

Satellites and indices reference

This guide lists **satellites and products surfaced in ObserveEarth (OED)**, each supported **spectral/SAR/index layer**, its **default formula** (raster/TiTiler-style expression where applicable), **full title**, **short description**, and **typical use cases**. Display stretches (min/max) and band names reflect `stac/enums.py`, `stac/modis_indices.py`, and frontend defaults.

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Sentinel-2 L2A (Earth Search)

ARVI — Atmospherically Resistant Vegetation Index

- **Title:** Atmospherically Resistant Vegetation Index
- **Default formula:** $(nir - (2 * red - blue)) / (nir + (2 * red - blue))$
- **Description:** Improved version of NDVI that is resistant to atmospheric effects.
- **Use cases:** Hazy or aerosol-affected imagery; atmospheric resistance versus simple red–nir ratios.
- **Default display stretch (min / max):** 0.0 → 1.0
- **Bands / assets used (expression names):** blue, red, nir

EVI — Enhanced Vegetation Index

- **Title:** Enhanced Vegetation Index
- **Default formula:** $2.5 * (((nir / 10000) - (red / 10000)) / ((nir / 10000) + 6 * (red / 10000) - 7.5 * (blue / 10000) + 1))$
- **Description:** Improved vegetation index that corrects for atmospheric conditions and soil background.
- **Use cases:** Dense canopy where NDVI saturates; atmospheric and soil corrections; biomass trends (S2 and Landsat EVI variants).
- **Default display stretch (min / max):** 0 → 1.0
- **Bands / assets used (expression names):** blue, red, nir

GNDVI — Green Normalized Difference Vegetation Index

- **Title:** Green Normalized Difference Vegetation Index
- **Default formula:** $(\text{nir} - \text{green}) / (\text{nir} + \text{green})$
- **Description:** Similar to NDVI but uses green band instead of red. More sensitive to chlorophyll concentration.
- **Use cases:** Chlorophyll sensitivity, crop nitrogen stress studies when green reflectance carries signal.
- **Default display stretch (min / max):** $-1.0 \rightarrow 1.0$
- **Bands / assets used (expression names):** green, nir

LAI — Leaf Area Index

- **Title:** Leaf Area Index
- **Default formula:** $3.618 * (((\text{nir} / 10000) - (\text{red} / 10000)) / ((\text{nir} / 10000) + (\text{red} / 10000) + 1e-6)) - 0.118$
- **Description:** Estimates the leaf area per unit ground area. Derived from EVI.
- **Use cases:** Canopy structure, biomass and ecosystem modeling, interception and transpiration workflows.
- **Default display stretch (min / max):** $0.0 \rightarrow 8.0$
- **Bands / assets used (expression names):** blue, red, nir

MSAVI — Modified Soil Adjusted Vegetation Index

- **Title:** Modified Soil Adjusted Vegetation Index
- **Default formula:** $(2 * \text{nir} + 1 - \text{sqrt}((2 * \text{nir} + 1)**2 - 8 * (\text{nir} - \text{red}))) / 2$
- **Description:** Improved version of SAVI that automatically adjusts for soil background effects.
- **Use cases:** Early growth / low cover vegetation; automatic soil-adjusted behavior versus fixed SAVI soil term.
- **Default display stretch (min / max):** $0.0 \rightarrow 1.0$
- **Bands / assets used (expression names):** red, nir

NBR — Normalized Burn Ratio

- **Title:** Normalized Burn Ratio
- **Default formula:** $(\text{nir} - \text{swir22}) / (\text{nir} + \text{swir22})$
- **Description:** Used to identify burned areas and assess fire severity.
- **Use cases:** Burn severity mapping, scar detection, recovery monitoring paired with delta-NBR workflows.
- **Default display stretch (min / max):** $-1.0 \rightarrow 1.0$
- **Bands / assets used (expression names):** nir, swir22

NDBI — Normalized Difference Built-up Index

- **Title:** Normalized Difference Built-up Index
- **Default formula:** $(\text{swir16} - \text{nir}) / (\text{swir16} + \text{nir})$
- **Description:** Highlights urban areas and built-up land.
- **Use cases:** Built-up surface emphasis, suburban expansion monitoring, complementary to vegetation indices.
- **Default display stretch (min / max):** -1.0 → 1.0
- **Bands / assets used (expression names):** nir, swir16

