Installation / Setup of RUSLE2 & View Descriptions

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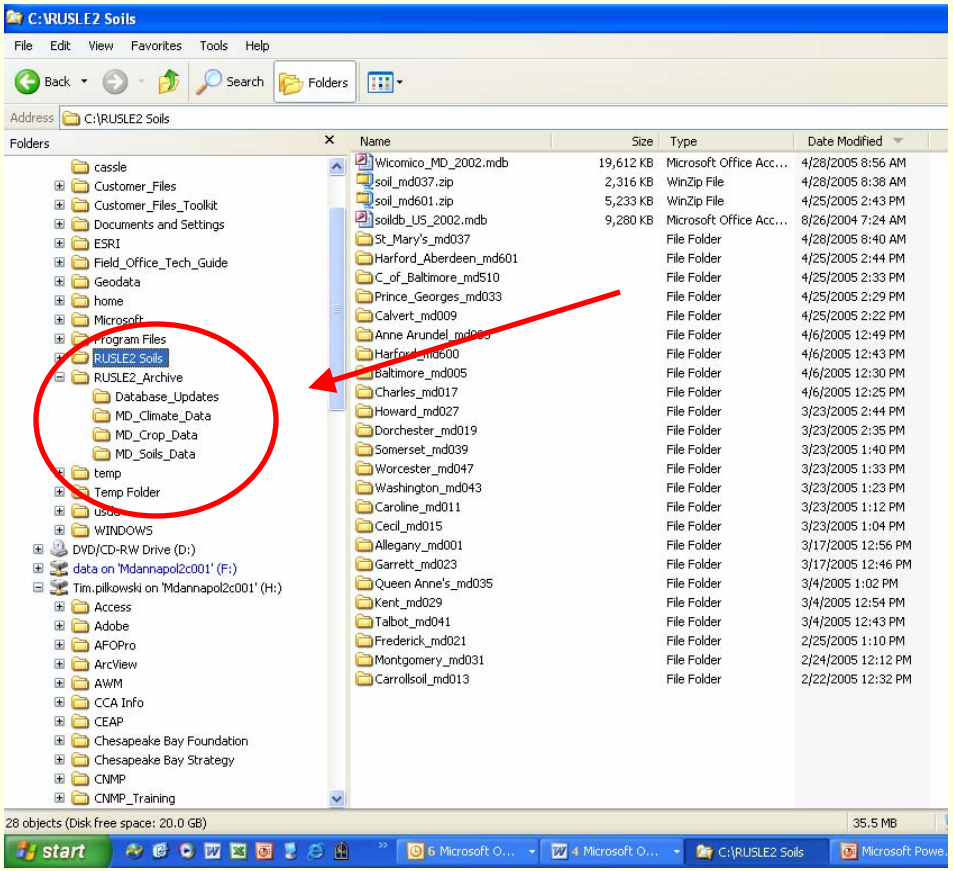
RUSLE2 Installation

- Create RUSLE2 Archive folder on local disk (C:)
- Within RUSLE2 Archive folder create four sub-folders
  - MD_Climate_Data
  - MD_Crop_Data
  - MD_Soils_Data
  - Database_Updates



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- Visit RUSLE2 Website and download:
  - RUSLE2 Program File
    - R2NRCS_20061114 exe.renamed (or exe file)
  - MD Climate Data (entire State)
  - Crop Management Templates – CMZ 59, 65, 66 or 4.1 (See Map)
  - Soils Data (specific counties)
  - Save these files in the RUSLE2 archive folders

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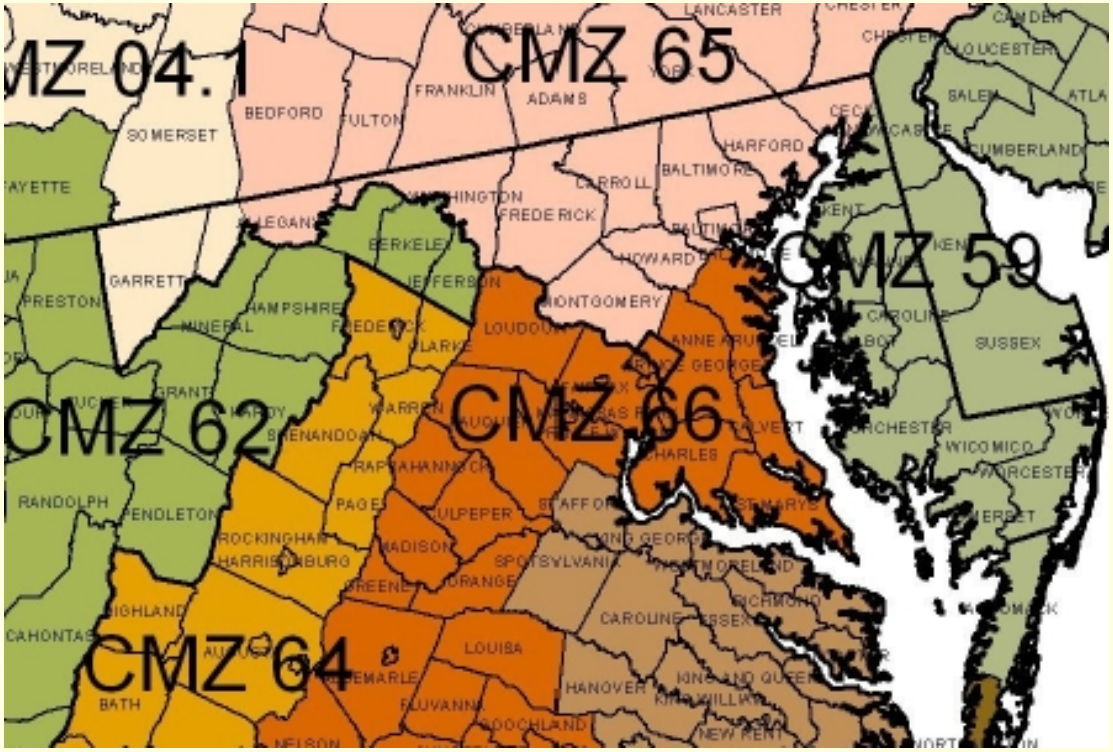

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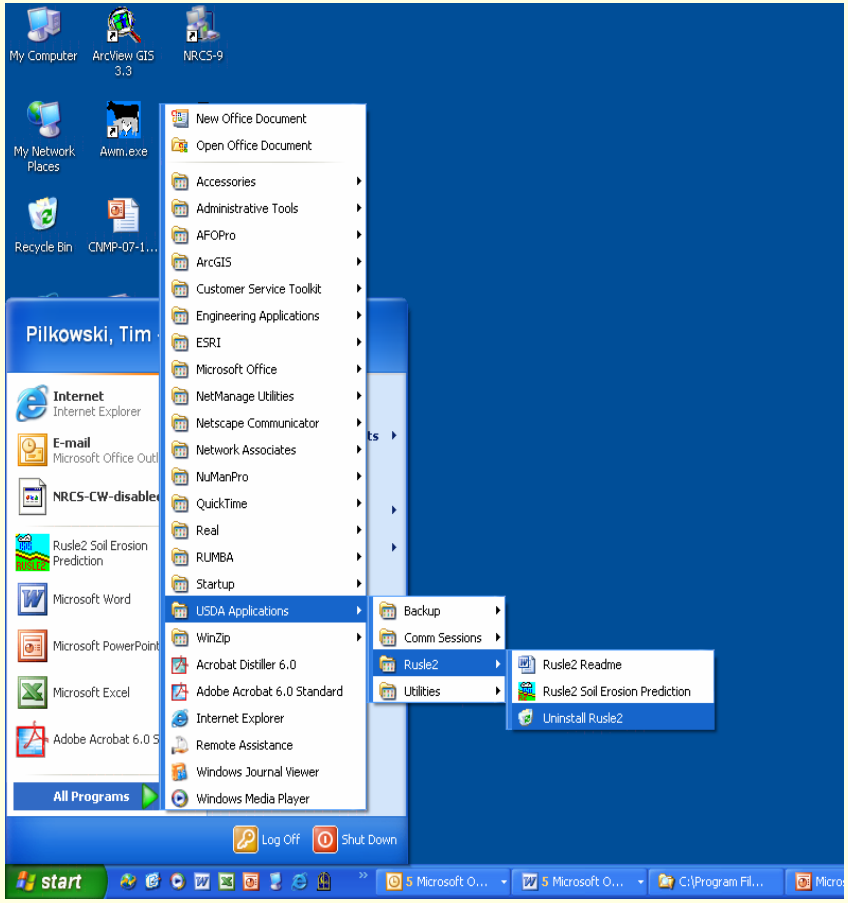
- If applicable: Uninstall any previous versions of RUSLE2 loaded on computer:
  - Start - All Programs – USDA Applications – RUSLE2 – Uninstall RUSLE2
- Go to C:\Program Files\USDA\Rusle2 and delete any folders or files.



