# Mapping pasture utilisation using R or using R as a GIS

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# Who am I?

- BAgSc (Adelaide); Grad Dip Stats (SAIT); MSci (Sydney); PhD (UNE)
- 1978-1981 DofA SA (Entomology & Plant Breeding)
- 1981-1984 DofA SA Dairy Scientist (Heifer growth & mammary development)
- 1984-1990 DofA Tas Dairy Scientist cow nutrition, heifer growth, pasture management, DST development
- 1990-present NSW DPI Scientist DST/mathematical modelling; dairy heifer growth (Camden); Precision Livestock Management (UNE PARG since 2009)
- Adjunct with S&T
- Started using R in ~2007 (previously GLIM/Minitab/SPSS/SAS/Genstat)
  - Statistical analysis, experimental design, modelling, spatial analysis, machine learning









# **About this talk**

- Livestock Productivity Partnership (LPP)
- Why measure pasture utilisation?
- Problem definition
- Steps to building shapefiles/polygons
  - Lots of R script
- Pasture data collection using CDAX pasture meter
- Steps to creating maps (geostatistics)
  - Lots of R script
- Maps
- Animation









# What is LPP?

- Collaboration between NSW DPI, CSIRO, UNE and MLA Donor Company (MDC)
- ~\$50m
- 3 programs
  - **Pastures**
  - Livestock
  - Information systems









# Why measure pasture utilisation?

- Pasture yield is the result of many factors
  - Species, soils, rainfall, temperature, grazing management, fertility, irrigation etc
- Variability
  - Some areas high yielding, others low
- Cost-effective targeted management
  - · Eg fertiliser application, grazing allocation
- Opportunities now exist to develop strategic approaches for extensive livestock industries
- Major driver of enterprise profitability









# **Problem definition**

- Where in the paddock do livestock graze?
- How long do livestock stay in that part of the paddock?
- How much do they eat?
- What effect does this have on pasture composition?
- What effect does this have on pasture and animal productivity?









# Improving profit from pasture through increased feed efficiency

- Identify efficient grazers (cattle)
- CSIRO Chiswick Big Ridge
  - Annual ryegrass and natural
- 10 "plots" (5 ha) divided into 40 smaller plots (25mx50m)
  - + WoW paddock (11 ha) not in this talk
- Measurements
  - Pasture (focus of this talk)
  - Animal + GPS+IMU (not in this talk)









## Big Ridge experimental plots











From Google maps

# Pasture utilisation map making

### A number of steps:

- 1. Map paddock using dGPS
  - create shapefiles
- 2. Collect pasture height data
- 3. Load data and shapefile
- 4. Add CDAX GPS points (mobile pasture meter)
- 5. Create grid
- 6. Fit variogram (geostatistics)
- 7. Create maps
- 8. Plot the maps