NDMI — Normalized Difference Moisture Index

- **Title:** Normalized Difference Moisture Index
- **Default formula:** $(\text{nir} - \text{swir16}) / (\text{nir} + \text{swir16})$
- **Description:** Measures vegetation water content. Higher values indicate more moisture.
- **Use cases:** Canopy / vegetation moisture and water stress; irrigation timing (S2 nir–swir16; Landsat nir08–swir16).
- **Default display stretch (min / max):** -1.0 → 1.0
- **Bands / assets used (expression names):** nir, swir16

NDRE — Normalized Difference Red Edge

- **Title:** Normalized Difference Red Edge
- **Default formula:** $(\text{nir} - \text{rededge1}) / (\text{nir} + \text{rededge1})$
- **Description:** Uses red edge band instead of red. Sensitive to chlorophyll content and useful for dense vegetation.
- **Use cases:** Mid–late season chlorophyll / nitrogen in dense crops; red-edge exploitation from Sentinel-2.
- **Default display stretch (min / max):** -1.0 → 1.0
- **Bands / assets used (expression names):** rededge1, nir

NDVI — Normalized Difference Vegetation Index

- **Title:** Normalized Difference Vegetation Index
- **Default formula:** $(\text{nir} - \text{red}) / (\text{nir} + \text{red})$
- **Description:** Measures vegetation health and density. Higher values indicate denser vegetation.
- **Use cases:** Crop vigor and yield proxies, vegetation fraction, drought or stress alerts, baseline greenness comparisons.
- **Default display stretch (min / max):** -1.0 → 1.0
- **Bands / assets used (expression names):** red, nir

NDWI — Normalized Difference Water Index

- **Title:** Normalized Difference Water Index
- **Default formula:** $(\text{green} - \text{nir}) / (\text{green} + \text{nir})$
- **Description:** Highlights open water features. Positive values indicate water bodies.
- **Use cases:** Open surface water, flood extent, wetlands (green–nir formulations on S2/Landsat).
- **Default display stretch (min / max):** $-1.0 \rightarrow 1.0$
- **Bands / assets used (expression names):** green, nir

RGB — Natural Color RGB

- **Title:** Natural Color RGB
- **Default formula:** $\text{red}, \text{green}, \text{blue}$
- **Description:** Natural color composite using Red, Green, and Blue bands for visualization.
- **Use cases:** Photo-interpretation, quick-look composites, QA context for interpreting spectral indices.
- **Default display stretch (min / max):** $0 \rightarrow 3500$
- **Bands / assets used (expression names):** red, green, blue

SAVI — Soil Adjusted Vegetation Index

- **Title:** Soil Adjusted Vegetation Index
- **Default formula:** $(1.5 * ((\text{nir} / 10000.0) - (\text{red} / 10000.0))) / ((\text{nir} / 10000.0) + (\text{red} / 10000.0) + 0.5)$
- **Description:** Similar to NDVI but with soil brightness correction factor. Useful in areas with low vegetation cover.
- **Use cases:** Semi-arid and sparse vegetation where soil brightness biases NDVI.
- **Default display stretch (min / max):** $0.0 \rightarrow 1.0$
- **Bands / assets used (expression names):** red, nir

Landsat Collection 2 Level-2 SR (Harmonized surface reflectance names in expressions)

EVI — Enhanced Vegetation Index

- **Title:** Enhanced Vegetation Index
- **Default formula:** $2.5 * ((\text{nir}08 - \text{red}) / (\text{nir}08 + 6 * \text{red} - 7.5 * \text{blue} + 1))$
- **Description:** Improved vegetation index that corrects for atmospheric conditions and soil background.