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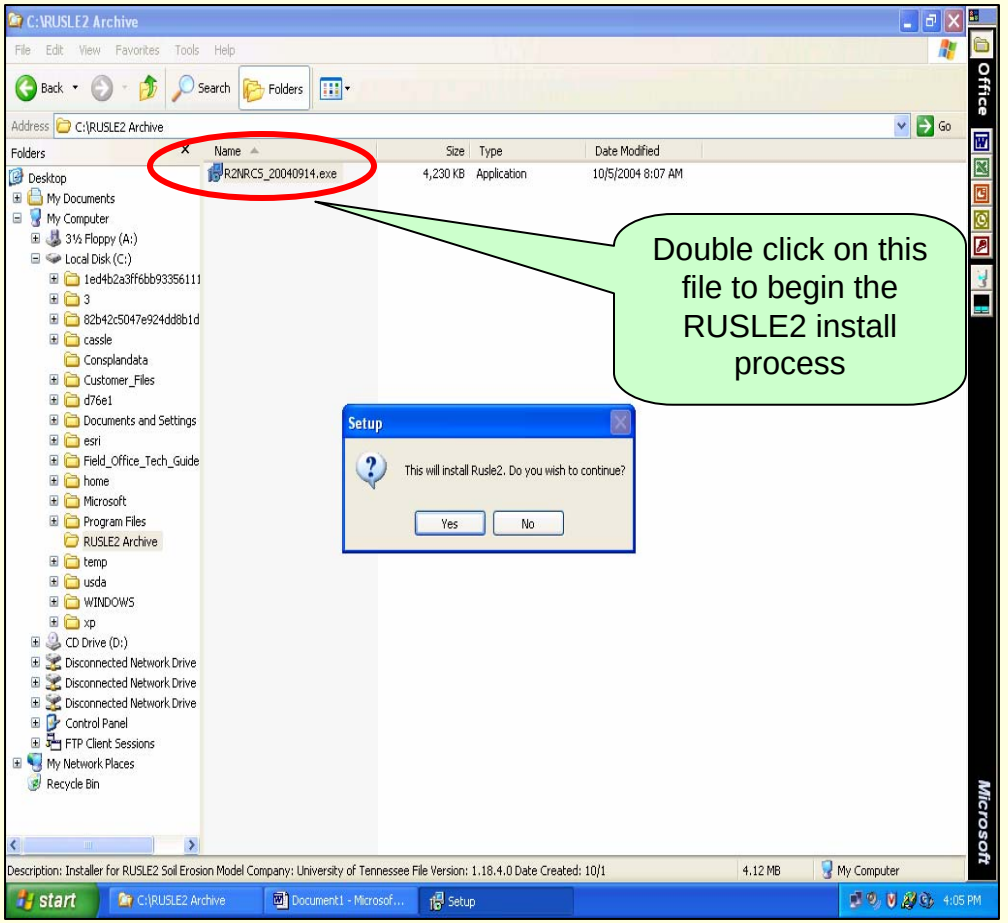
- Locate installer file in C:\RUSLE2 Archive:
- Rename file and change .renamed to .exe – File now becomes executable or open .exe file
- Open Installer



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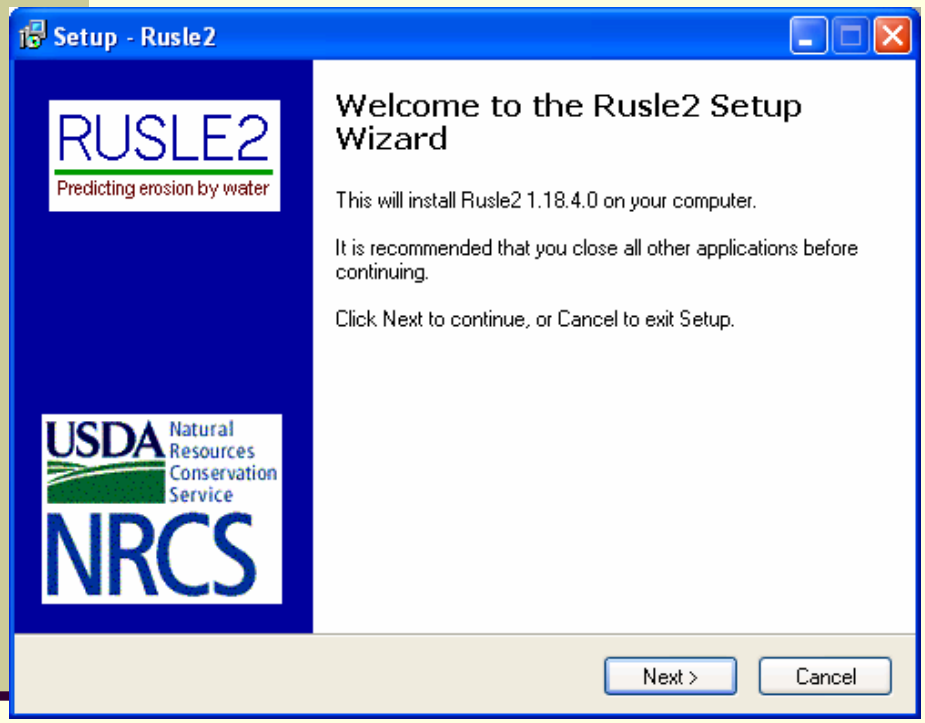