# Step 1. Map paddock





File types created: .shp; .dbf; .prj; .shx; .sbx; .sbn ESRI format

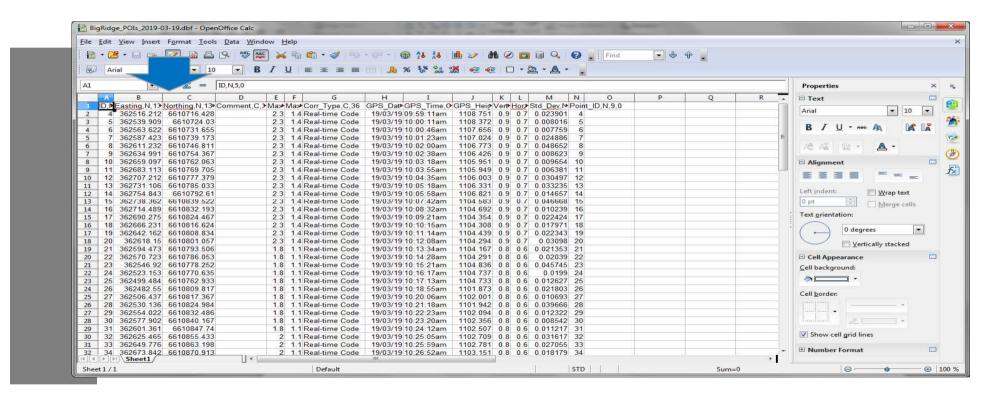








#### Step 1. Map paddock



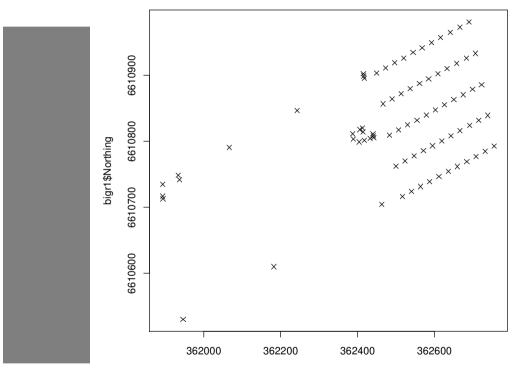








### **Step 1. Map paddock - Point data from dGPS**



#### **R** libraries

rgdal (Bindings for the 'Geospatial' Data Abstraction Library)

sp (Classes and Methods for Spatial Data)

bigr<-readOGR(dsn=locate\_file,
layer="BigRidge\_POIs\_2019-03-19")
bigr1<-data.frame(bigr) # make data frame
plot(bigr1\$Easting, bigr1\$Northing,pch=4)</pre>





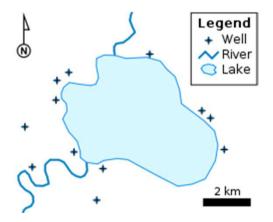




## **Step 1. Create shapefiles**

What is a shapefile?

The shapefile format is a popular geospatial vector data format for geographic information system software. It is developed and regulated by Esri as a open specification for data interoperability among Esri and other GIS software products. (Wikipedia 11/5/2019)



https://www.gislounge.com/what-is-a-shapefile/









### Step 1. Create paddock shapefiles in R

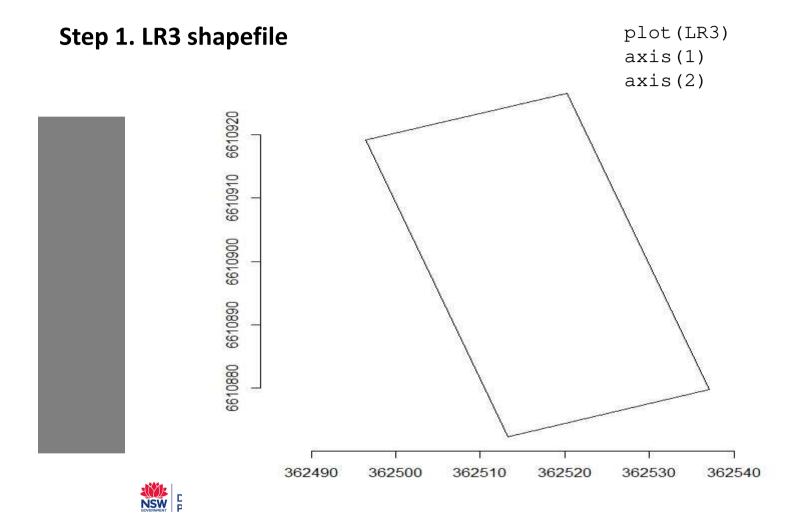
```
LR3_1<-c(bigr1[41,2],bigr1[41,3]) # coordinates for lower ryegrass plot 3
LR3_2<-c(bigr1[42,2],bigr1[42,3])
LR3_3<-c(bigr1[47,2],bigr1[47,3])
LR3 4<-c(bigr1[48,2],bigr1[48,3])
## create polygon and save to file
bigr1_LR3<-rbind(LR3_1,LR3_2,LR3_3,LR3_4)
xLR3 \leftarrow bigr1_LR3[,1]
yLR3 <- bigr1_LR3[,2]
xyLR3 <- cbind(xLR3, yLR3)
pLR3 = Polygon(xyLR3)
psLR3 = Polygons(list(pLR3),1)
spsLR3 = SpatialPolygons(list(psLR3))
proj4string(spsLR3) = CRS("+init=epsg:32756")
dLR3 = data.frame(f=1) # only one field
spdfLR3 = SpatialPolygonsDataFrame(spsLR3,dLR3)
writeOGR(spdfLR3, dsn=locate_file, layer="LR3_BigR", driver="ESRI Shapefile")
```