- **Use cases:** Dense canopy where NDVI saturates; atmospheric and soil corrections; biomass trends (S2 and Landsat EVI variants).
- **Default display stretch (min / max):** -1.0 → 1.0
- **Bands / assets used (expression names):** SR_B2, SR_B4, SR_B5

NDMI — Normalized Difference Moisture Index

- **Title:** Normalized Difference Moisture Index
- **Default formula:** $(nir08 - swir16) / (nir08 + swir16)$
- **Description:** Measures moisture content in vegetation. Higher values indicate more water content.
- **Use cases:** Canopy / vegetation moisture and water stress; irrigation timing (S2 nir–swir16; Landsat nir08–swir16).
- **Default display stretch (min / max):** -1.0 → 1.0
- **Bands / assets used (expression names):** nir08, swir16

NDVI — Normalized Difference Vegetation Index

- **Title:** Normalized Difference Vegetation Index
- **Default formula:** $(nir08 - red) / (nir08 + red)$
- **Description:** Measures vegetation health and density. Higher values indicate denser vegetation.
- **Use cases:** Crop vigor and yield proxies, vegetation fraction, drought or stress alerts, baseline greenness comparisons.
- **Default display stretch (min / max):** 0 → 1.0
- **Bands / assets used (expression names):** SR_B4, SR_B5

NDWI — Normalized Difference Water Index

- **Title:** Normalized Difference Water Index
- **Default formula:** $(green - nir08) / (green + nir08)$
- **Description:** Highlights open water features. Positive values indicate water bodies.
- **Use cases:** Open surface water, flood extent, wetlands (green–nir formulations on S2/Landsat).
- **Default display stretch (min / max):** -1.0 → 1.0
- **Bands / assets used (expression names):** SR_B3, SR_B5

Sentinel-1 GRD (SAR polarizations VH, VV in dB scale in expression)

RVI — Radar Vegetation Index

- **Title:** Radar Vegetation Index
- **Default formula:**
$$\frac{(((10^{**} (vh / 10)) / (10^{**} (vv / 10)))) * (((10^{**} (vh / 10)) / (10^{**} (vv / 10)) + 3)) / (((10^{**} (vh / 10)) / (10^{**} (vv / 10)) + 1) ** 2)}$$
- **Description:** Measures vegetation cover using radar backscatter from VH and VV polarizations.
- **Use cases:** SAR vegetation surrogate (VH/VV backscatter); monitoring when optical data are cloudy; crop structure and roughness-linked change detection.
- **Default display stretch (min / max):** 0.0 → 1.0
- **Bands / assets used (expression names):** VH, VV

MODIS (Planetary Computer STAC collections)

MODIS layers are keyed by **STAC collection × raster asset ID**. Display defaults (**min/max stretch**, **colormap**, and optional **band math** as `eq`) live in `stac/modis_indices.py`. Collection IDs use the `-061` suffix matching **NASA MODIS Collection 6.1** semantics on the Microsoft Planetary Computer STAC catalog.

Default formula in this document is shown only when `eq` (or an equivalent formula field) exists in `modis_indices.py`; otherwise the layer is the **native NASA HDF/COG band** — you must apply official MODIS User’s Guides for scale factors, offsets, fill values, and QA bit unpacking. Where present, **EVI** and **NDVI** use the usual reflectance-index family; in `modis-13A1-061`, EVI and NDVI are the only vegetation layers given explicit expressions in code (250 m `modis-13Q1-061` entries omit `eq` in that file—treat NDVI/EVI there as standard product bands unless you add formulas elsewhere).

MODIS collection catalog & layer semantics

The table below lists **every STAC collection** and **every raster asset ID (layer key)** exposed through `modis_data_json` in `stac/modis_indices.py`, with a short explanation. Detailed default min/max and formulas for each row appear in the section tables further down (same identifiers).

STAC collection	Product context (informal)	What the layers represent
<code>modis-09A1-061</code>	Surface reflectance, 8-day, 500 m	Seven <code>sur_refl_b01 – b07</code> calibrated bands plus <code>sur_refl_qc_500m</code> , viewing/solar geometry (<code>sur_refl_zen</code> , <code>sur_refl_raz</code>), <code>sur_refl_day_of_year</code> , and <code>sur_refl_state_500m</code> aerosol/cloud state bits. Basis for broadband indices if you derive them yourself.
<code>modis-</code>	Surface reflectance,	Red (<code>sur_refl_b01</code>) and near-infrared

