

LIDAR Accuracy Assessment Report—Orange County

Orange County, Cape Fear Basin

The preliminary checkpoint spreadsheets were received from NCGS on June 10, 2002. Two spreadsheets were included which compared the independent QA/QC survey checkpoints with the interpolated LIDAR "Z" value as provided by the contractors. The spreadsheet summaries included:

1. All the checkpoints with the RMSE calculation for combined land cover
2. 95% of the checkpoints with the RMSE calculation (5% of points having the largest error removed)

All data was reviewed and further analyzed to assess the quality of the data. The review process examined the statistics for the combined land cover and the trends for each specific land cover type. The following graphs and figures illustrate the data quality as per the RMSE criteria.

Table 1 summarizes the RMSE using:

- 100% of the checkpoints
- 95% of the checkpoints
- Checkpoints categorized by land cover type

Table 1. RMSE by Land Class				
%	RMSE (cm)	# of Points	Land Class	RMSE Criteria (cm)
100	32.2	48	All	
95	24.9	46	All	25
16	18.1	8	Grass	
15	35.8	7	Weeds/Crop	
15	37.4	7	Scrub	
33	17.7	16	Forest	
16	16.1	8	Built-up	

The LIDAR data for Orange County, Cape Fear Basin meets the specification as per the RMSE criteria of 25 cm.

All figures represent the data with the 95% data set. The data is of marginal quality but meets the RMSE requirement.

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Figure 1 illustrates the RMSE by specific land cover type.

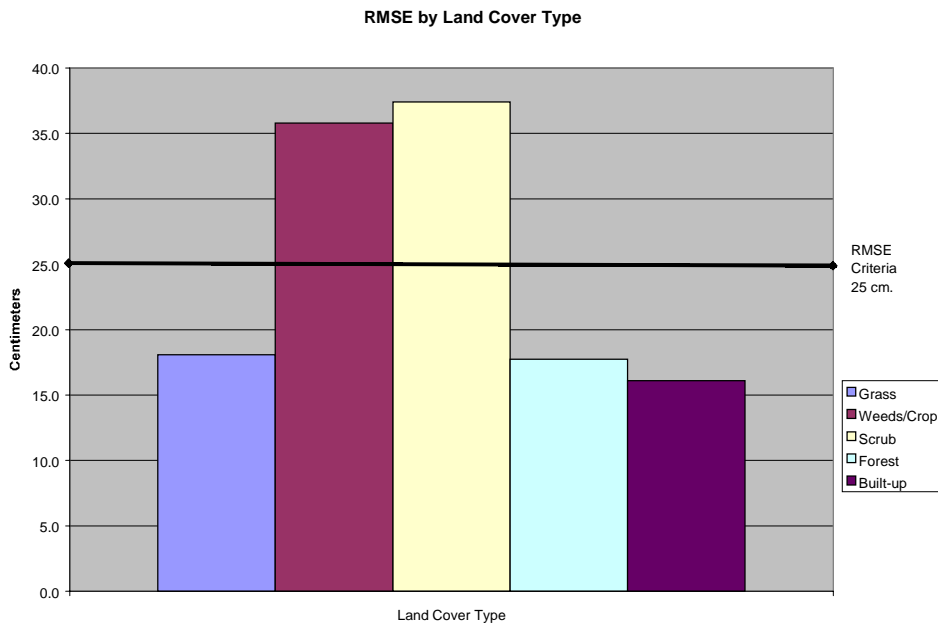


Figure 1

Figure 2 illustrates the magnitude of the differences between the checkpoints and LIDAR data by specific land cover type and sorted from lowest to highest.

