**Kentucky Wetland Data**

Wetlands compose less than 2.5 percent of Kentucky's land area, but they have considerable environmental, socioeconomic, and esthetic value. Most Kentucky wetlands lie shoreward of rivers, lakes, and reservoirs and include cypress swamps, bottom-land hardwood forests, marshes, and ponds. More than one-half of Kentucky's original wetlands have been lost, primarily as a conversion to cropland and pastureland; most conversions have been in western Kentucky. The State fosters protection of wetlands through a system of registry and dedication agreements with private entities. Most of Kentucky's wetlands are privately owned.

The Fish and Wildlife Service’s National Wetlands Inventory produced [ ] digital data for Kentucky with [ ] contributions from [ ]. Using the FGDC Wetlands Data Standard, wetlands were classified by System, Subsystem, Class, water regime and special modifiers. Digital Wetlands Data are available for almost all of the State. The last .1% has been scanned. Three-quarters of the imagery data used to produce the wetland maps is over 20 years old. Color infrared imagery was used for all of the wetland maps. Almost all of the imagery was at a scale of 1:58,000.