09Q1-061	8-day, 250 m	(<code>sur_refl_b02</code>) at 250 m plus <code>sur_refl_qc_250m</code> and <code>sur_refl_state_250m</code> .
modis-10A1-061	Snow cover, daily	<code>NDSI_Snow_Cover</code> (%), supporting <code>NDSI</code> , <code>Snow_Albedo_Daily_Tile</code> , algorithm QA flags, basic QA, and orbit/granule pointers.
modis-10A2-061	Snow cover, 8-day	<code>Eight_Day_Snow_Cover</code> and <code>Maximum_Snow_Extent</code> summaries over the composite period.
modis-11A1-061	LST & emissivity, daily , ~1 km	Day/night Land Surface Temperature (<code>LST*_1km</code> , scaled storage), emissivity (<code>Emis_*</code>), QC, view zenith/time, clear-sky occurrence (<code>Clear*_cov</code>).
modis-11A2-061	LST & emissivity, 8-day , ~1 km	Same family as daily but composited over 8 days (<code>Clear_sky_days</code> / <code>Clear_sky_nights</code> instead of day/night coverage counts).
modis-13A1-061	Vegetation indices, 16-day, 500 m	Reflectance composites (blue/red/NIR/MIR), NDVI and EVI (with explicit <code>eq</code> in code using band symbols <code>B04</code> , <code>B08</code> , <code>B11</code>), VI quality (<code>500m_16_days_VI_Quality</code>), <code>500m_16_days_pixel_reliability</code> , sun/view geometry, and composite DOY.
modis-13Q1-061	Vegetation indices, 16-day, 250 m	Parallel 250 m suite: MIR, VI quality, NDVI/EVI, band reflectances, geometry, reliability, composite DOY. No <code>eq</code> fields in <code>modis_indices.py</code> for NDVI/EVI here—they are referenced as native layers.
modis-14A1-061	Active fire / thermal anomalies, daily	Fire detection grid (<code>FireMask</code>), max fire radiative power context (<code>MaxFRP</code>), QA, and metadata-style <code>sample</code> .
modis-14A2-061	Fire, 8-day composite	<code>FireMask</code> and <code>QA</code> at weekly-style cadence for summarized burn/hot-pixel activity.
modis-15A2H-061	FPAR & LAI, 8-day , 500 m	Fraction of photosynthetically active radiation absorbed (<code>Fpar_500m</code>), leaf area (<code>Lai_500m</code>), per-parameter std dev, and QC (<code>FparLai_QC</code> , <code>FparExtra_QC</code>).
modis-15A3H-061	FPAR & LAI, 4-day , 500 m	Same FPAR/LAI variable set at higher temporal revisit (shorter composite).
modis-16A3GF-061	Evapotranspiration, yearly gap-filled, 500 m	Annual <code>ET_500m</code> , latent heat (<code>LE_500m</code>), potential ET (<code>PET_500m</code>), potential LE (<code>PLE_500m</code>), plus <code>ET_QC_500m</code> . Values are scaled integers until converted per MOD16 documentation.

<code>modis-17A2H-061</code>	GPP / photosynthesis, 8-day , 500 m	Gross primary productivity (<code>Gpp_500m</code>), net photosynthesis (<code>PsnNet_500m</code>), QC (<code>Psn_QC_500m</code>).
<code>modis-17A2HGF-061</code>	GPP, 8-day gap-filled, 500 m	Same three variables as <code>17A2H</code> but gap-filled for smoother temporal series.
<code>modis-17A3HGF-061</code>	NPP / GPP, yearly gap-filled, 500 m	Annual <code>Npp_500m</code> , supporting <code>Gpp_500m</code> , and <code>Npp_QC_500m</code> —net primary productivity benchmarks.
<code>modis-21A2-061</code>	LST, 8-day , multi-channel emissivity	Day/night LST (<code>LST*_1KM</code>), emissivity at 29/31/32 μm equivalents (<code>Emis_*</code>), QC, viewing time/angle splits. Stored ranges in <code>modis_indices.py</code> are display-oriented; conversion to kelvins follows the MOD21 algorithm documentation.
<code>modis-43A4-061</code>	BRDF-adjusted reflectance (nadir), daily	<code>Nadir_Reflectance_Band1 – Band7</code> (multispectral, scaled) and mandatory quality per band (<code>BRDF_Albedo_Band_Mandatory_Quality_*</code>). Intended for analyses requiring reduced BRDF effects.
<code>modis-64A1-061</code>	Burned area, monthly	<code>Burn_Date</code> , <code>Burn_Date_Uncertainty</code> , seasonal window markers (<code>First_Day</code> , <code>Last_Day</code>), and <code>QA</code> . Encodings are thematic—interpret via MCD64 product documentation.