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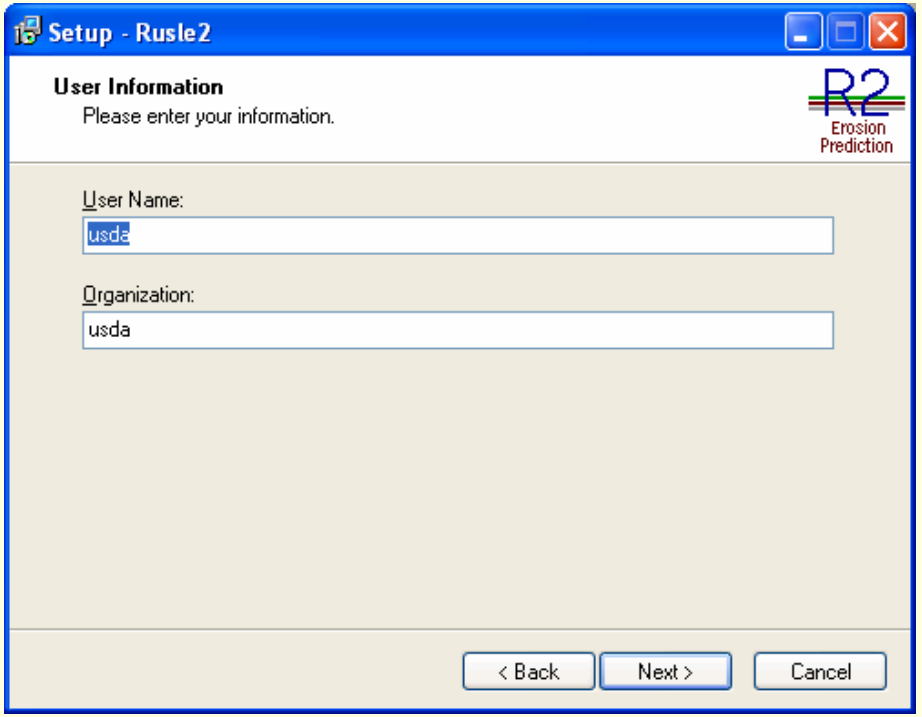

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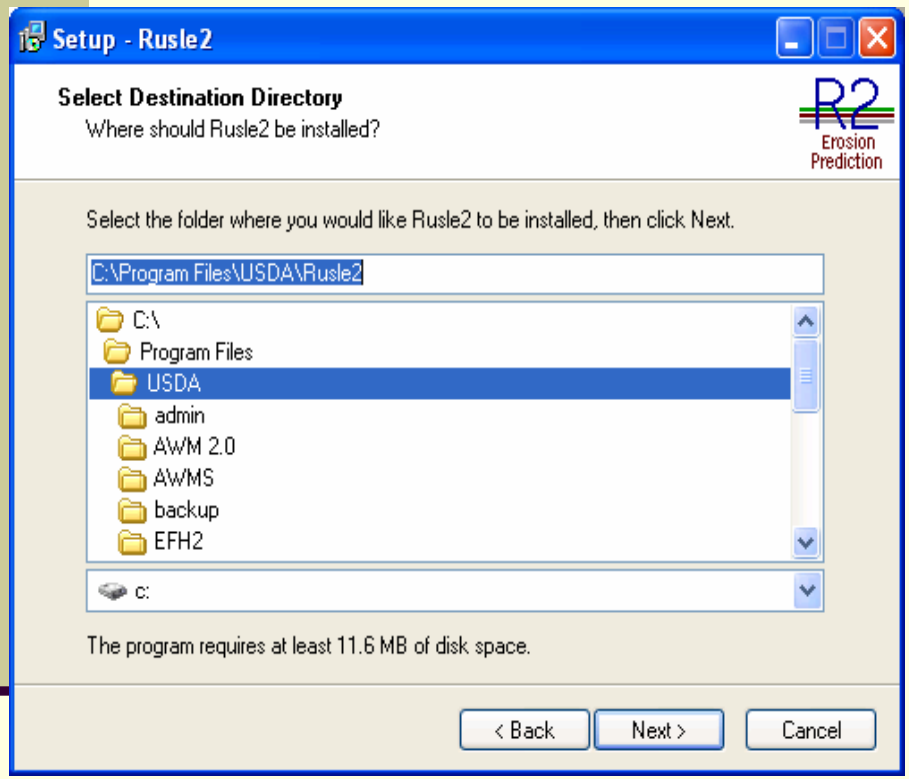

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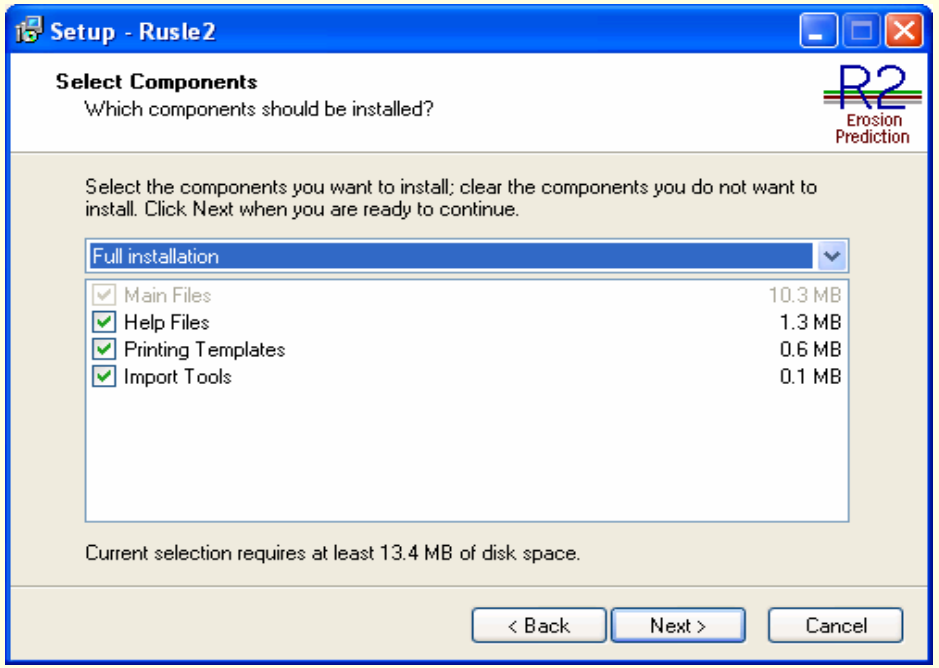

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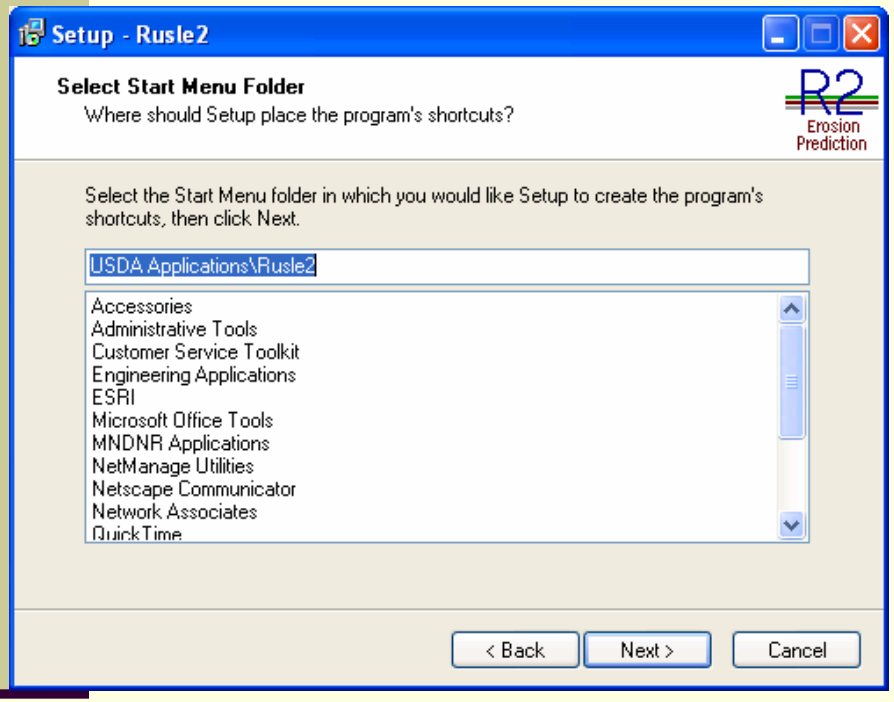

