



Geography

Where is the Midwest?



Midwest

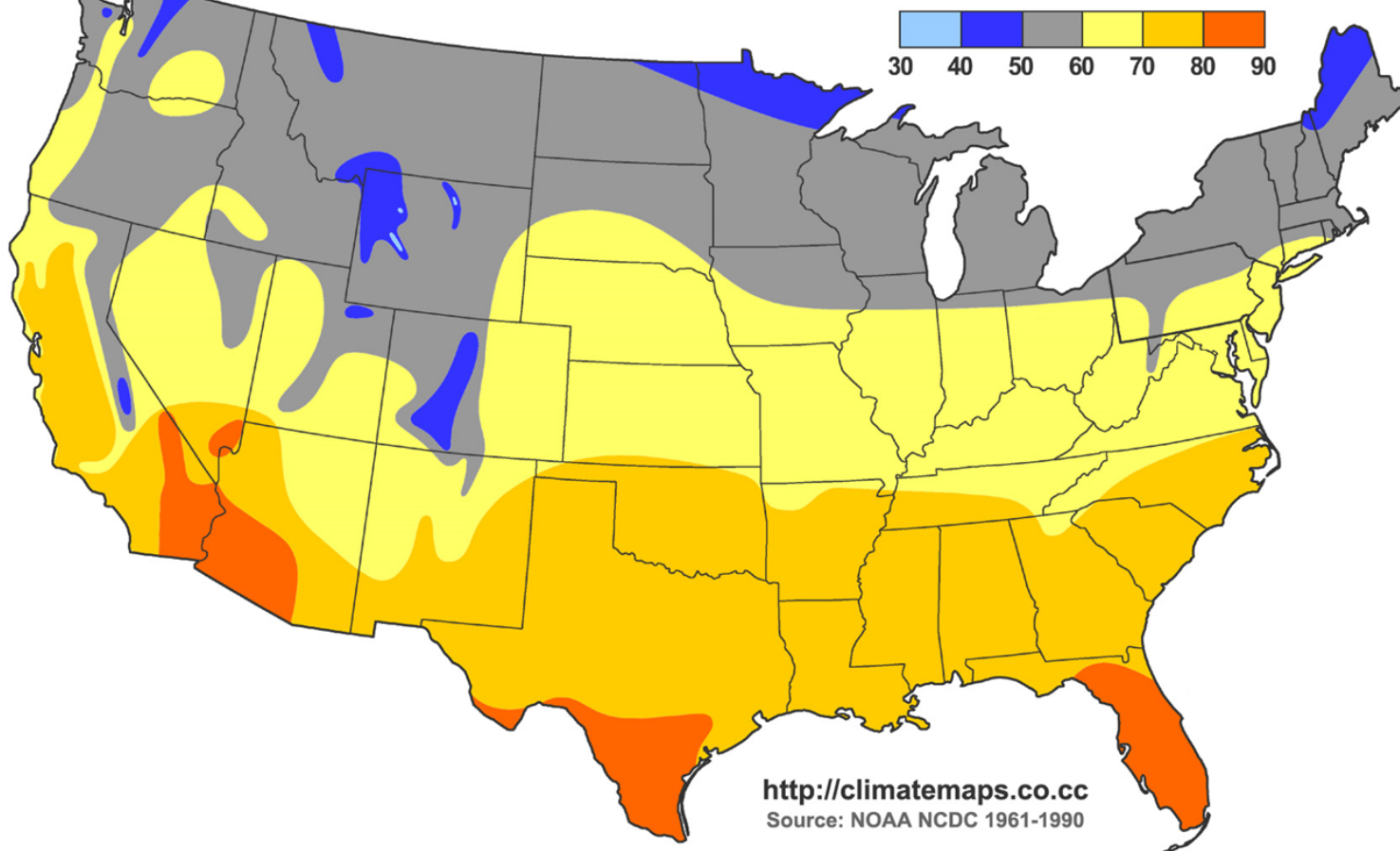


North Dakota
South Dakota
Nebraska
Kansas
Minnesota
Iowa
Missouri
Wisconsin
Illinois
Michigan
Indiana
Ohio