Layer counts: 09A1 (12); 09Q1 (4); 10A1 (7); 10A2 (2); 11A1 (12); 11A2 (12); 13A1 (12); 13Q1 (12); 14A1 (4); 14A2 (2); 15A2H (6); 15A3H (6); 16A3GF (5); 17A2H (3); 17A2HGF (3); 17A3HGF (3); 21A2 (11); 43A4 (14); 64A1 (5).

Indices vs bands: Only `500m_16_days_EVI` and `500m_16_days_NDVI` under `modis-13A1-061` carry an `eq` field in `modis_indices.py` —those are explicit index definitions in-app. Everything else is a **named science or QA raster** whose physical meaning follows the NASA product spec (spectral reflectance band, QC bitmask, thematic fire or snow code, scaled temperature, productivity, etc.). The default **RdYIGn** colormap plus **min/max** in the Python registry are visualization hints, not replacements for scaling rules in HDF/COG attributes.

Surface Reflectance 8Day 500M (modis-09A1-061)

- **Description:** MODIS surface reflectance (8-day composite, 500 m). Band assets are calibrated reflectance and QA / geometry layers from the product.
- **Use cases:** Land cover mapping, change detection, custom spectral indices, cross-sensor harmonization inputs; always screen with QA/state flags from the product user guide.

Layer (asset ID)	Default min	Default max	Default formula / notes
sur_refl_b01	-100	16000	– (raw product layer)
sur_refl_b02	-100	16000	– (raw product layer)
sur_refl_b03	-100	16000	– (raw product layer)
sur_refl_b04	-100	16000	– (raw product layer)
sur_refl_b05	-100	16000	– (raw product layer)
sur_refl_b06	-100	16000	– (raw product layer)
sur_refl_b07	-100	16000	– (raw product layer)
sur_refl_day_of_year	1	366	– (raw product layer)
sur_refl_qc_500m	0	4294967295	– (raw product layer)
sur_refl_raz	1	366	– (raw product layer)
sur_refl_state_500m	1	366	– (raw product layer)
sur_refl_szen	1	366	– (raw product layer)
sur_refl_vzen	1	366	– (raw product layer)

Surface Reflectance 8Day 250M (modis-09Q1-061)

- **Description:** MODIS surface reflectance (8-day composite, 250 m) with fewer bands than 500 m products.
- **Use cases:** Higher-resolution vegetation / surface monitoring when 250 m is required; pair with QA layers.

Layer (asset ID)	Default min	Default max	Default formula / notes
sur_refl_b01	-100	16000	– (raw product layer)
sur_refl_b02	-100	16000	– (raw product layer)
sur_refl_qc_250m	0	4294967295	– (raw product layer)
sur_refl_state_250m	0	4294967295	– (raw product layer)

Snow Cover Daily (modis-10A1-061)

- **Description:** MODIS snow cover (daily). Includes NDSI-based snow metrics and QA.
- **Use cases:** Snow extent, melt timing, hydrology and alpine monitoring; validate with terrain and cloud masks

and cloud masks.

Layer (asset ID)	Default min	Default max	Default formula / notes
NDSI	-100	100	– (raw product layer)
NDSI_Snow_Cover	0	100	– (raw product layer)
NDSI_Snow_Cover_Algorithm_Flags_QA	0	255	– (raw product layer)
NDSI_Snow_Cover_Basic_QA	0	254	– (raw product layer)
Snow_Albedo_Daily_Tile	0	100	– (raw product layer)
granule_pnt	0	254	– (raw product layer)
orbit_pnt	0	15	– (raw product layer)

Snow Cover 8Day (modis-10A2-061)

- **Description:** MODIS snow cover (8-day composite) summarizing persistence / maximum extent.
- **Use cases:** Regional snow-season summaries; smoother time series than daily for cloud gaps.