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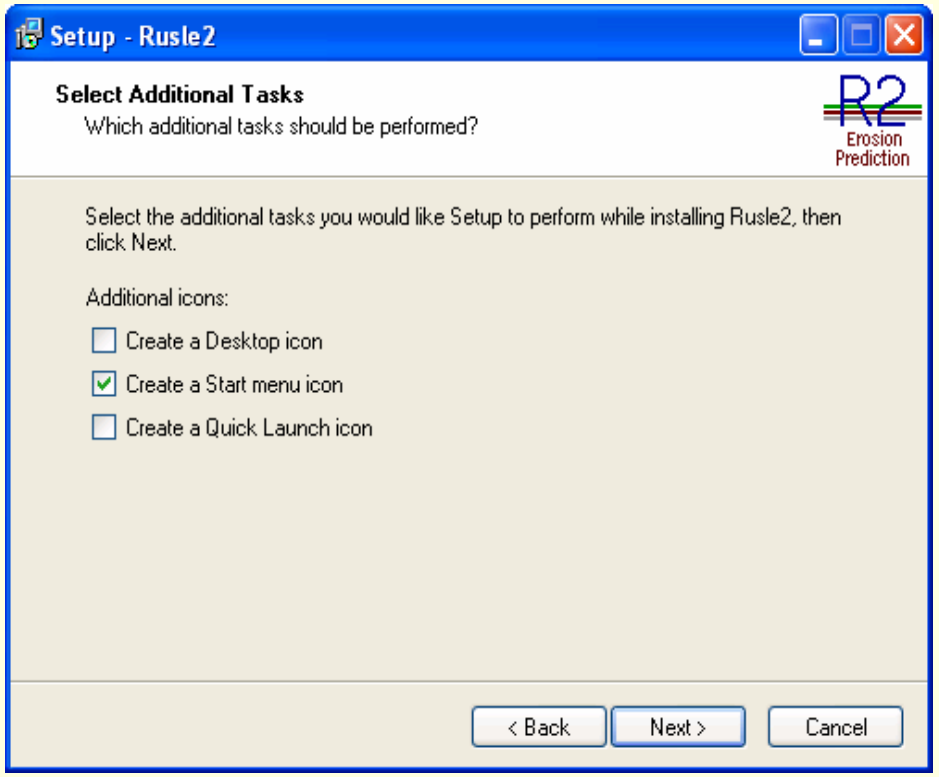

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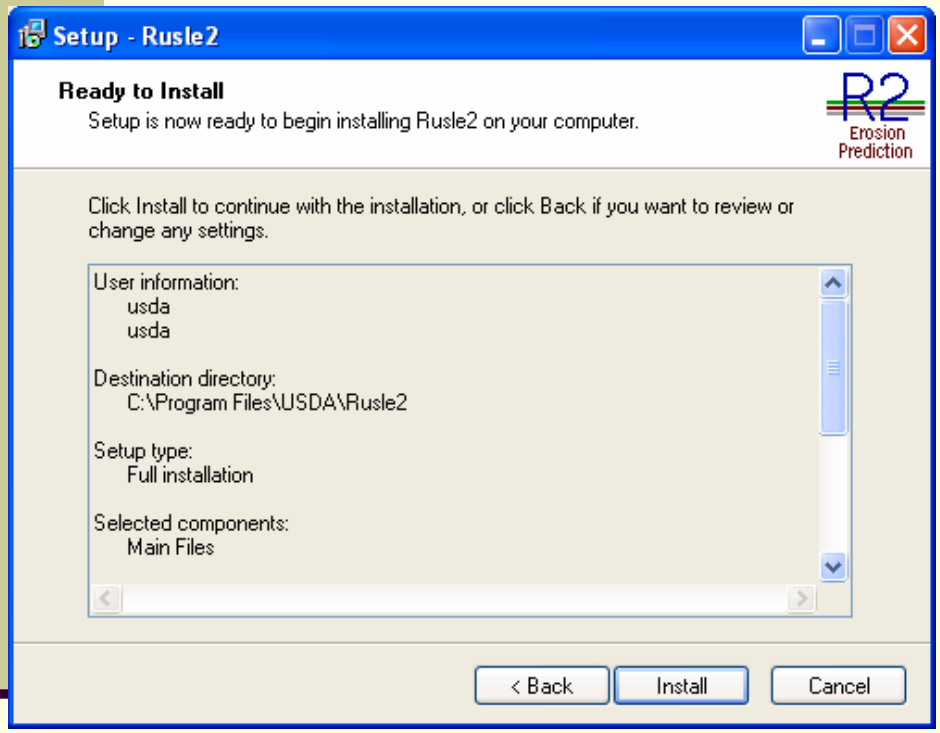

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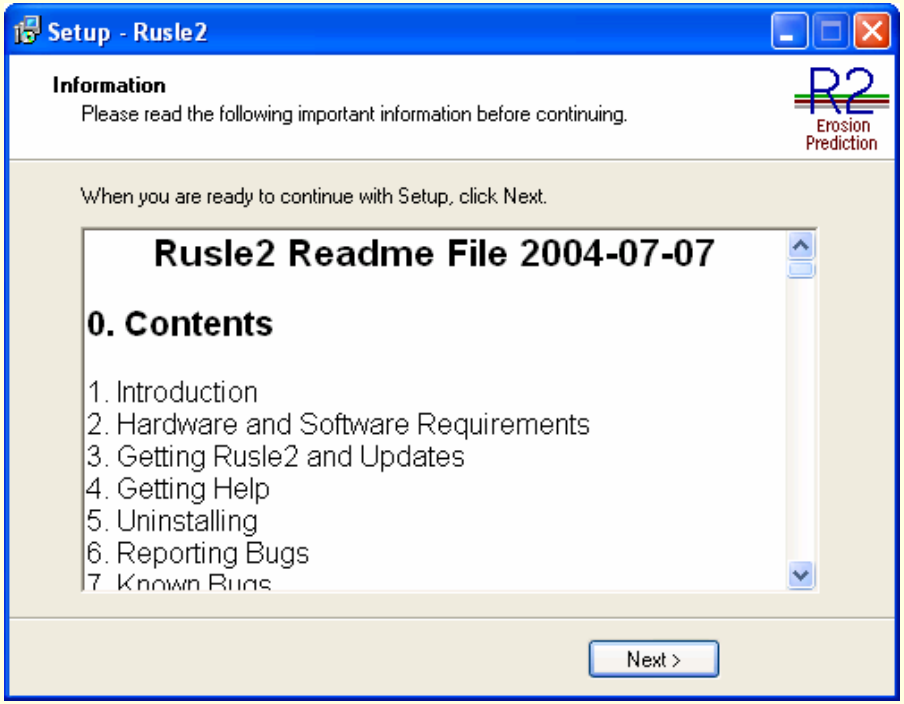

