

LIDAR Accuracy Assessment Report—Perquimans County

Perquimans County, Pasquotank Basin

The preliminary checkpoint spreadsheets were received from NCGS on April 25, 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	15.0	128	All	
95	12.9	122	All	20
21	8.0	27	Grass	
15	10.5	19	Weeds/Crop	
15	12.1	19	Scrub	
27	18.1	35	Forest	
17	10.4	22	Built-up	

The LIDAR data for Perquimans County, Pasquotank Basin meets the specification as per the RMSE criteria of 20 cm.

All figures represent the data with the 95% data set. The data is of good quality.

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Figure 1 illustrates the RMSE by specific land cover type.

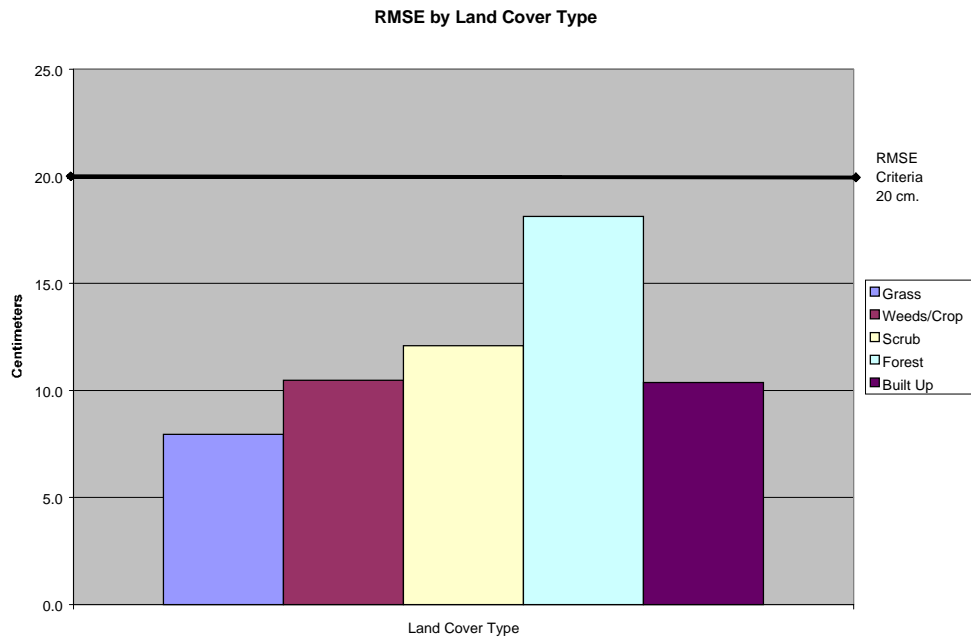


Figure 1

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.