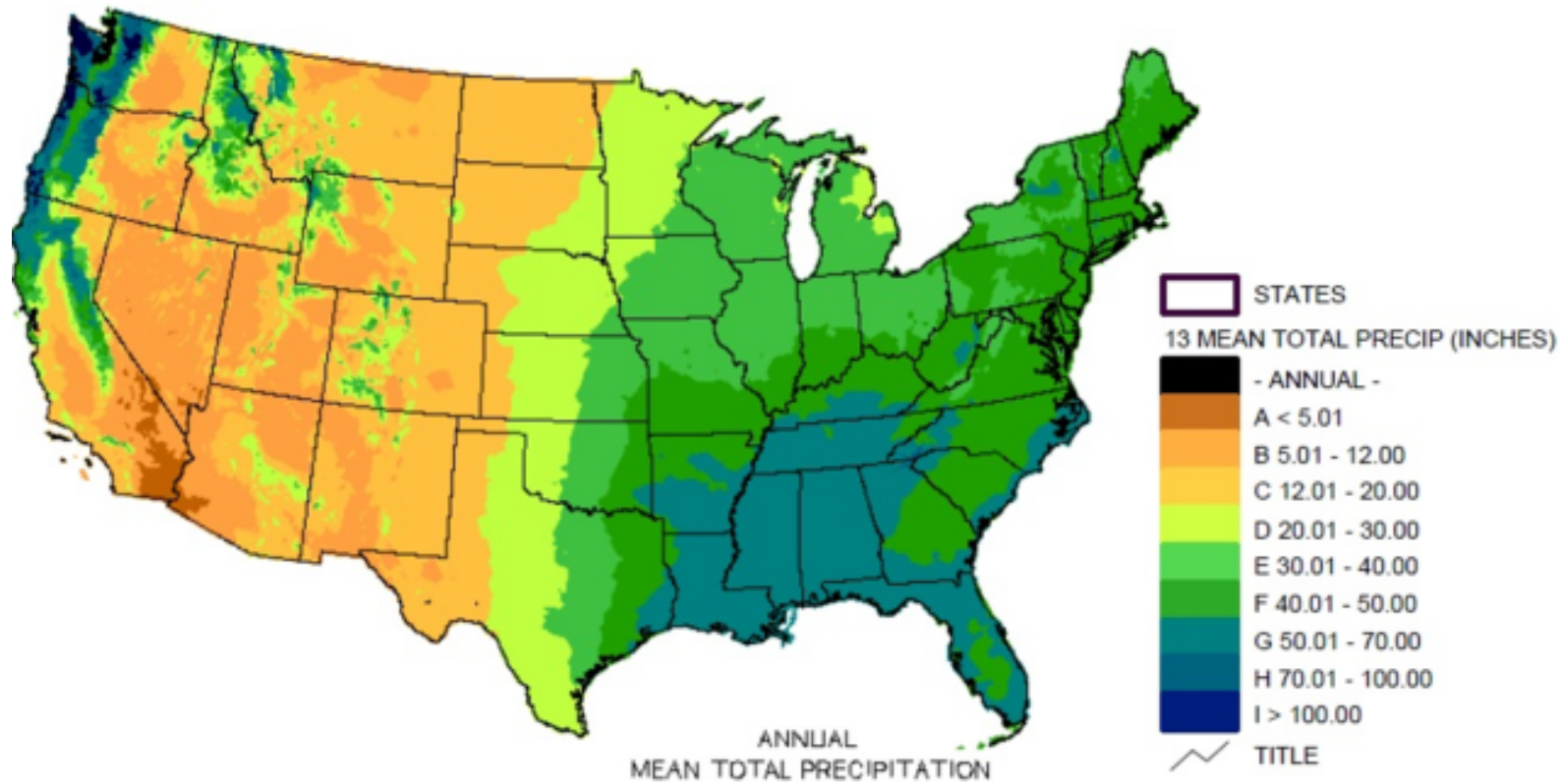


Climate

Annual Average Max Temperature (°F)