Layer (asset ID)	Default min	Default max	Default formula / notes
Eight_Day_Snow_Cover	0	100	– (raw product layer)
Maximum_Snow_Extent	0	255	– (raw product layer)

Land Surface Temperature Emissivity Daily (modis-11A1-061)

- **Description:** MODIS land surface temperature and emissivity (daily, ~1 km). Values are scaled storage dtypes in HDF.
- **Use cases:** Heat stress, irrigation demand proxies, drought monitoring, frost risk; interpret with QC and viewing geometry.

Layer (asset ID)	Default min	Default max	Default formula / notes
Clean_day_cov	1	255	– (raw product layer)

Clear_day_cov	1	255	– (raw product layer)
Clear_night_cov	1	255	– (raw product layer)
Day_view_angl	0	130	– (raw product layer)
Day_view_time	0	240	– (raw product layer)
Emis_31	1	255	– (raw product layer)
Emis_32	1	255	– (raw product layer)
LST_Day_1km	7500	65535	– (raw product layer)
LST_Night_1km	7500	65535	– (raw product layer)
Night_view_angl	0	130	– (raw product layer)
Night_view_time	0	240	– (raw product layer)
QC_Day	0	255	– (raw product layer)
QC_Night	0	255	– (raw product layer)

Land Surface Temperature Emissivity 8Day (modis-11A2-061)

- **Description:** MODIS land surface temperature and emissivity (8-day composite, ~1 km).
- **Use cases:** Smoothed seasonal LST/evapotranspiration workflows; agriculture and ecosystem stress analysis.

Layer (asset ID)	Default min	Default max	Default formula / notes
Clear_sky_days	1	255	– (raw product layer)
Clear_sky_nights	1	255	– (raw product layer)
Day_view_angl	0	130	– (raw product layer)
Day_view_time	0	240	– (raw product layer)
Emis_31	1	255	– (raw product layer)
Emis_32	1	255	– (raw product layer)
LST_Day_1km	7500	65535	– (raw product layer)
LST_Night_1km	7500	65535	– (raw product layer)
Night_view_angl	0	130	– (raw product layer)
Night_view_time	0	240	– (raw product layer)
QC_Day	0	255	– (raw product layer)

Vegetation Indices 500M 16Day (modis-13A1-061)

- **Description:** MODIS vegetation indices (16-day composite, 500 m), including NDVI/EVI-style metrics and MIR reflectance.
- **Use cases:** Regional crop condition, biomass proxies, vegetation phenology; use pixel reliability / VI quality masks.

Layer (asset ID)	Default min	Default max	Default formula / notes
500m_16_days_EVI	-0.5	1	$2.5 * ((B08 - B04) / (B08 + 6 * B04 - 7.5 * B11 + 1))$
500m_16_days_MIR_reflectance	-0.5	1	– (raw product layer)
500m_16_days_NDVI	-0.5	1	$(B08 - B04) / (B08 + B04)$
500m_16_days_NIR_reflectance	-0.5	1	– (raw product layer)
500m_16_days_VI_Quality	0	100	– (raw product layer)
500m_16_days_blue_reflectance	-0.5	1	– (raw product layer)
500m_16_days_composite_day_of_the_year	1	366	– (raw product layer)
500m_16_days_pixel_reliability	0	4	– (raw product layer)
500m_16_days_red_reflectance	-0.5	1	– (raw product layer)
500m_16_days_relative_azimuth_angle	-180	180	– (raw product layer)
500m_16_days_sun_zenith_angle	0	90	– (raw product layer)
500m_16_days_view_zenith_angle	0	90	– (raw product layer)

Vegetation Indices 250M 16Day (modis-13Q1-061)

- **Description:** MODIS vegetation indices (16-day composite, 250 m).
- **Use cases:** Field-to-landscape monitoring where 250 m detail matters; QA layers remain essential.