### **Step 1. Create shapefiles – combine plots**

```
library(maptools); library(sp); library(rgdal)

# plot 1

## select relevant coordinates
P101_1<-c(bigr1[1,2],bigr1[1,3]) # coordinates
P101_2<-c(bigr1[2,2],bigr1[2,3])
P101_3<-c(bigr1[46,2],bigr1[46,3])
P101_4<-c(bigr1[45,2],bigr1[45,3])

## create polygon and save to file
bigr1_P101<-rbind(P101_1,P101_2,P101_3,P101_4)
xP101 <- bigr1_P101[,1]
yP101 <- bigr1_P101[,2]
xyP101 <- cbind(xP101, yP101)
pP101 = Polygon(xyP101)</pre>
```









## **Step 1. Create shapefiles – combine plots**

```
TenPolys <- sp::SpatialPolygons(list(sp::Polygons(list(pP101),ID = "P1"),</pre>
                                      sp::Polygons(list(pP102), ID = "P2"),
                                      sp::Polygons(list(pP103), ID = "P3"),
                                      sp::Polygons(list(pP104), ID = "P4"),
                                      sp::Polygons(list(pP105), ID = "P5"),
                                      sp::Polygons(list(pP106), ID = "P6"),
                                      sp::Polygons(list(pP107), ID = "P7"),
                                      sp::Polygons(list(pP108), ID = "P8"),
                                      sp::Polygons(list(pP109), ID = "P9"),
                                      sp::Polygons(list(pP110), ID = "P10")))
shapefile(x = TenPolys, file = "N:/CDAX/Linker CDAX/Shapefiles/Ten.shp")
```

