Management
Number 10552)
  System (FCMS) firmware:
                                 v4.57 and v4.6,
                                                        Cameras are calibrated
radiometrically and geometrically
                                       by the manufacturer and are all certified
by the USGS.
                         Collection was performed using a combination of the
 following twin-engine aircraft with turbines flying
                                                          at 27,100 ft above mean
                                      C441, C414, Rockwell Turbo Commander
terrain.
                    Plane types:
   Tail numbers:
                       N441EH,
                                     N414EH,
                                                      N440EH,
                                                                     N441FS,
 N2NQ,
             N811HJ,N690LS,
                                     With these flying heights, there is a 27%
sidelap,
              giving the collected data nominal ground sampling distance
                                                                               οf
0.60 meters.
                         Based-upon the CCD Array configuration present in
the ADS digital sensor, imagery for each flight
                                                   line is 20,000-pixels in width.
Red. Green. Blue.
                       Near-Infrared and Panchromatic image bands were
collected.
                      The ADS 100 has the following band specifications:
                                                                              Red
619-651.
              Green 525-585.
                                   Blue 435-495,
                                                      Near Infrared 808-882.
 all values are in nanometers.
- 2022-02-01 00:00:00 - Flight planning was performed in Leica MissionPro over a
         buffered boundary covering DOQQ extents provided by the USDA.
  A 500m reduced resolution DEM file was used to determine
                                                                         ground
heights. A targeted flight altitude of approximately
                                                             27,000 feet above
ground level for native 60cm image
                                                  acquisition with sidelap of 27%
                              for flight planning parameters. Five aircraft were
was used
             for acquisition, the seamline
                                                      shapefile clarifies which
utilized
aircraft were used for a given area.
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All aircraft were equipped with Leica

ADS100 systems

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where utilized for data
                                              capture. The Leica ADS100
pushbroom sensor
                                       has been calibrated by the manufacturer as
well as validated
                            against a local calibration range. The calibration
includes
                   measuring the radiometric and geometric properties of the
        camera. These data are used in the Post Processing Software
                                                                                to
eliminate the radiometric and geometric distortion.
                                                                  All aerial
imagery was collected with associated GPS/IMU
                                                            data. ADS collection
requires high quality IMU data for
                                                processing and was critical for
early access hosting of digital
                                       data to the web for USDA interim access and
review.
                                                                   After early
                                                      imagery was triangulated
access web delivery was complete, all
using Leica XPro in which
                                          the airborne GPS data was constrained
                               To validate the accuracy of the block adjustment
to expected limits.
derived from
                        GPS/IMU, sensor parameters and conjugate point
                          photo identifiable ground control points were field
measurements.
                        each State. These points were surveyed using GPS
surveyed within
techniques to
                       produce coordinates that are accurate to +/- 0.25 meters
RMSE in XYZ.
                   The GPS surveying techniques utilized assured that the
coordinates
                   are derived in the required project datum and relative to an
approved
                National Reference System. If the block does not fit the
control points within specifications the pass and tie
                                                                   points were
reviewed for blunders and weak areas. If,
                                                         after these corrections
were made, the block still
                                          does not fit the control well the GPS and
IMU processing were
                               reviewed. Once the block has proper statistics and
                  control to specifications, the final bundle adjustment was
fits the
    made. As AT points are frequently on man-made and other
vertical features not included in the DEM, these ortho
                                                                    points can only
be used to indicate regions of error by the
                                                     clusters of points that predict
excessive horizontal displacement.
- 2022-02-01 00:00:00 - The final adjustments assure a high quality relative
adjustment
                     and a high quality absolute adjustment limited to the
     airborne GPS data accuracy. This process assures the final
                                                                           absolute
accuracy of all geopositioned imagery. Both
                                                           signalized and photo
identified ground control were used to
                                                  QC and control the IMU/GPS
based aerial triangulation bundle
                                            block solution. Surdex Grouping Tool
provides real-time updates
                                    of the USDA APFO Image Metrics. The image
technician adjusts
                            image correction parameters to bring the radiometric
              characteristics of large groups of images within the Image
Metrics ranges. For each project area the highest resolution
                                                                       DEM or
LiDAR was obtained and utilized for rectification of captured
                                                                   imagery.
                                                                           A visual
inspection of the final DEM using color cycled
                                                           classification by
elevation and a shaded relief was performed
                                                       to check for gaps,
                                              The predicted horizontal error for
corruption and gross errors.
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each
                          point was added as an attribute in the SURDEX
                       database. An operator reviews ortho seams
enterprise
    in areas these predicted errors indicate horizontal error in
                                                                         excess of
the contract specifications. Any imagery errors
                                                          introduced by source
DEM required patching from an alternate
                                                   perspective or strip of
photography.
                                     Processing hardware used included various
brands of survey grade
                               GPS receivers, various brands and models of
computers,
                         RAID6 storage, calibrated monitors, various brands of
monitor
                  calibration colorimeters. Leica XPro was used for post
   processing of ADS pushbroom data, triangulation and
orthorectification. SURDEX software was used to color correct
                                                                      and
remove bidirectional reflectance, vignetting and other
                                                                 illumination
trends. USDA APFO Image Metrics are measured and
                                                             images corrected to
conform to the Image Metrics using
                                                SURDEX software. GPS/IMU data
was reduced to projected
                                      coordinates in the appropriate UTM zone
using
                        Inertial Explorer software from Novatel. Aerial
Triangulation
                        and orthorectification was performed using Leica XPro.
SURDEX
                  software was used to adjust for minor radiometric
  variation between adjacent images. SURDEX software was used
                                                                           to
calculate the optimal seam path, check seam topology and
                                                                    create master
tiles. SURDEX ortho software generates
                                                     occlusion/smear polygons
used during seam review
                                          of steep terrain. SURDEX software was
used to
                         visually inspect master tiles for seam and image defects.
           SURDEX software was used to project and cut final DOQQ image
  files from masters.
- 2022-08-04 00:00:00 - SURDEX software was used to create CCM
metadata. Lizardtech GeoExpress version 10.0.1.5035 was used
                                                                        to create
                                                         used to perform final
the CCM image file. SURDEX software was
formatting, QC and naming of the DOQQ.
                                                  USGS metadata parser software
was used to validate the metadata.
                                          Various versions of Microsoft Windows
were used in all phases of
                                  production. Grouping Tool was used again after
DOQQ and CCM
                          production to provide a quality assurance check.
Individual
                     DOQQ and CCM may not meet the USDA APFO Image Metrics
ranges
                 due to land cover. The goal is to have the state as a
whole meet the Image Metrics. All products are reviewed
                                                                     by
independent personnel prior to delivery.
                                                           The delivery is
checked for omissions, commissions,
                                                   naming, formatting,
specification compliance and data integrity.
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- 5.1.1. If data at different stages of the workflow, or products derived from these data, are subject to a separate data management plan, provide reference to other plan:
- 5.2. Quality control procedures employed (describe or provide URL of description):

