Maine Wetland Data

Maine's wetlands are diverse, ranging from inland swamps and peatlands to coastal salt marshes and mud flats. One-fourth of the State is wetland, and most wetlands are owned by individuals, timber companies, or other private landowners. Land-use changes have led to wetland losses. Early in Maine's history, expansion of fishing and farming communities along the coast resulted in the filling of many coastal wetlands. Wetlands along inland waterways were converted to agricultural use. Recent losses have been due to urbanization and other development. Wetland conservation in Maine is a combined effort by Federal, State, and local governments and private organizations and landowners.

The Fish and Wildlife Service’s National Wetlands Inventory produced [quantity] digital data for Maine with [quantity] contributions from [quantity]. Using the FGDC Wetlands Data Standard, wetlands were classified by System, Subsystem, Class, water regime and special modifiers. Digital Wetlands Data are available for all of the State. Three-quarters of the imagery data used to make the wetland maps is about 20 years old (from late 1980s). Color infrared imagery was used on all of the wetland maps. All of the wetland maps used imagery at a scale of 1:58,000.