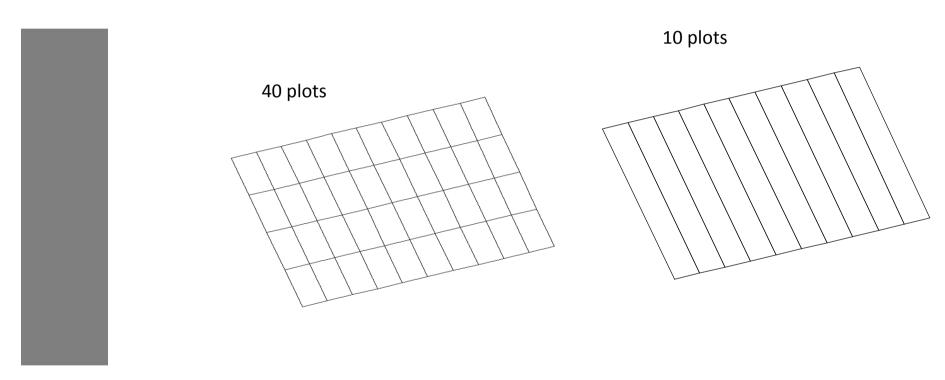








# **Step 1. Create shapefiles – combine shapefiles**





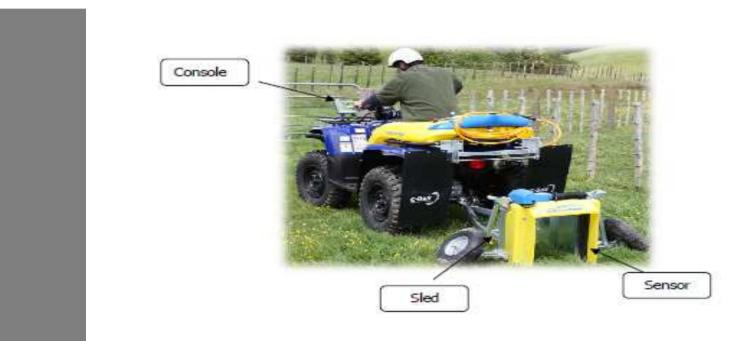






# **Step 2. Pasture measurement - CDAX points**

CDAX – height/laser @ 200Hz + GPS











# How the measurement process works The steps below outline the overall process for obtaining and recording your

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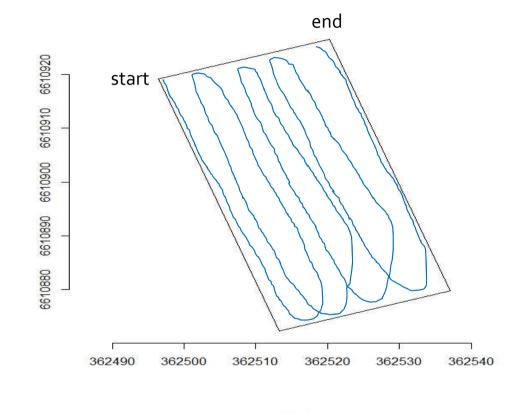








# **Step 2. CDAX track within plot/paddock**



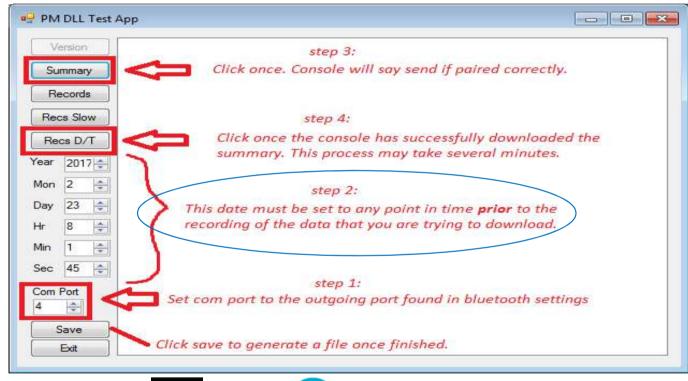








### Step 2. CDAX data download instructions via Bluetooth











### Step 2. CDAX data



Summary data – 99 sessions (Step 3 of download instructions)

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### Step 3. CDAX data – GPS locations

Data for each "session" or "run" + GPS locations (Step 4 of download instructions)



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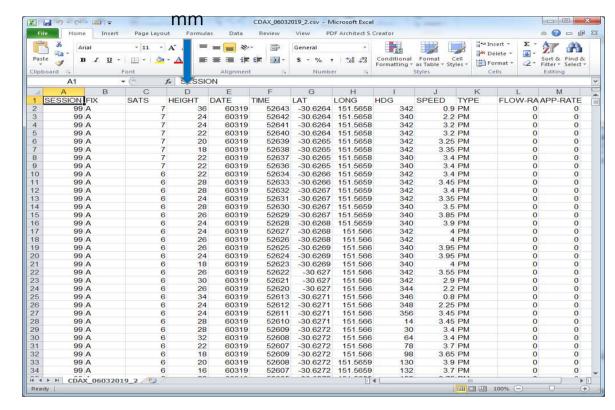








### Step 2. Create csv file for analysis



CDAX92.csv









## Simulation – pasture height change over time (0-12 days)

Day 0 – as measured

Day 4 – if height > 70 then \* 0.4, if 40< height <= 70 then \* 0.2, if height <= 40 \* 1.0

Day 8 - if height > =40 then \* 0.4, if 20<= height < 40 then \* 0.25, if height < 20 \* 0.2

Day 12 -if height  $\geq$  30 then \* 0.4, if 20<= height < 30 then \* 0.2, if height < 20 \* 0.1

HEIGHT	Height4	Height8	Height1	2
	50	40	24	19.2
	76	45.6	27.36	21.888
	76	45.6	27.36	21.888
	68	54.4	32.64	26.112
	52	41.6	24.96	19.968

N= 264









## **Step 3. Load data and shapefile**

#### library(rgdal)

```
##Load data from CDAX pasture height change csv file:
cdax92<-read.csv('CDAX_92_Change_1.csv', sep=',', header=TRUE)
attach(cdax92)

##Load shapefile using rgdal commands:

R3a <- readOGR(dsn=locate_file, layer="R3") ## load in shapefile for R3
R3_3 <- as(R3a, "SpatialPolygons") ## convert to a polygon

## plot the shapefile
plot(R3_3)
axis(1)
axis(2)</pre>
```