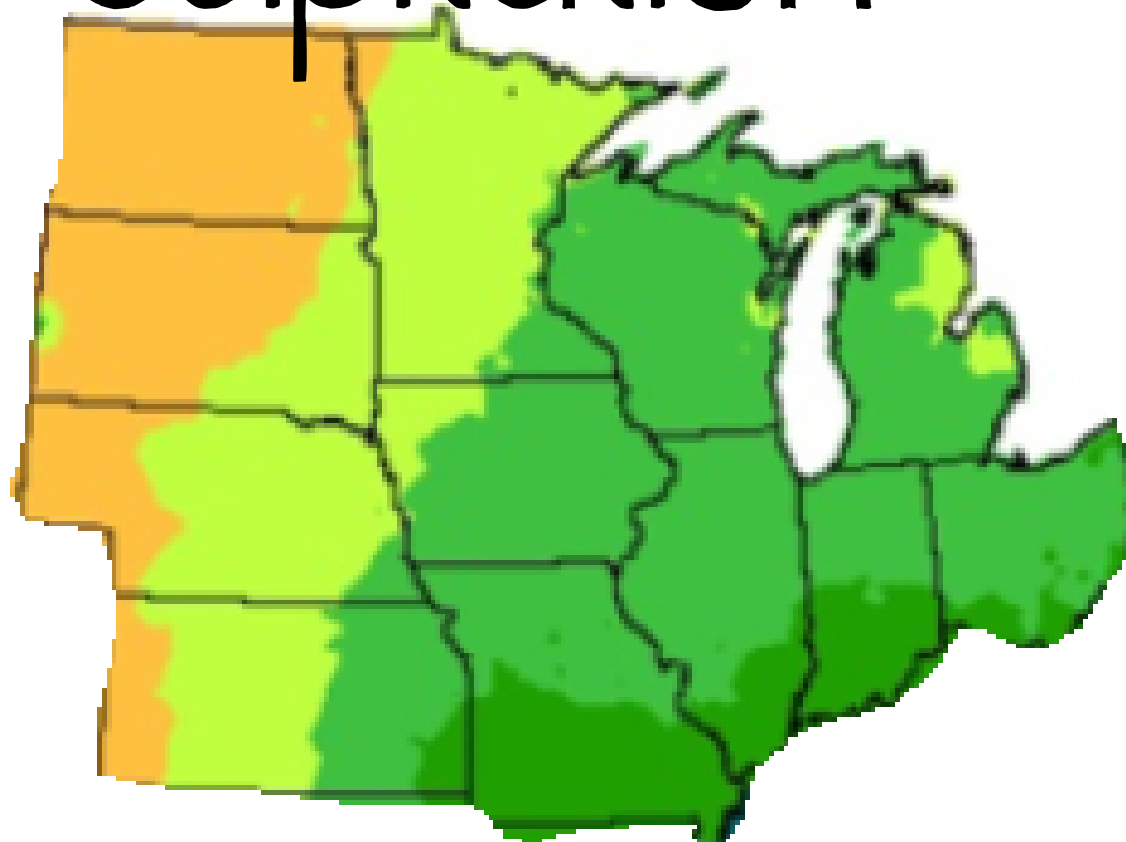
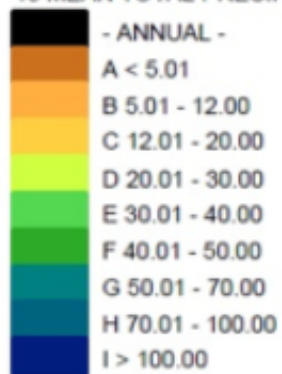


