

Geo-Wiki.org Newsletter - November 2013

Welcome to our new monthly Geo-Wiki newsletter series! We know it's been awhile since you've heard from us but we've been really busy revamping Geo-Wiki and moving the system to a new server. In this newsletter we will tell you a bit about these changes as well as our exciting new Cropland Capture game.

The new Geo-Wiki

For those of you who have followed Geo-Wiki from the beginning, you might remember that the original idea behind Geo-Wiki was pure land cover validation. We then branched out to create different Geo-Wiki themes (e.g. biomass Geo-Wiki, urban Geo-Wiki, competition Geo-Wiki, etc.) and built systems to incorporate user feedback (e.g. beta-hybrid Geo-Wiki). We realize that this proliferation may have become confusing for you as the user. Thus we decided to consolidate these themes and revamped our whole platform.

Geo-Wiki is now a single product, which provides a seamless state-of-the-art experience. Built on the latest technologies and equipped with a modern user interface, Geo-Wiki has really improved. All branches of Geo-Wiki are now easily accessible through a drop-down menu in the application. Take a look for yourself! In the future we will run competitions from this new Geo-Wiki application. But in the meantime, play our Cropland Capture game!

Play our New Geo-Wiki Game: Cropland Capture

We are really excited about the launch of our new game Cropland Capture. This game is a bit like past competitions in Geo-Wiki except we have simplified things considerably. All you need to do is to examine satellite images and pictures and tell us if you see any evidence of cropland. The game will be played for six months starting today, where the top scorer each week will be crowned the weekly winner. The 25 weekly winners will then be entered into a draw at the end of the competition to win three big prizes: an Amazon Kindle, a brand new smartphone, and a tablet.

For more information about the game, check out our videos:



You can play Cropland Capture on a tablet (iPad or Android) or mobile phone (iPhone or Android). Download the game from the Apple's App Store or the Google Play Store. For those who prefer an online version, you can also play the game at: www.geo-wiki.org/games/croplandcapture

During the next six months, follow us on Twitter - @CropCapture - for updates on the game!

Coming up in Future Newsletters

Here's a snippet of the things we will report on in the future:

- · Pictures Geo-Wiki
- The next competition!
- Future branches
- · Publications that YOU have contributed to
- · Geo-Wiki for education