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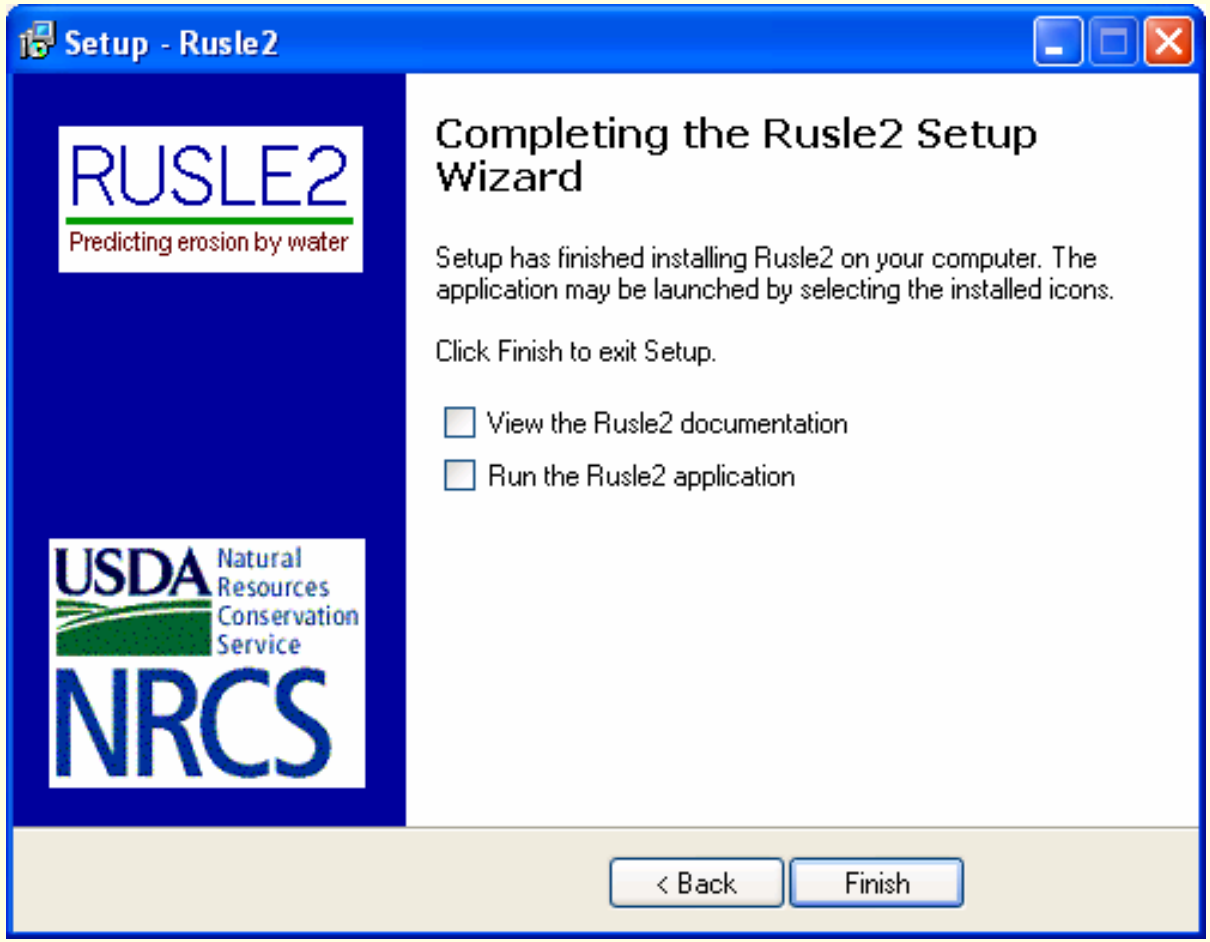
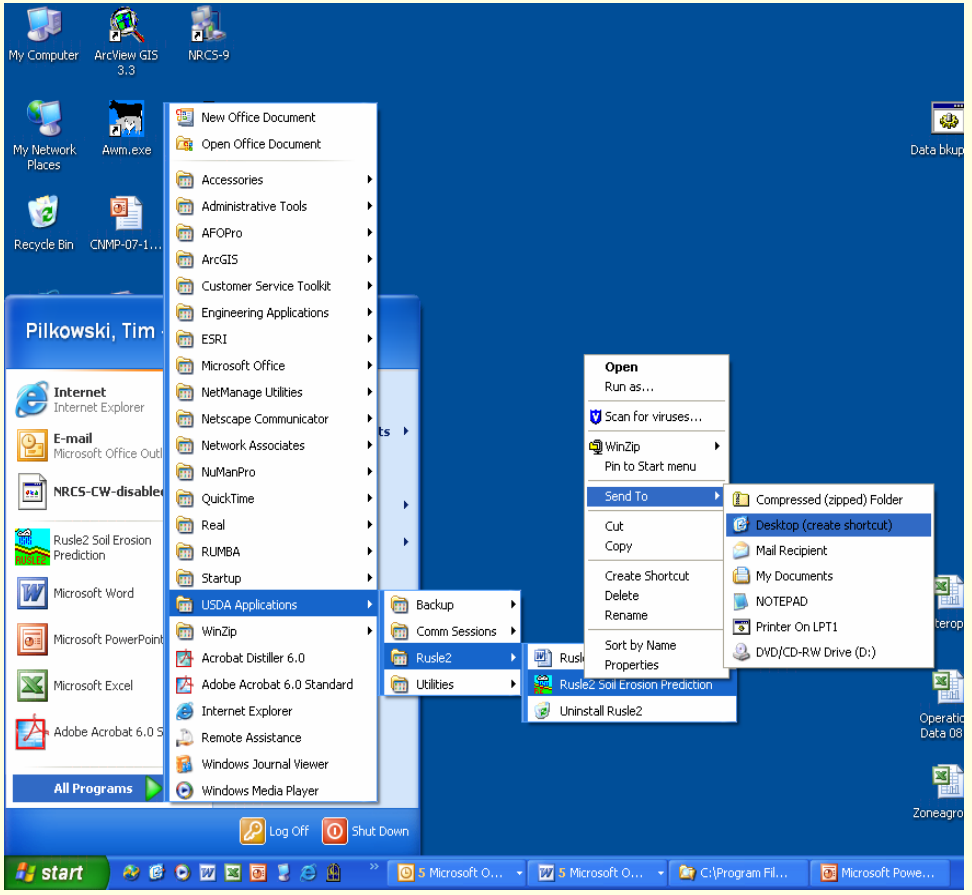


Program Setup

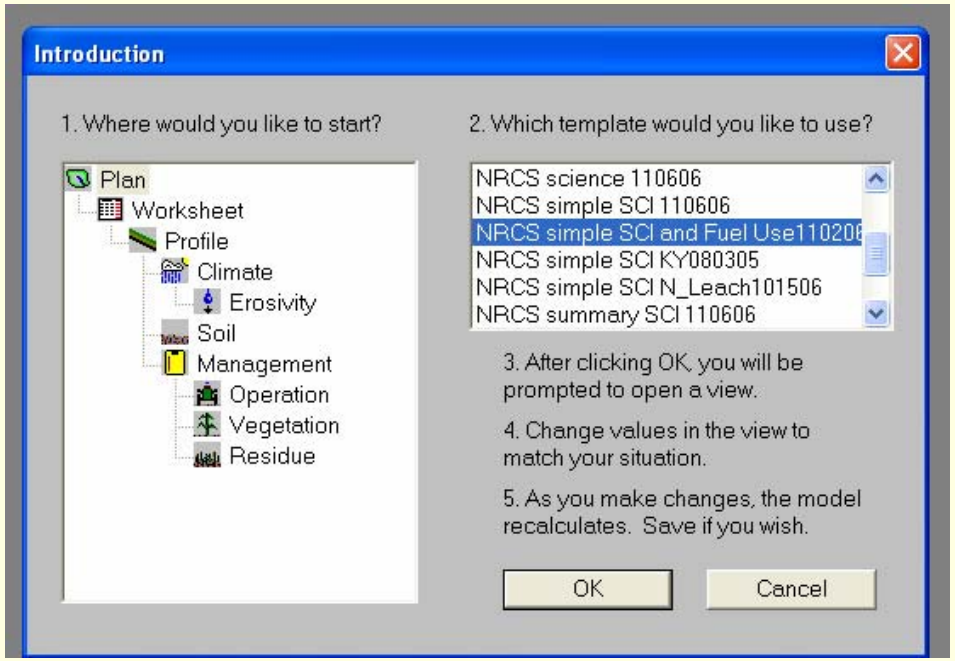
- When installation is complete it is best to re-start your computer.
- To Create desktop icon:

1. Left click on Start
2. Go to All Programs
3. Go to USDA Applications/RUSLE2/RUSLE 2 Soil Loss Prediction
4. Right click and go to Send to
5. Left click on Desktop (create shortcut)



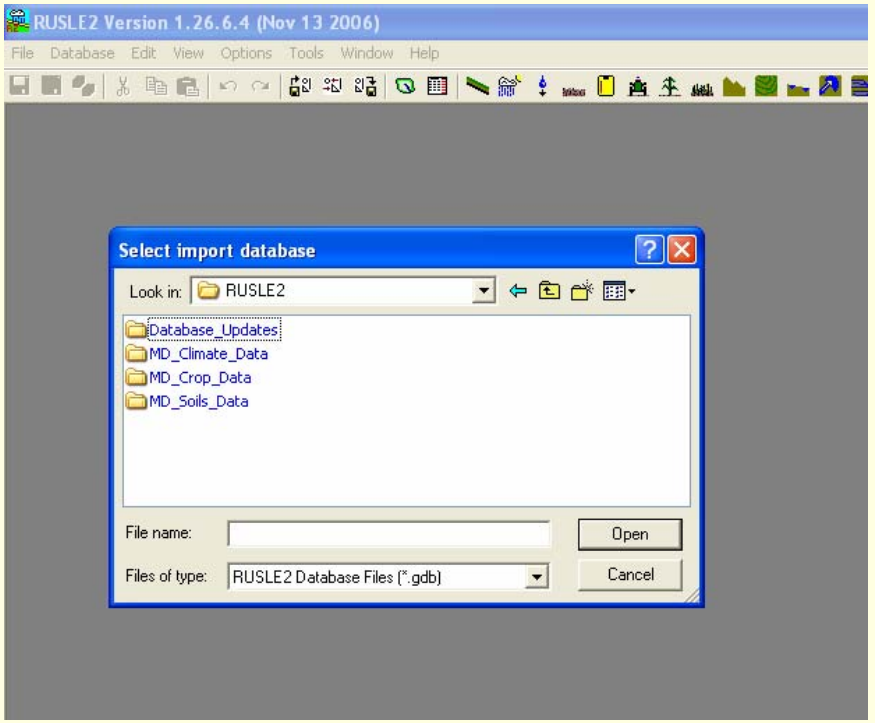
Program Setup

- Open RUSLE2 Program and select template:
  - NRCS simple SCI and Fuel Use 110206



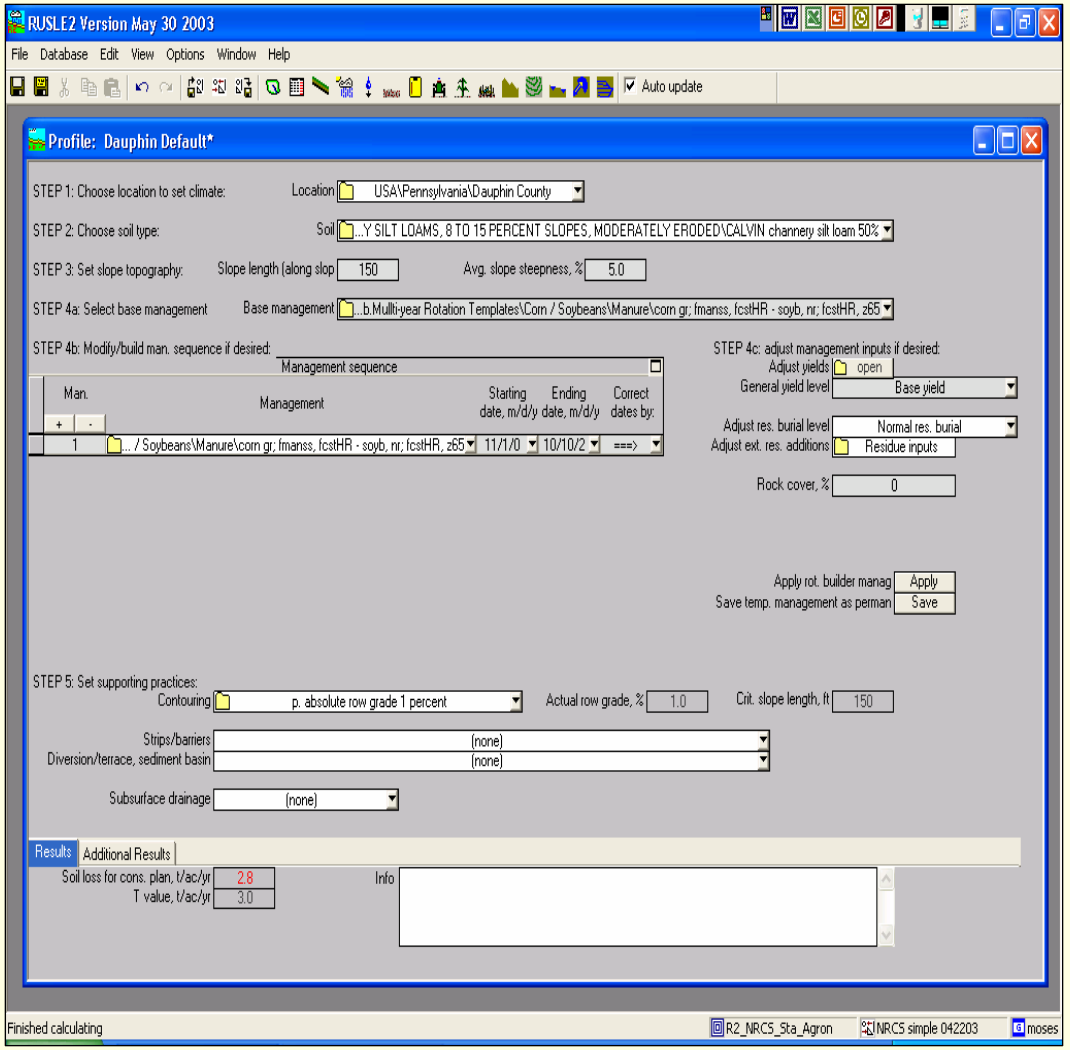
Program Setup

- Import databases from RUSLE2 Archive folder as outlined in Maryland RUSLE2 Users Guide.
- Create county specific templates as outlined in Maryland Users Guide (optional)