Precipitation

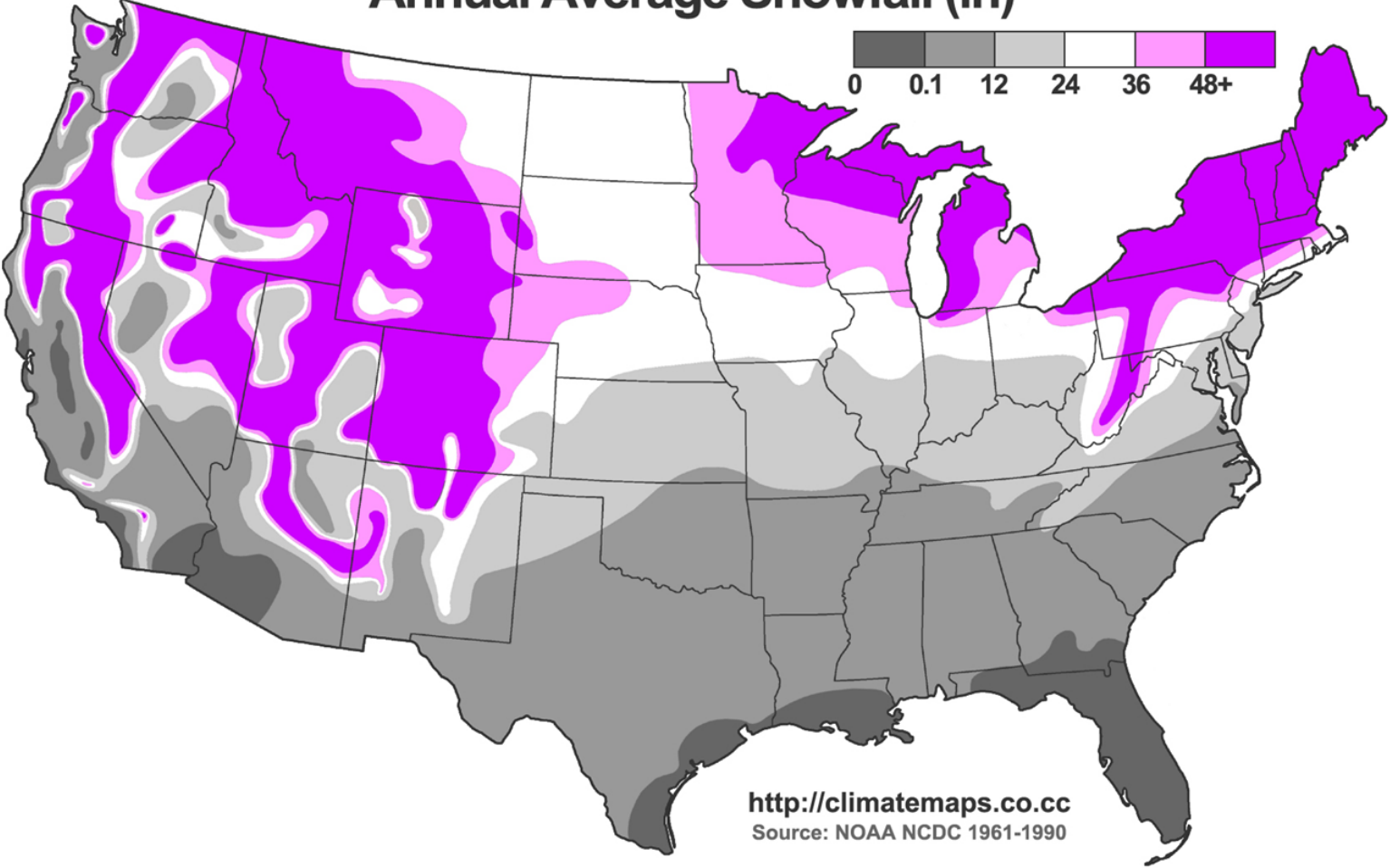


Precipitation

13 MEAN TOTAL