



# Canadian Urban Environmental Health Research Consortium

CANUE Metadata NDVI AVHRR  
2018-01-25

## DATA SET INFORMATION

Data Set Title: **Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) AVHRR Time Series**

Description: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) AVHRR series satellites were used to generate 1 km, NDVI composites based on surface reflectance data, annually producing 36 composites every 10-days for all of Canada from 1985 to 2013 (Latifovic et al., 2005).  
  
Resulting cloud free NDVI composites were used to derive NDVI metrics both annually and for the growing season (defined as May 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>) for all 6-digit DMTI Spatial single link postal code locations in Canada.

Theme Keywords: Greenness, AVHRR, NDVI, satellite monitoring, normalized difference vegetation index, annual, growing season

Place Keywords: Canada national

Data preparation date: 2017-10-16

File Names: GRAVH\_A\_YY.csv, where YY is the last two digits of a specific year

File Type: Comma separated values (.csv)

Beginning Date: 1985

End Date: 2013

Sampling Frequency of Data: Annual

Number of Data Files: 29 files

File Size: Individual year files range from 13 MB to 19 MB in size, all files total 480 MB in size.

Data Sources: AVHRR satellite product downloaded from NEODF ([https://neodf.nrcan.gc.ca/neodf\\_cat3/index.php?lang=en](https://neodf.nrcan.gc.ca/neodf_cat3/index.php?lang=en))

Spatial Resolution: 1 kilometer

Detection Range or Limit: -1 to +1

Log of Changes: 2018-01-25: Field name GRAVHYY\_PC changed to POSTALCODEYY; GRAVHYY\_AMX changed to GRAVHYY\_01; GRAVHYY\_AAV changed to GRAVHYY\_02; GRAVHYY\_GSA changed to GRAVHYY\_03

2018-01-25: Replaced blanks with -9999 for numeric fields.

Maintenance Description: Indices for subsequent years will be added when available.

## GEOSPATIAL REFERENCE

Geographic Coverage: Canada

West Bounding Coordinate: N/A

East Bounding Coordinate: N/A

North Bounding Coordinate: N/A

South Bounding Coordinate: N/A

Geometry Type: N/A

Point Data Source: N/A

Coordinates have Z values: N/A

Geographic Coordinate System: N/A

Datum: N/A

Unit: N/A



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## QUALITY ASSESSMENT

QA/QC procedures:	CANUE did not assess the quality of the AVHRR data. Users should review the documentation provided in the recommended citation, and in the supporting documentation listed below.
Geographic Coordinate Positional Accuracy:	These metrics can be linked to the corresponding annual postal codes files for mapping and analysis purposes, using the 6-digit postal code as a unique identifier in both files. Refer to the following metadata file for additional information on opportunities for assessing the spatial representativeness of postal code locations when these metrics are linked:  <a href="#">CANUE Metadata Postal Codes.pdf</a>
Vertical Positional Accuracy:	N/A
Attribute Accuracy:	N/A
Data Validity :	NoData = -9999 for numeric fields
Associated Files:	N/A
Data Comment:	Maximum NDVI values of +1 may indicate residual cloud contamination or other image anomalies. Interannual anomalies in NDVI values may be reduced through the use of temporal averaging.

## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Additional documentation:	<p>Additional citations on AVHRR processing are available from the reference list below:</p> <p>[1] Cihlar, J., Latifovic, R., Chen J., Trishchenko, A., Du, Y., Fedosejevs, G., &amp; Guindon, B. 2004. Systematic corrections of AVHRR image composites for temporal studies. Remote Sensing of Environment 89:217-233.</p> <p>[2] Khlopenkov K. and Trishchenko A. 2006. SPARC: New Cloud, Snow, and Cloud Shadow Detection Scheme for historical 1-km AVHRR data over Canada. Journal of Atmospheric and Oceanic Technology, vol. 24.</p> <p>[3] Latifovic, R., Cihlar, J., &amp; Chen, J. 2003. A comparison of BRDF models for the normalization of satellite optical data to a standard sun-target-sensor geometry. IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing 41:1889-1898.</p> <p>[4] Latifovic, R., Trishchenko, A., Chen, J., Park, W., Khlopenkov, K., Fernandes, R., Pouliot, D., Ungureanu, C., Luo, Y., Wang, S., Davidson, A., &amp; Cihlar, J. 2005. Generating historical AVHRR 1-km baseline satellite data records over Canada suitable for climate change studies. Canadian Journal of Remote Sensing, vol. 31:324-346.</p> <p>[5] Latifovic, R., Pouliot, D., &amp; Dillabaugh, C. 2012. Identification and correction of systematic error in NOAA AVHRR long-term satellite data record, Remote Sensing of Environment, 127:84-97.</p> <p>[6] Teillet, P., &amp; Holben, B. 1994. Towards operational radiometric calibration of NOAA AVHRR imagery</p>
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## DATA DICTIONARY

Field Name (YY = last two digits of specific year of data)	Description	Data Type
POSTALCODEYY	6-digit postal code with no space between the FSA and LDU. (i.e. L1R2H2)	Text
GRAVHYY_01	Annual maximum NDVI (range -1 to +1)	Numeric
GRAVHYY_02	Annual average NDVI (range -1 to +1)	Numeric
GRAVHYY_03	Growing season average NDVI (range -1 to +1)	Numeric



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## DATA USE CONDITIONS

Conditions of Use:	The Data User is REQUIRED: (i) to acknowledge data sources listed under Acknowledgement(s); (ii) cite the publication(s) listed under Recommended Citation(s) as the providers and source of these data when using them in support of research, analysis, operations, policy decision or any other undertaking including publication; and (iii) complete and sign the CANUE Data Use and Sharing Agreement, in which the name and signature of the researcher/analyst who takes responsibility for ensuring all conditions are met.
Data Sharing Restrictions:	These data files are provided solely for the purposes stated in the CANUE Data Sharing and Use Agreement and should not be re-distributed for any reason. These data also contain proprietary postal code data and may only be used for the project named in the CANUE Data Sharing and Use Agreement.  Data can be shared only within a project team for the exclusive purposes of teaching, academic research and publishing, and/or planning of educational services in accordance to DMTI End User Agreement associated with the Spatial Mapping Academic Research Tools (SMART) Program.
Required Citation:	Include the following references in any publications resulting from the use of these data:  [1] Latifovic, R., Trishchenko, A., Chen, J., Park, W., Khlopenkov, K., Fernandes, R., Pouliot, D., Ungureanu, C., Luo, Y., Wang, S., Davidson, A., and Cihlar, J. 2005. Generating historical AVHRR 1-km baseline satellite data records over Canada suitable for climate change studies. Canadian Journal of Remote Sensing, vol. 31:324-34. [2] CanMap Postal Code Suite v2015.3. [computer file] Markham: DMTI Spatial Inc., 2015.



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