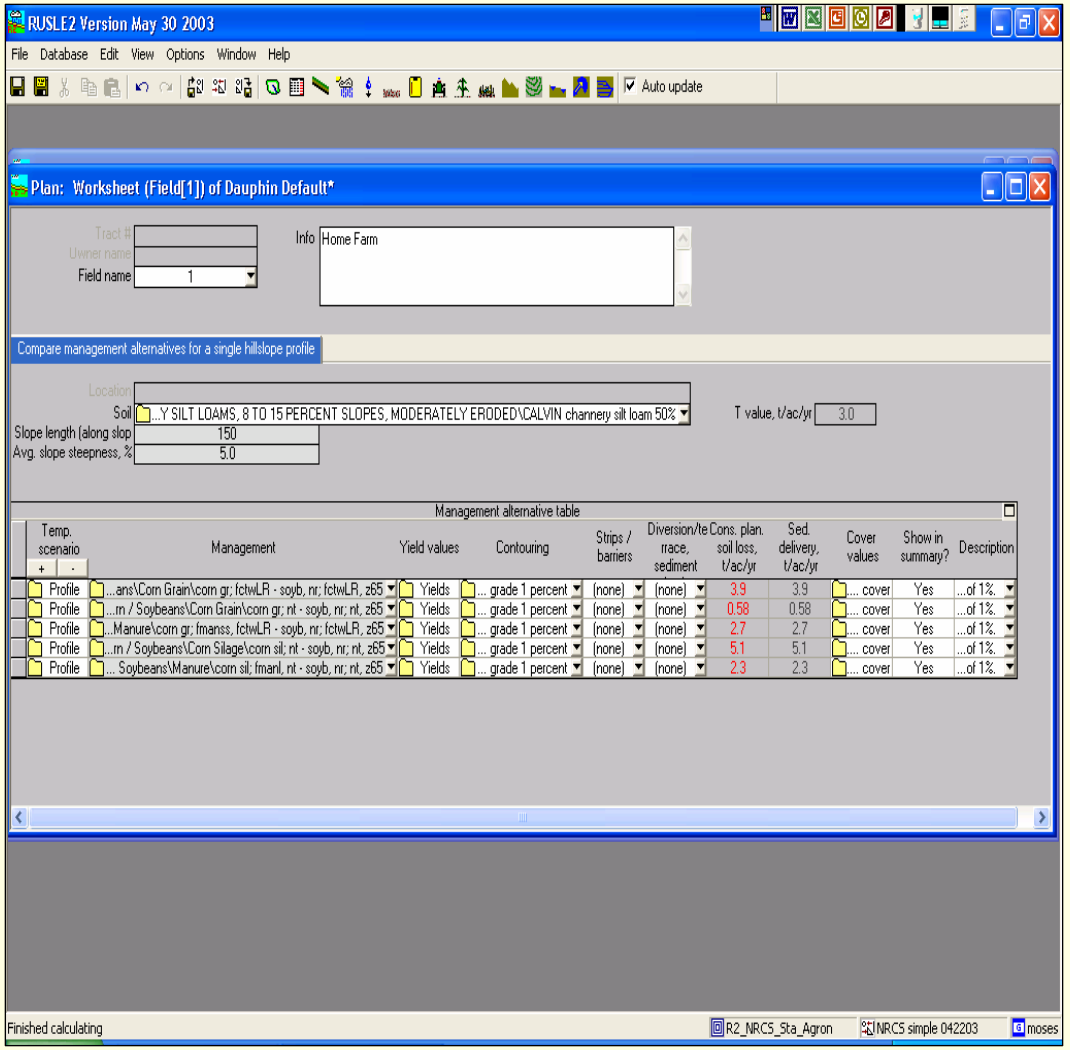
Profile View:

- Field Specific with only 1 management record.
- User enters field info & supporting practices, program determines soil loss.
- User can modify or build rotations.



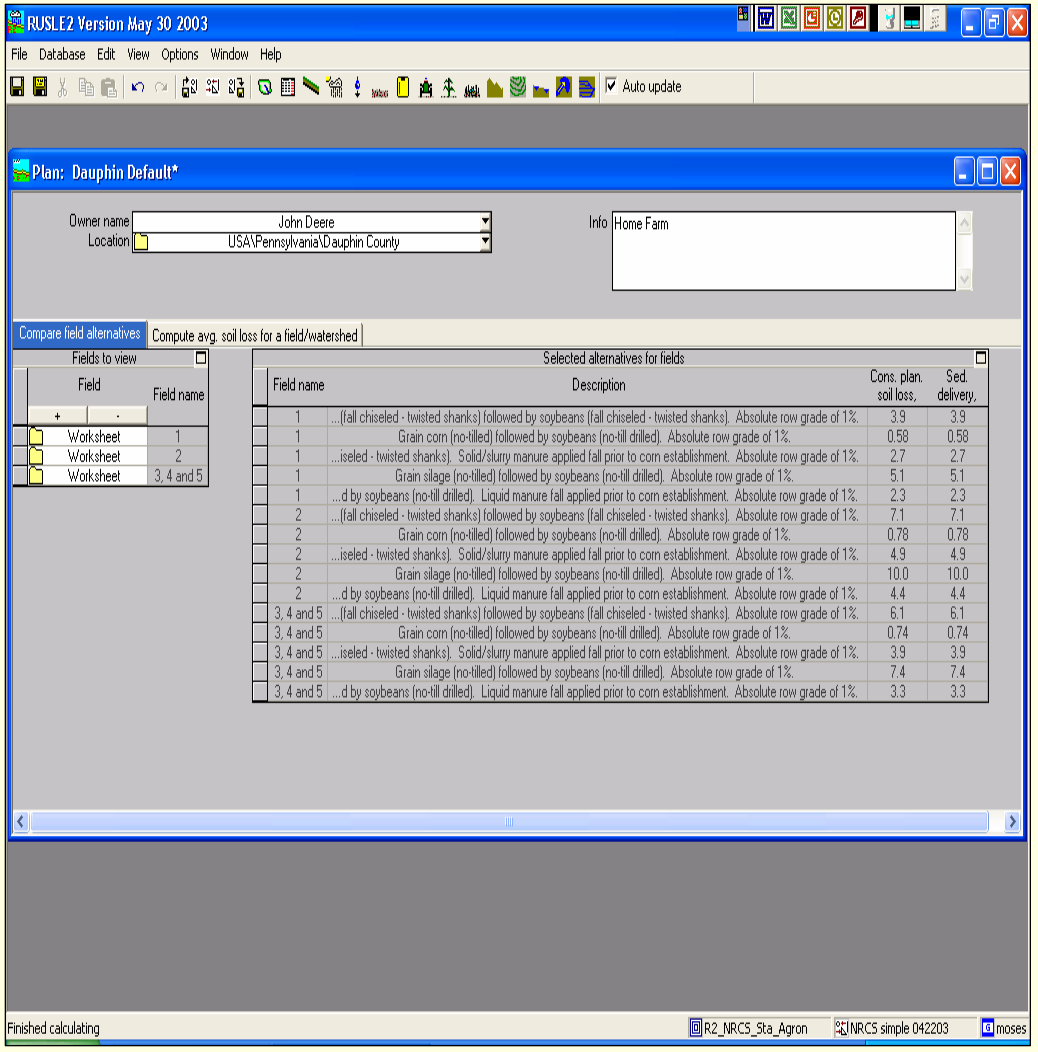
Worksheet View:

- Comparison of management options for single field or several with similar field characteristics.
- Contains multiple profile views
- User can drill back into profiles to modify rotations.