PRECIP (INCHES)

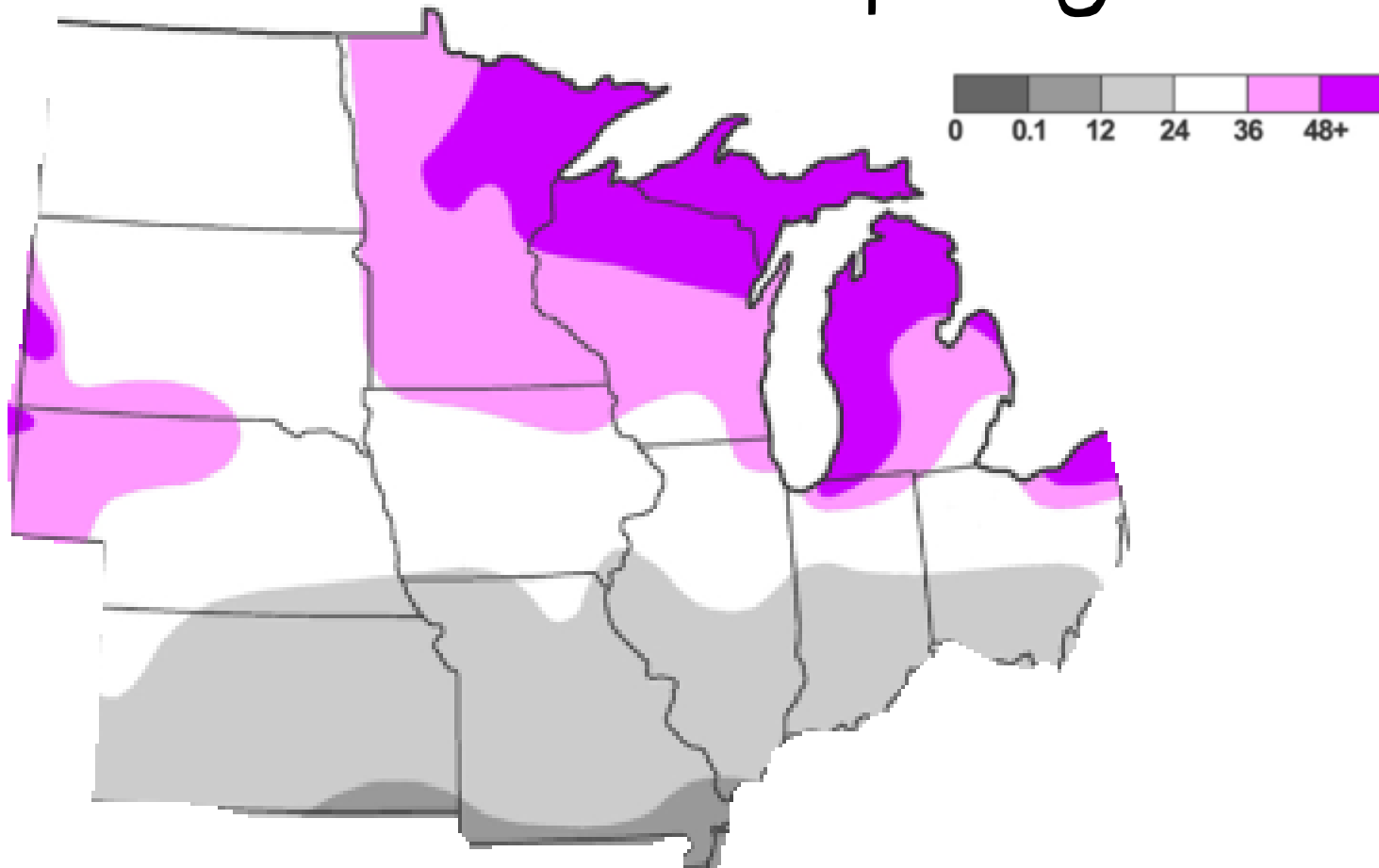


Annual Average Snowfall (in)