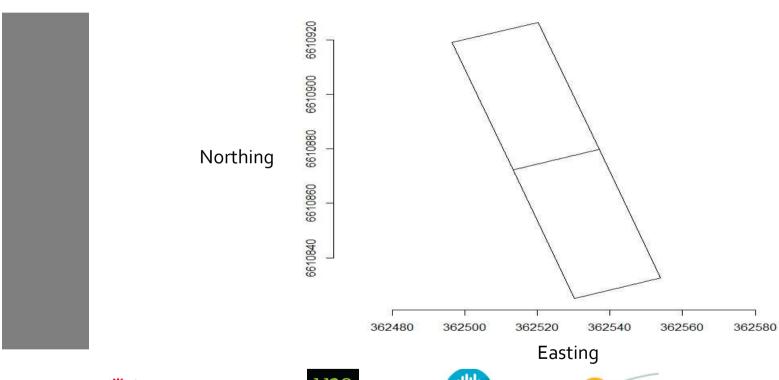








# Step 3. 3<sup>rd</sup> ryegrass plot (R3.shp) lower and upper plots combined











# **Step 4. Add CDAX GPS points (264)**

CDAX coordinates in lat/lon; shapefile coordinates UTM.

#### Need to convert lat/lon to UTM (shapefile)

```
# Setting existing coordinate as lat-long system
cord.dec34 = SpatialPoints(cbind(cdax92$LONG, cdax92$LAT), proj4string =
CRS("+proj=longlat"))
# Transform coordinate to UTM using EPSG=32756 for WGS=84, UTM Zone=56M, Southern
Hemisphere
cord.UTM34 <- spTransform(cord.dec34, CRS("+init=epsg:32756"))
cord.UTM34 ## list on screen the points
points(cord.UTM34, pch=20) # draws points (black dots) on plot</pre>
```

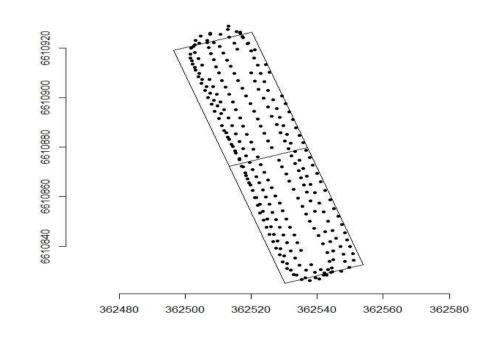








# Step 4. Add CDAX GPS points (264)











#### Step 5. Create grid

```
## make points a data frame
xy34<-data.frame(cord.UTM34)
colnames(xy34)<-c('X','Y')
cdax3_924<-cbind(cdax92,xy34)

### have to do this - for kriging
p3_14<-cdax3_924
coordinates(p3_14)<-~X+Y

## make points same coordinate projection as shapefile
proj4string(cord.UTM34) <- proj4string(R3a)</pre>
```









#### **Step 5. Create grid - continued**

```
bb4 <- bbox(R3a) # get the shapefile corners - 'bounding box'
cs4 <- c(.5, .5) # set cell size for grid - smaller the higher the resolution
cc4 <- bb4[, 1] + (cs4/2) # cell offset
cd4 <- ceiling(diff(t(bb4))/cs4) # number of cells per direction
grd4 <- GridTopology(cellcentre.offset=cc4, cellsize=cs4, cells.dim=cd4)
grd4

sp_grd4 <- SpatialGridDataFrame(grd4, data=data.frame(id=1:prod(cd4)),
proj4string=CRS(proj4string(R3a)))
summary(sp_grd4)
## overlay points on grid
over(cord.UTM34, sp_grd4)</pre>
```



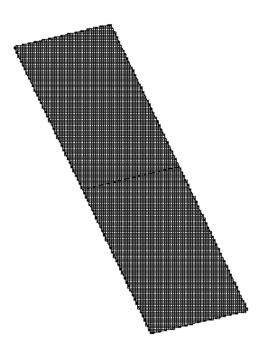






## Step 5. Create grid - continued

```
#To plot the shapefile and the grid:
plot(R3a) ## plot shapefile
spgrdWithin34 <- SpatialPixels(spgrd34[R3a,])
plot(spgrdWithin34, add = T)</pre>
```











#### Step 6. Geostatistics - variogram fitting - library(gstat)

#### Variogram:

Description of the spatial continuity of the data.