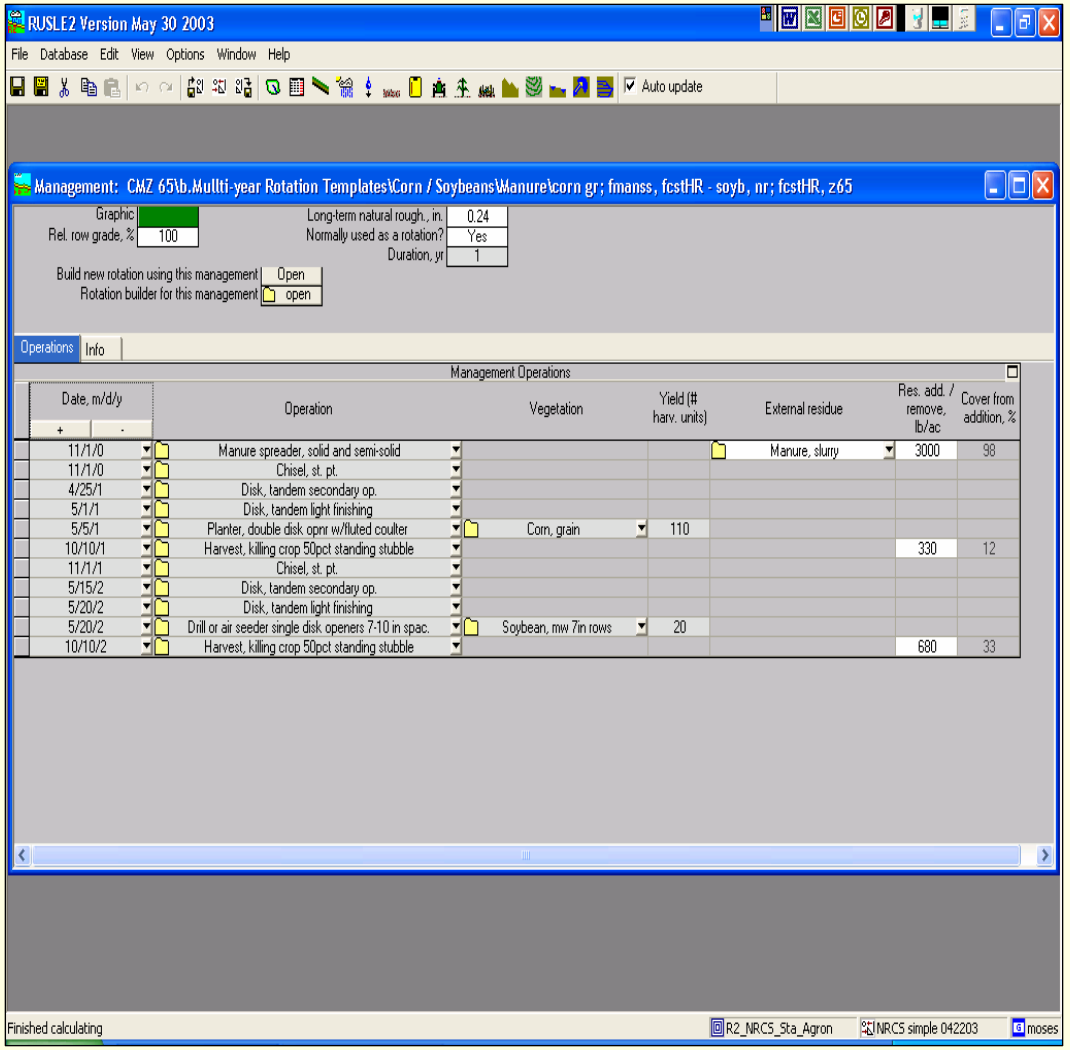
Plan View:

- Comparison of management options for multiple fields or several with similar field characteristics.
- Used for whole farm erosion predicting
- Compilation of worksheets for all fields of a tract.
- Able to drill in each worksheet and profile to modify if desired.



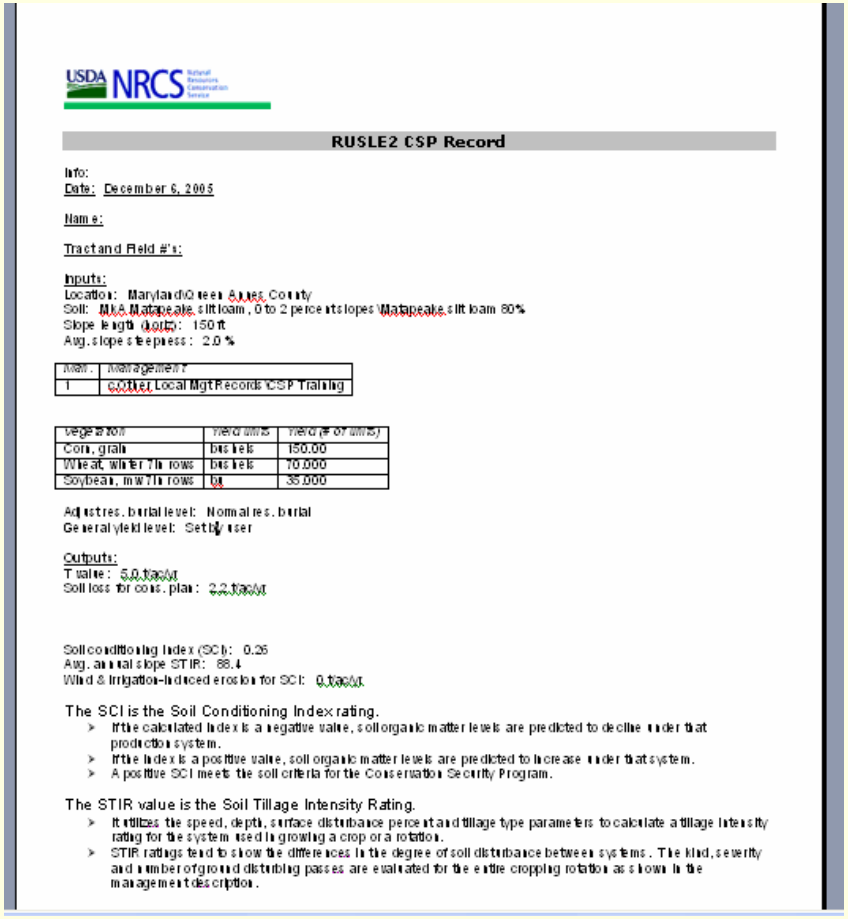
Management View:

- Presents management data, such as dates, residue levels and yields, for either a single crop or multi-year rotation.
- User can produce crop rotation to be used for any customer.
- General - not field or tract specific.



Printing:

- Users can create a word document reporting soil loss and sedimentation for farm by field/tract.
- Allows you to print a record of the producers decisions



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RUSLE2 CSP Record

Info:
Date: December 6, 2005

Name:

Tract and Field #'s:

Inputs:
Location: Maryland\Queen Annes County
Soil: MA4 Matapeake silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes \Matapeake silt loam 80%
Slope length (horiz): 150 ft
Avg. slope steepness: 2.0 %

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Vegetation	Yield units	Yield (# of units)
Corn, grain	bushels	150.00
Wheat, winter 7in rows	bushels	70.000
Soybean, mw 7in rows	bu	35.000

Adjust res. burial level: Normal res. burial
General yield level: Set by user

Outputs:
T value: 5.0 ton/ac/yr
Soil loss for cons. plan: 2.2 ton/ac/yr

Soil conditioning index (SCI): 0.26
Avg. annual slope STIR: 88.4
Wind & irrigation-induced erosion for SCI: 0 ton/ac/yr

The SCI is the Soil Conditioning Index rating.
- If the calculated index is a negative value, soil organic matter levels are predicted to decline under that production system.
- If the index is a positive value, soil organic matter levels are predicted to increase under that system.
- A positive SCI meets the soil criteria for the Conservation Security Program.

The STIR value is the Soil Tillage Intensity Rating.
- It utilizes the speed, depth, surface disturbance percent and tillage type parameters to calculate a tillage intensity rating for the system used in growing a crop or a rotation.
- STIR ratings tend to show the differences in the degree of soil disturbance between systems. The kind, severity and number of ground disturbing passes are evaluated for the entire cropping rotation as shown in the management description.

Questions / Contacts

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