

Extent of worldwide use of land for pasture and crops as of 1992 (large map). The world's productive agricultural lands are found in a few places—largely where climatic conditions and soils allow for productive landscapes. The four small maps across the bottom show the progressive use of land for the production of crops over the last 300 years. (Data from ground-based census information and from the AVHRR instrument on the NOAA 11 satellite; Foley et al., 2005, *Global consequence of land use*, *Science*, vol. 301, pp. 570–574.)