#### 6. Data Documentation

The EDMC Data Documentation Procedural Directive requires that NOAA data be well documented, specifies the use of ISO 19115 and related standards for documentation of new data, and provides links to resources and tools for metadata creation and validation.

# 6.1. Does metadata comply with EDMC Data Documentation directive?

No

# 6.1.1. If metadata are non-existent or non-compliant, please explain:

Missing/invalid information:

- 1.7. Data collection method(s)
- 3.1. Responsible Party for Data Management
- 4.1. Have resources for management of these data been identified?
- 4.2. Approximate percentage of the budget for these data devoted to data management
- 5.2. Quality control procedures employed
- 7.1. Do these data comply with the Data Access directive?
- 7.1.1. If data are not available or has limitations, has a Waiver been filed?
- 7.1.2. If there are limitations to data access, describe how data are protected
- 7.3. Data access methods or services offered
- 7.4. Approximate delay between data collection and dissemination
- 8.1. Actual or planned long-term data archive location
- 8.3. Approximate delay between data collection and submission to an archive facility
- 8.4. How will the data be protected from accidental or malicious modification or deletion prior to receipt by the archive?

# 6.2. Name of organization or facility providing metadata hosting:

NMFS Office of Science and Technology

# 6.2.1. If service is needed for metadata hosting, please indicate:

#### 6.3. URL of metadata folder or data catalog, if known:

https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/inport/item/68394

# 6.4. Process for producing and maintaining metadata

(describe or provide URL of description):

Metadata produced and maintained in accordance with the NOAA Data Documentation Procedural Directive: https://nosc.noaa.gov/EDMC/DAARWG/docs/EDMC\_PD-Data\_Documentation\_v1.pdf

#### 7. Data Access

NAO 212-15 states that access to environmental data may only be restricted when distribution is explicitly limited by law, regulation, policy (such as those applicable to personally identifiable

information or protected critical infrastructure information or proprietary trade information) or by security requirements. The EDMC Data Access Procedural Directive contains specific guidance, recommends the use of open-standard, interoperable, non-proprietary web services, provides information about resources and tools to enable data access, and includes a Waiver to be submitted to justify any approach other than full, unrestricted public access.

- 7.1. Do these data comply with the Data Access directive?
  - 7.1.1. If the data are not to be made available to the public at all, or with limitations, has a Waiver (Appendix A of Data Access directive) been filed?
  - 7.1.2. If there are limitations to public data access, describe how data are protected from unauthorized access or disclosure:
- 7.2. Name of organization of facility providing data access:

NOAA Office for Coastal Management (NOAA/OCM)

- 7.2.1. If data hosting service is needed, please indicate:
- 7.2.2. URL of data access service, if known:

https://coast.noaa.gov/dataviewer/#/imagery/search/where:ID=9592 https://coastalimagery.blob.core.windows.net/digitalcoast/CT\_NAIP\_2021\_9592/index.html

- 7.3. Data access methods or services offered:
- 7.4. Approximate delay between data collection and dissemination:
  - 7.4.1. If delay is longer than latency of automated processing, indicate under what authority data access is delayed:

#### 8. Data Preservation and Protection

The NOAA Procedure for Scientific Records Appraisal and Archive Approval describes how to identify, appraise and decide what scientific records are to be preserved in a NOAA archive.

8.1. Actual or planned long-term data archive location:

(Specify NCEI-MD, NCEI-CO, NCEI-NC, NCEI-MS, World Data Center (WDC) facility, Other, To Be Determined, Unable to Archive, or No Archiving Intended)

- 8.1.1. If World Data Center or Other, specify:
- 8.1.2. If To Be Determined, Unable to Archive or No Archiving Intended, explain:

- **8.2.** Data storage facility prior to being sent to an archive facility (if any): Office for Coastal Management Charleston, SC
- 8.3. Approximate delay between data collection and submission to an archive facility:
- 8.4. How will the data be protected from accidental or malicious modification or deletion prior to receipt by the archive?

Discuss data back-up, disaster recovery/contingency planning, and off-site data storage relevant to the data collection

# 9. Additional Line Office or Staff Office Questions

Line and Staff Offices may extend this template by inserting additional questions in this section.