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## Early Access Web Service INFORMATION SHEET

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### What is an Early Access Web Service?

An Early Access Web Service (EAWS) is an Esri® Restful 4 band image service which contains pre-production NAIP imagery. The imagery is added to the service, on average, 5 business days after imagery acquisition. This imagery is minimally processed to speed up the posting of imagery to the image service.

### How do I access the EAWS?

If you are a member of a Federal, state, or local agency please contact GIS Specialist Nathan Pugh at: [nathan.pugh@slc.usda.gov](mailto:nathan.pugh@slc.usda.gov) for more information. These services are meant for use by Federal, state or local agencies needing recent imagery for compliance or emergency purposes. If you need public access to production NAIP Imagery please see this [help document](#).

### How can I view the EAWS?

The services can be viewed in most Esri® products including ArcMap and ArcGIS Online. They can also be viewed directly in a web browser or Esri® compatible software.

### What can I use the EAWS for?

The services were designed for use on USDA time-sensitive compliance programs and disaster response activities. However, the EAWS could be used for any number of tasks. Please see the technical limitations and liability sections for more details.

### EAWS use liability Statement.

In no event shall the creators, custodians, or distributors of EAWS be liable for any damages arising out of its use (or the inability to use it).

### What are the technical limitations of the EAWS?

EAWS imagery has limited color correction processing performed before it is posted. The imagery is a true representation of ground and atmospheric conditions at the time of collection. This could make the imagery difficult to use and interpret at times.

The stated horizontal accuracy of the EAWS imagery is 10 meters to true ground. However, in most instances, the imagery is accurate to within a few meters of true ground. Depending upon the use case, horizontal accuracy needs should be *strongly considered* before proceeding to work with the EAWS.

### When is the EAWS available?

Imagery will be present in the services within approximately 5 days of imagery acquisition depending upon weather and other factors.

### How long is the EAWS available?

The EAWS will be available until 30 days after the NAIP production imagery service has been completed. A production quality level EAWS service will also be available until March 31<sup>st</sup> of the following calendar year. Please see the [2016 NAIP status map](#) for current NAIP acquisition and flying season windows.

### What metadata is available for the EAWS?

A vector polygon web service is available which contains the date and time of acquisition for imagery contained in the EAWS.

### Who do I contact for more information?

For more information on Early Access Web Services, contact GIS Specialist, Nathan Pugh, at (801) 844-2927.

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