

# NASA Earth Applied Science Disasters Program Tropical Cyclone Support

NASA missions and science push the limits of knowledge and innovation in the study of Earth and atmospheric science. The NASA Earth Applied Sciences Disasters Program aims to share this knowledge with communities responding throughout the tropical cyclone lifecycle as it develops, intensifies, makes landfall, and impacts populations.

The Program has developed a catalog of imagery and data products used in previous seasons by the user community. Although not an exhaustive list, this information serves as a starting point for the use of available NASA science and products.

The goals of this repository are to:

- Create easily accessible information to support disaster management and weather forecasting
- Enable pre-event planning and post-event recovery efforts
- Advance scientific understanding of extreme storms and their impacts

## Routine Near Real Time NASA Products Available for Tropical Cyclone Monitoring

NASA data are currently used in many science communities. Others involved in disaster management can benefit from the increased situational awareness provided by NASA resources. Products used in previous seasons are listed below.

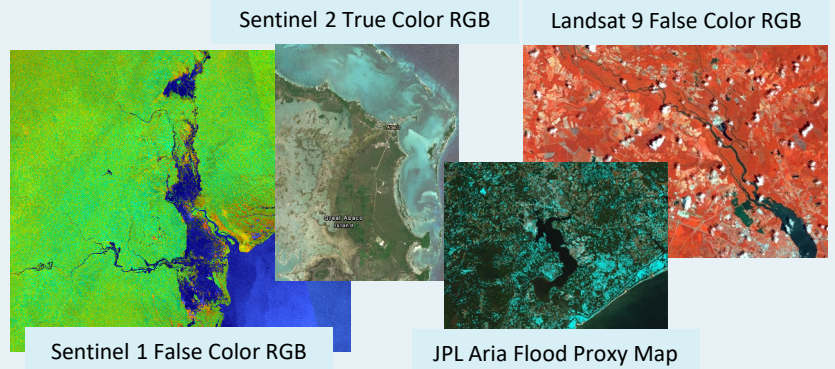
The full product catalog with in-depth descriptions of capabilities can be found [here](#).

Product Type	Product Name	Purpose	Resolution and Latency	Links to Data
Near Real-Time Precipitation	Global Precipitation Measurement (GPM) Mission IMERG	Offers rainfall estimates, particularly in regions without widespread radar coverage	0.1 degrees (~10 km) spatial resolution, latency of 4 hours	<a href="#">30 min</a> <a href="#">3-hour</a> <a href="#">1-day</a> <a href="#">7-day</a>
Soil Moisture - Global	SMAP global soil moisture	Indicates surface soil moisture	~ 36 km	<a href="#">SMAP Soil Moisture</a>
Soil Moisture - CONUS & Caribbean	NASA SPoRT Near Real-Time Land Information System	Offers layered soil moisture conditions for assessing flood potential	~ 3 km spatial resolution, updated twice daily	<a href="#">CONUS LIS</a>
Ocean Sea Surface Temperature (SST)	NASA SPoRT and NOAA NowCOAST composite SST	Informs the ocean environment around the cyclone	~ 2 km resolution, updated twice daily	<a href="#">SST</a>
Flood Water Extent - globally	MODIS Flood Detection products	Provides flood and surface water inundation maps, but can be affected by cloud cover	~ 250 m resolution, updated daily	<a href="#">1-Day</a> <a href="#">2-Day</a> <a href="#">3-Day</a>
Optical Imagery	MODIS Corrected Reflectance and False Color RGBs	Provides an overview of ground and allows for easy assessment of conditions, cloud permitting	250 m resolution, twice daily	<a href="#">Terra True Color</a> <a href="#">Aqua True Color</a> <a href="#">Terra False Color</a> <a href="#">Aqua False Color</a>

# Event-Specific Products Available Upon Request for Tropical Cyclone Monitoring

NASA innovation develops event-based products to *answer specific questions* from the user community.