It is a discrete function calculated using a measure of variability between pairs of points at various distances.

The exact measure used depends on the variogram type selected

```
v.ok34 = variogram(Height4~1, p3_14) ## no trend
ok.model34 = fit.variogram(v.ok34, vgm("Exp"))
plot(v.ok34, ok.model34)
## ok = ordinary kriging
```

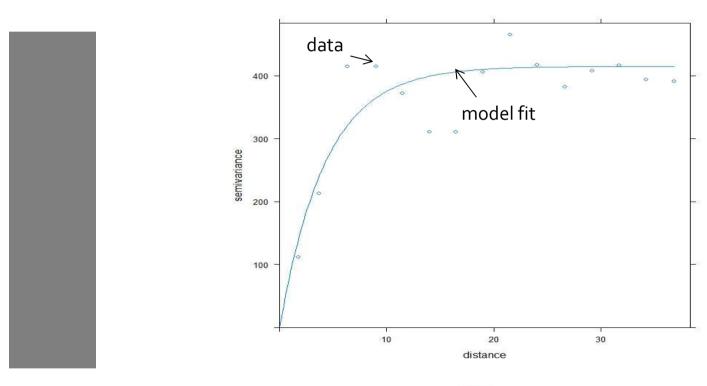








### Variogram plot











#### **Step 7. Creating maps - kriging and plotting**

#### Using gstat

```
h.ok34 = krige(Height4~1, p3_14, spgrdWithin34, model = ok.model34)
pts34 = list("sp.points", p3_14, pch = 20, col = "black")
## plot map
spplot(h.ok34, "var1.pred",sp.layout = list(pts34),col.regions=my_palette,main =
"Pasture height (mm) - R3 (day 4)")

Using automap (written in 2013 by a PhD student)

k1_14= autoKrige(Height4~1, p3_14, spgrdWithin34) # fits all models from gstat
## plot map
automapPlot(k1_14$krige_output, "var1.pred", sp.layout = list("sp.points", p3_14),
col.regions=my_palette)

Also geoR (not shown)
```









## Step 8. Maps of pasture utilisation

spplot - requires lattice; ggplot2 is becoming more popular (ggmap)

- (1) Individual plots height from CDAX (day 0), then simulated day 4, day 8 and day 12
- (2) Change in height over time day 0-4, day 4-8, day 8-12
- (3) Combining plots/maps

Create your own colour palette

```
## set up colour ramp for map
my_palette <- colorRampPalette(c("red", "yellow", "green"))(n = 299)</pre>
```

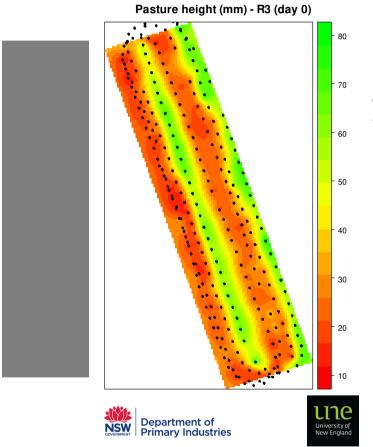








## Step 8. Maps of pasture utilisation

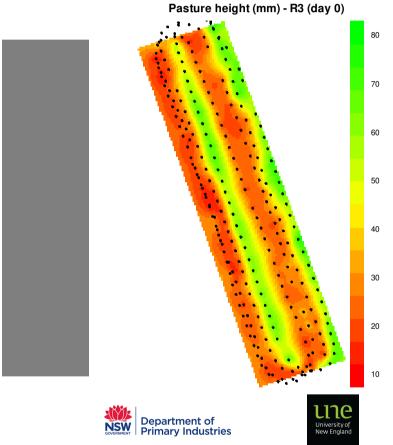


spplot(h.ok3, "var1.pred", sp.layout =
list(pts3), col.regions=my\_palette, main = "Pasture height
(mm) - R3 (day 0)")