Layer (asset ID)	Default min	Default max	Default formula / notes
250m_16_days_EVI	-0.5	1	– (raw product layer)
250m_16_days_MIR_reflectance	-0.5	1	– (raw product layer)
250m_16_days_NDVI	-0.5	1	– (raw product layer)
250m_16_days_NIR_reflectance	-0.5	1	– (raw product layer)
250m_16_days_VI_Quality	0	100	– (raw product layer)
250m_16_days_blue_reflectance	-0.5	1	– (raw product layer)
250m_16_days_composite_day_of_the_year	1	366	– (raw product layer)
250m_16_days_pixel_reliability	0	4	– (raw product layer)
250m_16_days_red_reflectance	-0.5	1	– (raw product layer)
250m_16_days_relative_azimuth_angle	-180	180	– (raw product layer)
250m_16_days_sun_zenith_angle	0	90	– (raw product layer)
250m_16_days_view_zenith_angle	0	90	– (raw product layer)

Thermal Anomalies Fire Daily (modis-14A1-061)

- **Description:** MODIS thermal anomalies / active fire (daily). Fire mask and radiative power

- **Description:** MODIS thermal anomalies / active fire (daily), fire mask and radiative power-related layers.
- **Use cases:** Active fire detection, early warning, smoke-risk context; corroborate with ground reports where possible.

Layer (asset ID)	Default min	Default max	Default formula / notes
FireMask	0	366	– (raw product layer)
MaxFRP	0	366	– (raw product layer)
QA	0	255	– (raw product layer)
sample	0	100	– (raw product layer)

Thermal Anomalies Fire 8Day (modis-14A2-061)

- **Description:** MODIS thermal anomalies / fire (8-day composite).
- **Use cases:** Summarized fire activity over cloudy periods; useful for regional weekly dashboards.

Layer (asset ID)	Default min	Default max	Default formula / notes
FireMask	0	9	– (raw product layer)
QA	0	9	– (raw product layer)

Leaf Area Index Fpar 8Day (modis-15A2H-061)

- **Description:** MODIS FPAR and LAI (8-day composite, 500 m).
- **Use cases:** Canopy structure for models, yield and stress studies, forest monitoring; use quality layers.

Layer (asset ID)	Default min	Default max	Default formula / notes
FparExtra_QC	0	255	– (raw product layer)
FparLai_QC	0	255	– (raw product layer)
FparStdDev_500m	0	100	– (raw product layer)
Fpar_500m	0	100	– (raw product layer)
LaiStdDev_500m	0	100	– (raw product layer)
Lai_500m	0	100	– (raw product layer)

Leaf Area Index Fpar 4Day (modis-15A3H-061)

Leaf Area Index 4Day (modis-16A3GF-061)

- **Description:** MODIS FPAR and LAI (4-day composite, 500 m).
- **Use cases:** Faster phenology updates than 8-day; still requires QC screening.

Layer (asset ID)	Default min	Default max	Default formula / notes
FparExtra_QC	0	255	– (raw product layer)
FparLai_QC	0	255	– (raw product layer)
FparStdDev_500m	0	100	– (raw product layer)
Fpar_500m	0	100	– (raw product layer)
LaiStdDev_500m	0	100	– (raw product layer)
Lai_500m	0	100	– (raw product layer)

Net Evapotranspiration Yearly Gapfilled (modis-16A3GF-061)

- **Description:** MODIS evapotranspiration and related flux terms (yearly gap-filled, 500 m).
- **Use cases:** Water balance, irrigation performance, drought indicators at annual scales; read ET QC carefully.

Layer (asset ID)	Default min	Default max	Default formula / notes
ET_500m	0	65535	– (raw product layer)
ET_QC_500m	0	255	– (raw product layer)
LE_500m	0	65535	– (raw product layer)
PET_500m	0	65535	– (raw product layer)
PLE_500m	0	65535	– (raw product layer)

Gross Primary Productivity 8Day (modis-17A2H-061)

- **Description:** MODIS gross primary productivity (GPP) and photosynthesis net (8-day, 500 m).
- **Use cases:** Ecosystem productivity, crop growth proxies, cumulative carbon uptake studies with PSN QC.

Layer (asset ID)	Default min	Default max	Default formula / notes
Gpp_500m	0	30000	– (raw product layer)
PsnNet_500m	-30000	30000	– (raw product layer)

Psn_QC_500m	0	255	– (raw product layer)
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Gross Primary Productivity 8Day Gapfilled (modis-17A2HGF-061)

- **Description:** MODIS gross primary productivity (GPP), gap-filled 8-day (500 m).
- **Use cases:** Smoother GPP trajectories where gaps disrupt raw 17A2H; biomass and seasonal amplitude analysis.