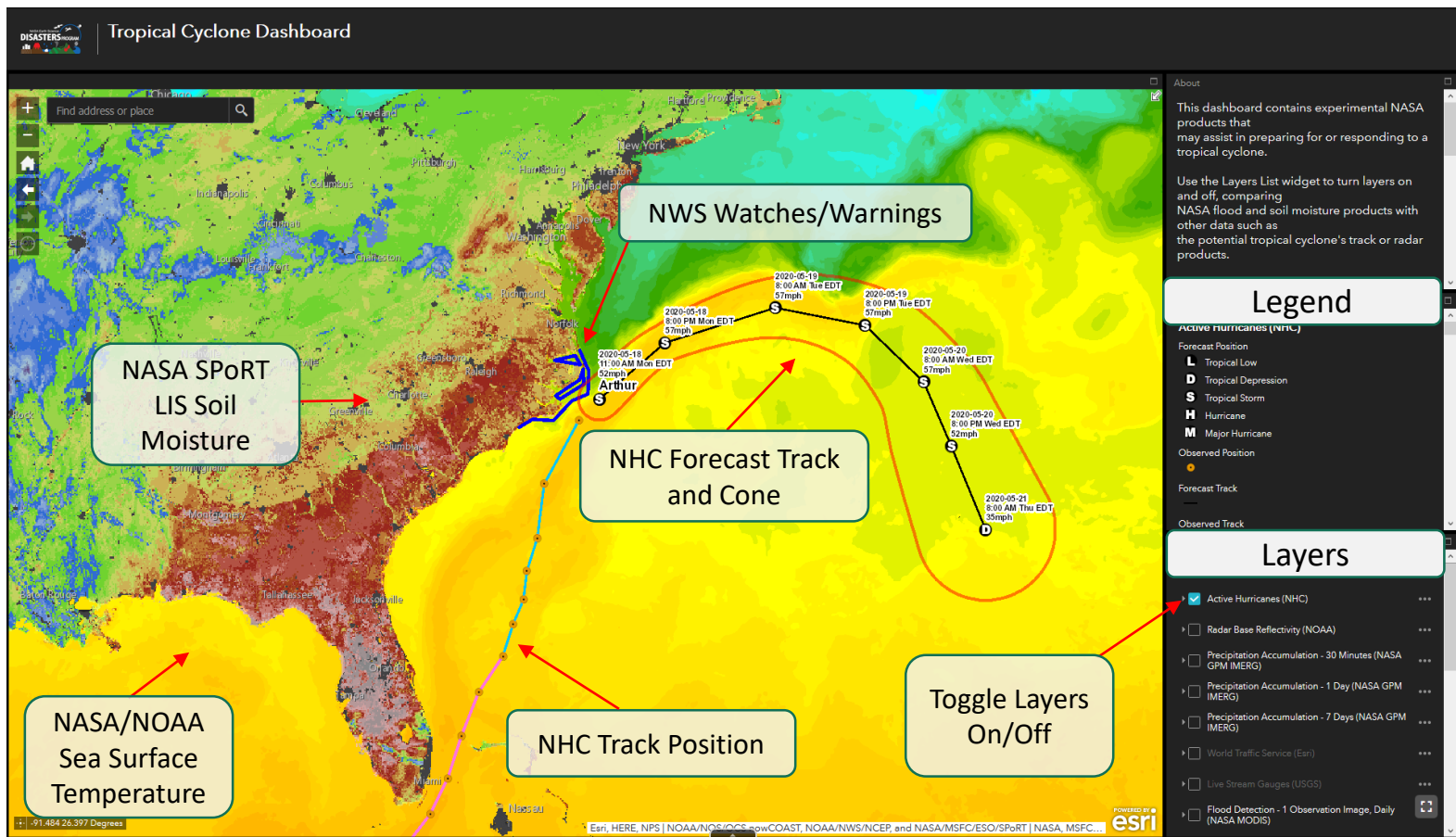
- A hallmark of the Program, these products strive to provide additional information to user workflows.
- Products may utilize techniques more experimental in nature.
- Partnerships with stakeholders enable both the advancement of science and the expansion of user knowledge.



## Tropical Cyclone Event Specific Product Examples [Story Map](#)

### Notable Past Activation Story Maps:

Hurricanes [Dorian](#), [Florence](#), Typhoons [Harold](#) and [Idai](#)



The Disasters Program GIS [Mapping Portal](#) serves as the hub of relevant Near Real-Time (NRT) and event-specific products developed by NASA scientists and collaborators. The [Tropical Cyclone Dashboard](#) combines NASA NRT products with NRT public data from operational groups such as NOAA's National Hurricane Center.

Please visit the [Earth Science Disasters program website](#) for more detailed information on the program, capabilities, and past events.

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