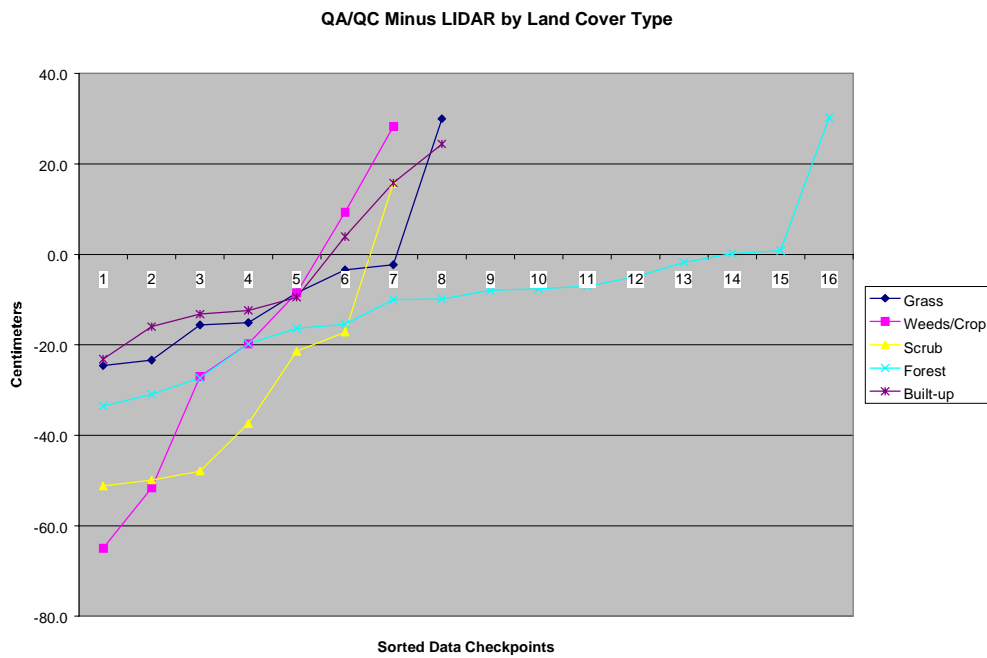


Figure 2

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Table 2 illustrates the Delta between the QA/QC survey checkpoints and that of the interpolated LIDAR.

Table 2. Elevation Delta					
Delta (cm)	Land Cover				
-24.6	Grass	28.3	Weeds/Crop	-8.0	Forest
-23.4	Grass	-51.2	Scrub	-7.6	Forest
-15.6	Grass	-49.9	Scrub	-7.0	Forest
-15.1	Grass	-47.9	Scrub	-5.0	Forest
-8.5	Grass	-37.4	Scrub	-1.8	Forest
-3.4	Grass	-21.4	Scrub	0.2	Forest
-2.3	Grass	-17.2	Scrub	0.8	Forest
30.0	Grass	15.7	Scrub	30.3	Forest
-65.0	Weeds/Crop	-33.5	Forest	-23.2	Built-up
-51.6	Weeds/Crop	-30.9	Forest	-16.0	Built-up
-27.0	Weeds/Crop	-27.3	Forest	-13.2	Built-up
-19.8	Weeds/Crop	-19.8	Forest	-12.4	Built-up
-8.5	Weeds/Crop	-16.4	Forest	-9.5	Built-up
9.3	Weeds/Crop	-15.4	Forest	3.9	Built-up
		-10.0	Forest	15.8	Built-up
		-9.9	Forest	24.4	Built-up

Table 3 illustrates the overall statistics for the checkpoint data.

Table 3. Overall Descriptive Statistics								
	RMSE (cm)	Mean (cm)	Median (cm)	Skew (cm)	Std Dev (cm)	# of Points	Min (cm)	Max (cm)
Total	24.9	-13.0	-12.8	-0.1	21.5	46	-65.0	30.3
Grass	18.1	-7.9	-11.8	1.6	17.4	8	-24.6	30.0
Weeds/Crop	35.8	-19.2	-19.8	0.0	32.6	7	-65.0	28.3
Scrub	37.4	-29.9	-37.4	1.2	24.3	7	-51.2	15.7
Forest	17.7	-10.1	-8.9	0.9	15.1	16	-33.5	30.3
Built Up	16.1	-3.8	-10.9	0.8	16.7	8	-23.2	24.4

Figure 3 illustrates a histogram of the associated delta errors between the data checkpoints and the interpolated TIN values.

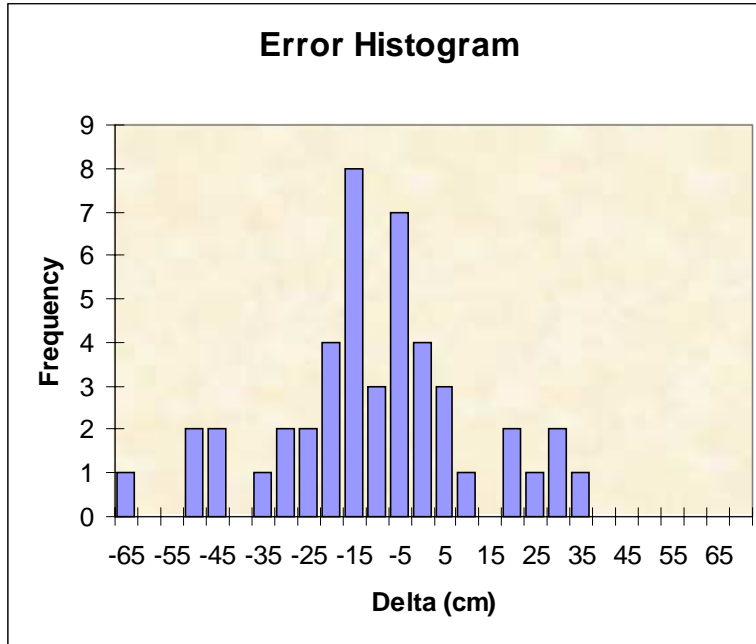


Figure 3