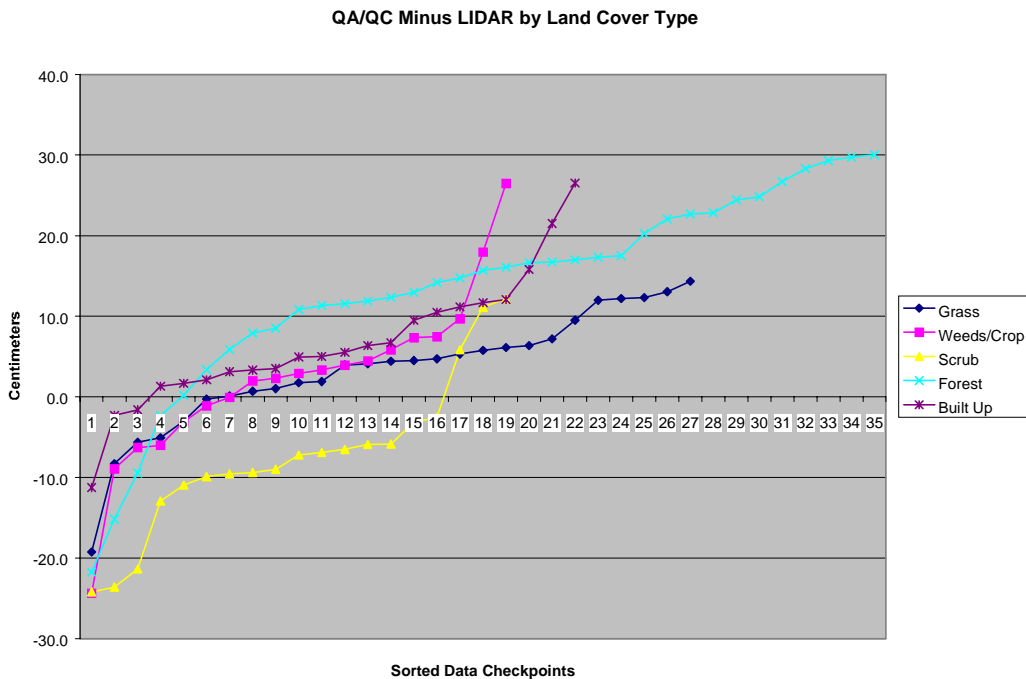


Figure 2

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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		
-19.2	Grass	5.8	Weeds/Crop
-8.3	Grass	7.3	Weeds/Crop
-5.6	Grass	7.5	Weeds/Crop
-5.1	Grass	9.7	Weeds/Crop
-3.0	Grass	18.0	Weeds/Crop
-0.3	Grass	26.5	Weeds/Crop
0.1	Grass	-24.2	Scrub
0.7	Grass	-23.6	Scrub
1.0	Grass	-21.4	Scrub
1.8	Grass	-12.9	Scrub
1.9	Grass	-11.0	Scrub
4.0	Grass	-9.9	Scrub
4.1	Grass	-9.6	Scrub
4.4	Grass	-9.4	Scrub
4.5	Grass	-9.0	Scrub
4.7	Grass	-7.2	Scrub
5.3	Grass	-6.9	Scrub
5.8	Grass	-6.5	Scrub
6.1	Grass	-5.9	Scrub
6.4	Grass	-5.9	Scrub
7.2	Grass	-3.2	Scrub
9.5	Grass	-2.5	Scrub
12.0	Grass	5.9	Scrub
12.2	Grass	11.1	Scrub
12.3	Grass	12.2	Scrub
13.1	Grass	-21.8	Forest
14.3	Grass	-15.2	Forest
-24.4	Weeds/Crop	-9.5	Forest
-8.9	Weeds/Crop	-2.3	Forest
-6.3	Weeds/Crop	0.2	Forest
-6.0	Weeds/Crop	3.4	Forest
-3.1	Weeds/Crop	5.9	Forest
-1.1	Weeds/Crop	7.9	Forest
-0.1	Weeds/Crop	8.5	Forest
2.0	Weeds/Crop	10.8	Forest
2.3	Weeds/Crop	11.3	Forest
2.9	Weeds/Crop	11.5	Forest
3.3	Weeds/Crop	11.9	Forest
3.9	Weeds/Crop	12.4	Forest
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		22.1	Forest
		22.7	Forest
		22.8	Forest
		24.4	Forest
		24.8	Forest
		26.7	Forest
		28.3	Forest
		29.3	Forest
		29.7	Forest
		30.0	Forest
		-11.3	Built-up
		-2.3	Built-up
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		1.3	Built-up
		1.7	Built-up
		2.1	Built-up
		3.1	Built-up
		3.3	Built-up
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		4.9	Built-up
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		6.4	Built-up
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		11.2	Built-up
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		12.1	Built-up
		15.8	Built-up
		21.5	Built-up
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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	12.9	5.0	5.0	-0.2	12.0	122	-24.4	30.0
Grass	8.0	3.3	4.4	-1.0	7.4	27	-19.2	14.3
Weeds/Crop	10.5	2.3	2.9	-0.2	10.5	19	-24.4	26.5
Scrub	12.1	-7.4	-7.2	0.3	9.9	19	-24.2	12.2
Forest	18.1	13.6	15.7	-1.1	12.2	35	-21.8	30.0
Built Up	10.4	6.7	5.3	0.5	8.1	22	-11.3	26.5

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

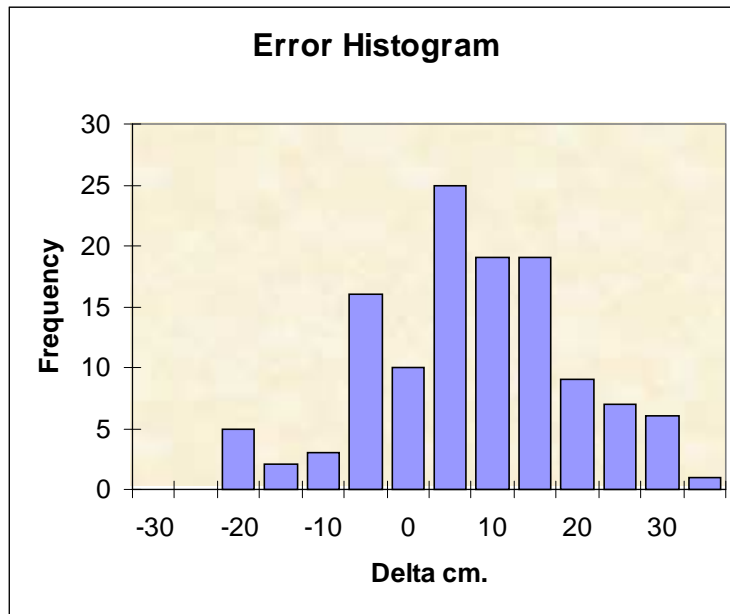


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