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# USGS to release new digital products

The U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS) EROS Data Center will initiate distribution of digital products produced by scanning film from its historical aerial photography film archive. This archive contains thousands of rolls of film with over eight million frames of historic aerial photographs in the USGS's Sioux Falls, South Dakota facility. The largest portion of this archive consists of original film acquired by Federal agencies during the 1930's through the 1970's to produce 1:24,000 scale USGS topographic quadrangle maps. Immediately following this product initiation, distribution of photographic products will be discontinued. Orders for photographic products will not be accepted after September 3, 2004.

Initially, two digital products will be available. The first will be a high-resolution digital product, created by scanning the film data at approximately 1200 dpi. The output file size is approximately 120 megabytes from a black and white photograph and 360 megabytes from a color photograph and provided in a TIFF format. This product will be available beginning in July 2004. The second will be a medium-resolution product created by digitizing the film data at approximately 600 dpi. The output file size is approximately 15 megabytes from a black and white photograph and 45 megabytes from a color photograph and will also be provided in a TIFF format. This product will be available beginning in October 2004.

Sample products of an area over New York City, illustrating the two different products, have been prepared and can be downloaded using FTP from the following location:

[http://edc.usgs.gov/phoenix\\_iv/new\\_york](http://edc.usgs.gov/phoenix_iv/new_york)

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