Layer (asset ID)	Default min	Default max	Default formula / notes
Gpp_500m	0	30000	– (raw product layer)
PsnNet_500m	-30000	30000	– (raw product layer)
Psn_QC_500m	0	255	– (raw product layer)

Net Primary Production Yearly Gapfilled (modis-17A3HGF-061)

- **Description:** MODIS net primary production (NPP) yearly gap-filled (500 m).
- **Use cases:** Annual vegetation productivity benchmarking, biome comparisons, disturbance recovery.

Layer (asset ID)	Default min	Default max	Default formula / notes
Gpp_500m	0	65535	– (raw product layer)
Npp_500m	0	255	– (raw product layer)
Npp_QC_500m	0	255	– (raw product layer)

Land Surface Temperature 3 Band Emissivity 8Day (modis-21A2-061)

- **Description:** MODIS LST with split-window emissivity (8-day, ~1 km, three-band emissivity context).
- **Use cases:** Surface energy balance studies; combine with QA and atmospheric context.

Layer (asset ID)	Default min	Default max	Default formula / notes
Emis_29	0	255	– (raw product layer)
Emis_31	0	255	– (raw product layer)
Emis_32	0	255	– (raw product layer)

LST_Day_1KM	0	255	– (raw product layer)
LST_Night_1KM	0	255	– (raw product layer)
QC_Day	0	255	– (raw product layer)
QC_Night	7500	65535	– (raw product layer)
View_Angle_Day	0	255	– (raw product layer)
View_Angle_Night	0	100	– (raw product layer)
View_Time_Day	0	255	– (raw product layer)
View_Time_Night	0	255	– (raw product layer)

Nadir Brdf Adjusted Reflectance Daily (modis-43A4-061)

- **Description:** MODIS BRDF-adjusted nadir reflectance (daily, multiple bands).
- **Use cases:** Physically-consistency for multi-angle composites, downstream indices less sensitive to geometry.

Layer (asset ID)	Default min	Default max	Default formula notes
BRDF_Albedo_Band_Mandatory_Quality_Band1	0	255	– (raw product layer)
BRDF_Albedo_Band_Mandatory_Quality_Band2	0	255	– (raw product layer)
BRDF_Albedo_Band_Mandatory_Quality_Band3	0	255	– (raw product layer)
BRDF_Albedo_Band_Mandatory_Quality_Band4	0	255	– (raw product layer)
BRDF_Albedo_Band_Mandatory_Quality_Band5	0	255	– (raw product layer)
BRDF_Albedo_Band_Mandatory_Quality_Band6	0	255	– (raw product layer)
BRDF_Albedo_Band_Mandatory_Quality_Band7	0	255	– (raw product layer)
Nadir_Reflectance_Band1	0	10000	– (raw product layer)
Nadir_Reflectance_Band2	0	10000	– (raw product layer)

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Nadir_Reflectance_Band3	0	10000	– (raw product layer)
Nadir_Reflectance_Band4	0	10000	– (raw product layer)
Nadir_Reflectance_Band5	0	10000	– (raw product layer)
Nadir_Reflectance_Band6	0	10000	– (raw product layer)
Nadir_Reflectance_Band7	0	10000	– (raw product layer)

Burned Area Monthly (modis-64A1-061)

- **Description:** MODIS burned area (monthly). Burn date / uncertainty grids.
- **Use cases:** Fire scar mapping at monthly aggregation, disturbance analysis, regeneration monitoring.

Layer (asset ID)	Default min	Default max	Default formula / notes
Burn_Date	0	9	– (raw product layer)
Burn_Date_Uncertainty	0	9	– (raw product layer)
First_Day	0	9	– (raw product layer)
Last_Day	0	9	– (raw product layer)
QA	0	9	– (raw product layer)

Quick collection map: 09A1/09Q1 — surface reflectance; 10A1/10A2 — snow; 11A1/11A2/21A2 — LST/emissivity; 13A1/13Q1 — VI & reflectance; 14A1/14A2 — fire anomalies; 15A2H/15A3H — FPAR/LAI; 16A3GF — ET (annual); 17A2H/17A2HGF — GPP; 17A3HGF — NPP (annual); 43A4 — BRDF/nadir reflectance; 64A1 — burned area (monthly).

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