# Step 8. Maps of pasture utilisation – no borders



spplot(h.ok3, "var1.pred", sp.layout = list(pts3),col.regions=my\_palette,main = "Pasture height (mm) - R3 (day 0)"), par.settings = list(axis.line = list(col = 'transparent'))





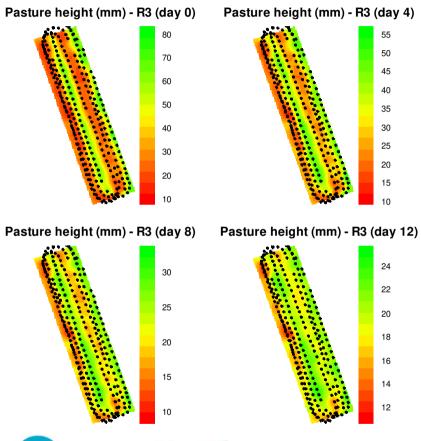
## ### put all 4 maps in one plot

require(gridExtra)
grid.arrange(day0, day4, day8, day12)







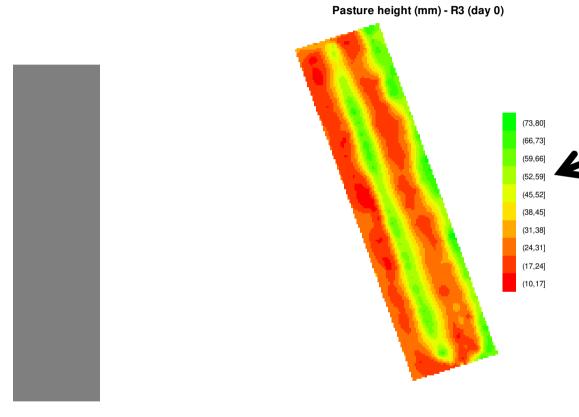






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## **Changing legend**











# **Changing legend - code**

```
brks0 <- classIntervals(p3_1$HEIGHT, n = 10, style = "equal")
str(brks0)
brks0$brks
br0<-brks0$brks
offs<-0.0000001
br0[1]<-br0[1]-offs
br0[length(br0)]<-br0[length(br0)]+offs

h.ok3$h.ok3_bracket<-cut(h.ok3$var1.pred,br0)
head(h.ok3$h.ok3_bracket)
class(h.ok3$h.ok3_bracket)
spplot(h.ok3, "h.ok3_bracket",col.regions=my_palette,main = "Pasture height (mm) - R3 (day 0) ",par.settings = list(axis.line = list(col = 'transparent')))</pre>
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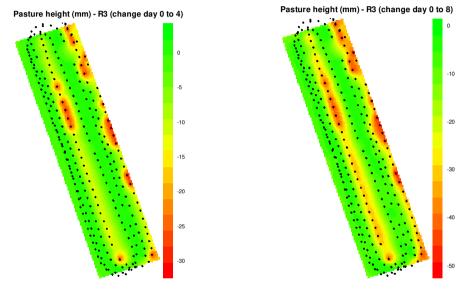


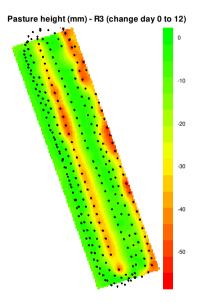






## Change in height over time from days 0-4, 4-8 and 8-12





cdax92\$Change04<-cdax92\$Height4-cdax92\$HEIGHT cdax92\$Change08<-cdax92\$Height8-cdax92\$HEIGHT cdax92\$Change012<-cdax92\$Height12-cdax92\$HEIGHT cdax92\$Change48<-cdax92\$Height8-cdax92\$Height4 cdax92\$Change812<-cdax92\$Height12-cdax92\$Height8







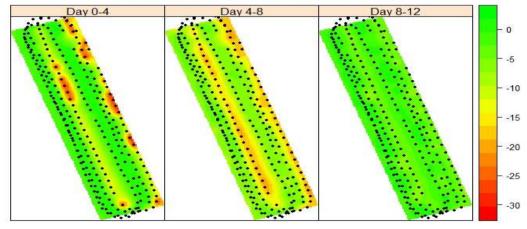


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## Change in height over time from days 0-4, 4-8 and 8-12 – same key

