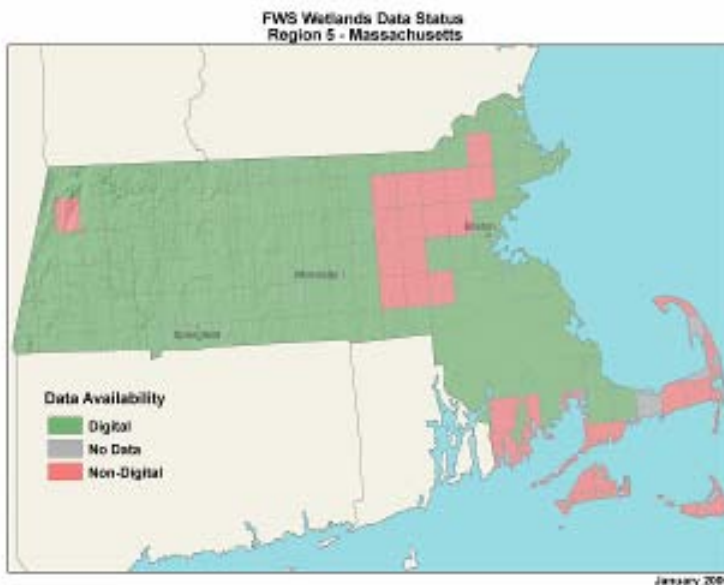
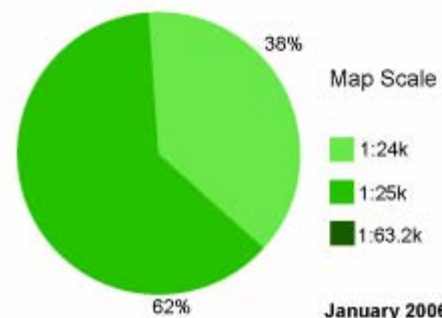
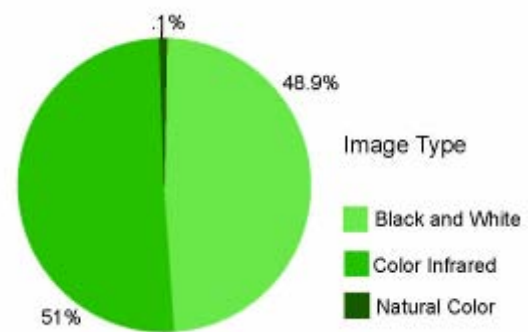
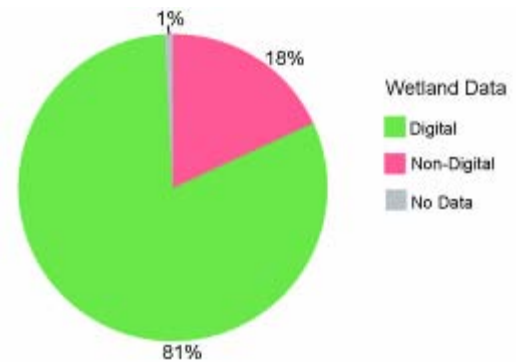
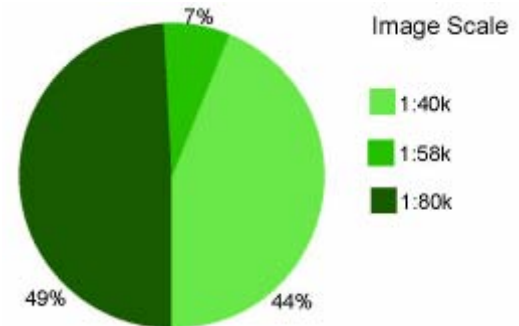
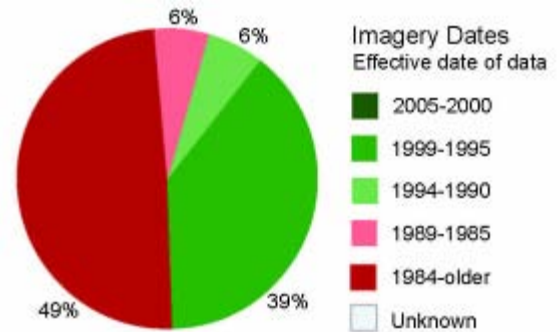


## Massachusetts Wetland Data

Wetlands cover about 590,000 acres of Massachusetts, about 12 percent of the State's area. Massachusetts has lost about 28 percent of its original wetlands since the 1780s. Agricultural and urban expansion have caused most of the losses. Forested wetlands, primarily red maple swamps, comprise more than one-half of the State's wetlands; estuarine and marine wetlands account for about one-fifth. Regulatory functions of wetland conservation in Massachusetts are performed at the Federal, State, and local government level, and private organizations are active in land acquisition and management, research, education, and policy review and planning.

The Fish and Wildlife Service's National Wetlands Inventory produced [ quantity ] digital data for Massachusetts 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 eighty-one percent of the State with additional hard-copy maps for 18% of the State. Nearly half of the imagery used to make the wetland maps is over 20 years old with an additional 39% being more recent—from the late 1990s. Color infrared imagery was used to create more than half of the wetland maps with additional imagery in black & white and natural color. Nearly half of the imagery was at a scale of 1:80,000.



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