```
# plot 3 graphs on one plot with same colour key
hgt=h.ok304
hgt[["a"]] = h.ok304[["var1.pred"]]
hgt[["b"]] = h.ok348[["var1.pred"]]
hgt[["c"]] = h.ok3812[["var1.pred"]]
spplot(hgt, c("a", "b", "c"), names.attr = c("Day 0-4", "Day 4-8", "Day 8-12"), as.table = TRUE, main =
"Change in height over time (0 to 12 days)", col.regions=my_palette, sp.layout = list(pts3812))
```

#### Change in height over time (0 to 12 days)

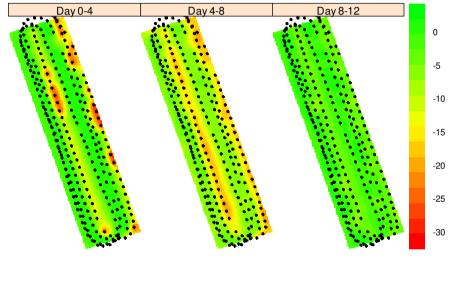




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# Change in height over time from day 0-4, 4-8 and 8-12 – same key and no border

## Change in height over time (0 to 12 days)



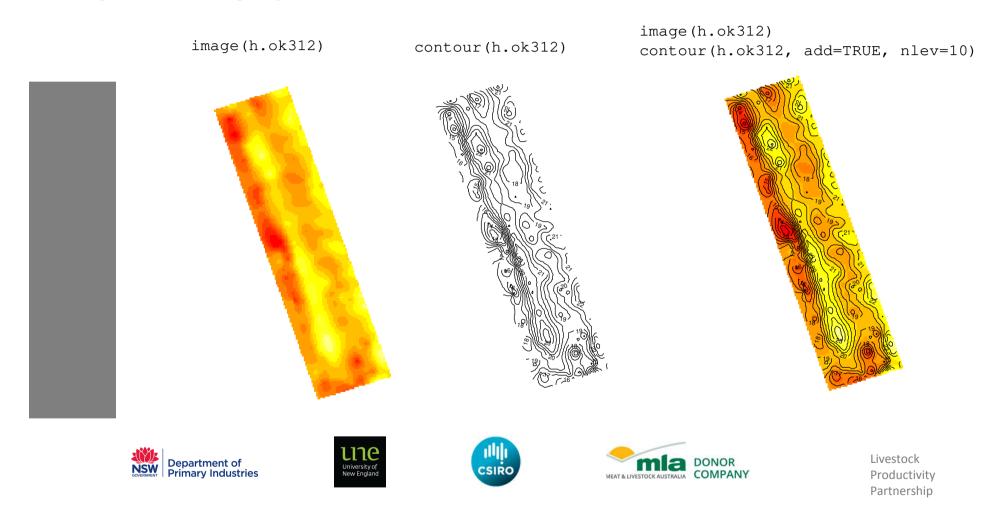








## Adding contours - eg day 12

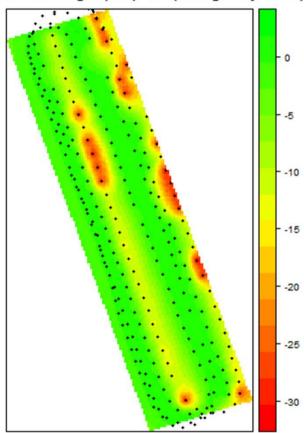


# **Animation**

```
library(animation)

## set some options first
ani.options(interval = 1, nmax = 3)
saveGIF({
  for (i in 1:ani.options('nmax')) {
      plot(day04)
      plot(day48)
      plot(day48)
      plot(day812)
      ani.pause() ## pause for a while
('interval')
  }
})
```

### Pasture height (mm) - R3 (change day 0 to 4)



## Where to from here?

- Overlay krige plots onto map image eg ggmap, leaflet
- Overlay animal location (GPS) data
- Analyse
- Create layers animal and pasture
- The options appear endless









# Thank you

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