<http://climatemaps.co.cc>
Source: NOAA NCDC 1961-1990

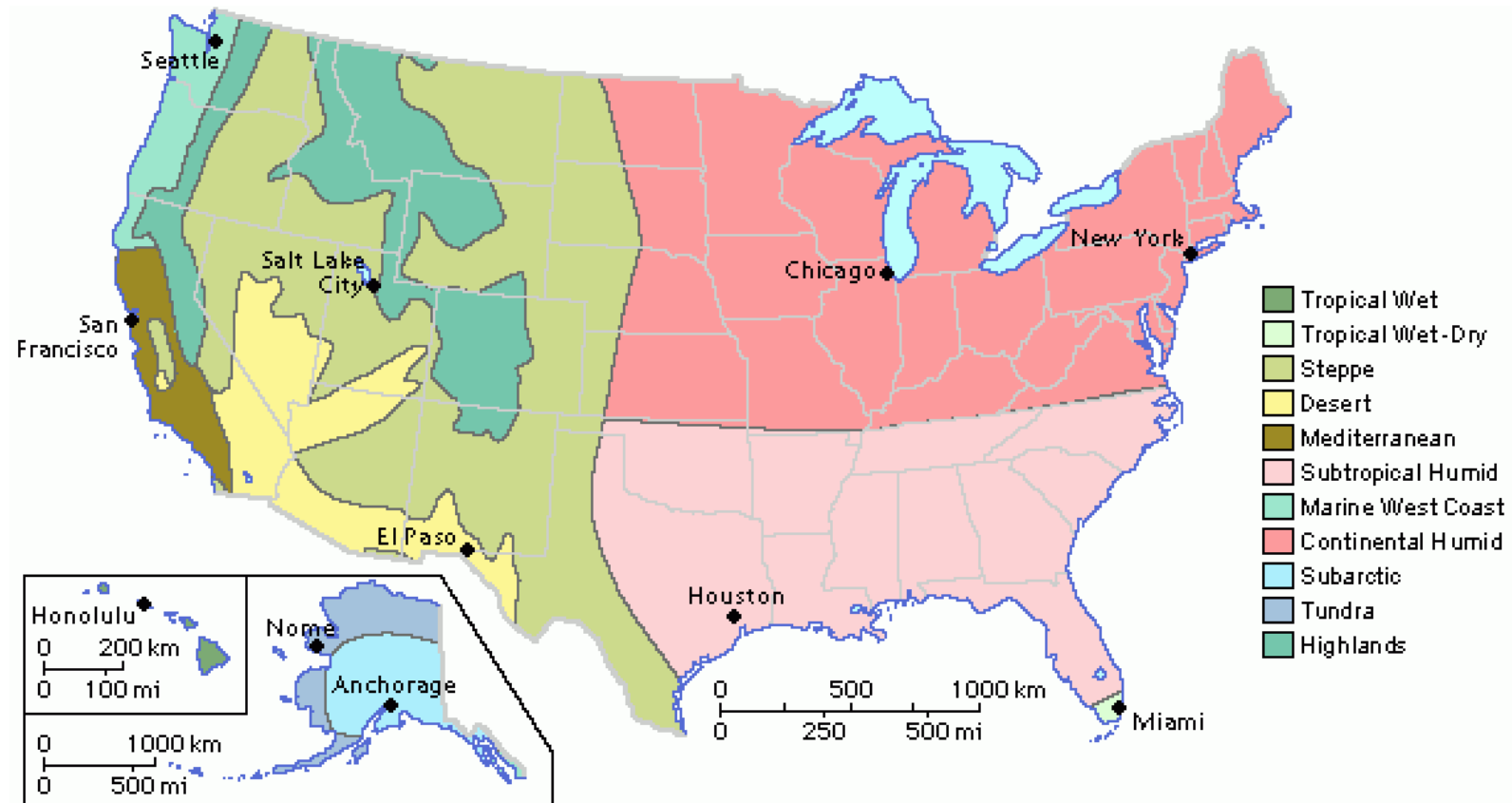
Total Snowfall (per year)



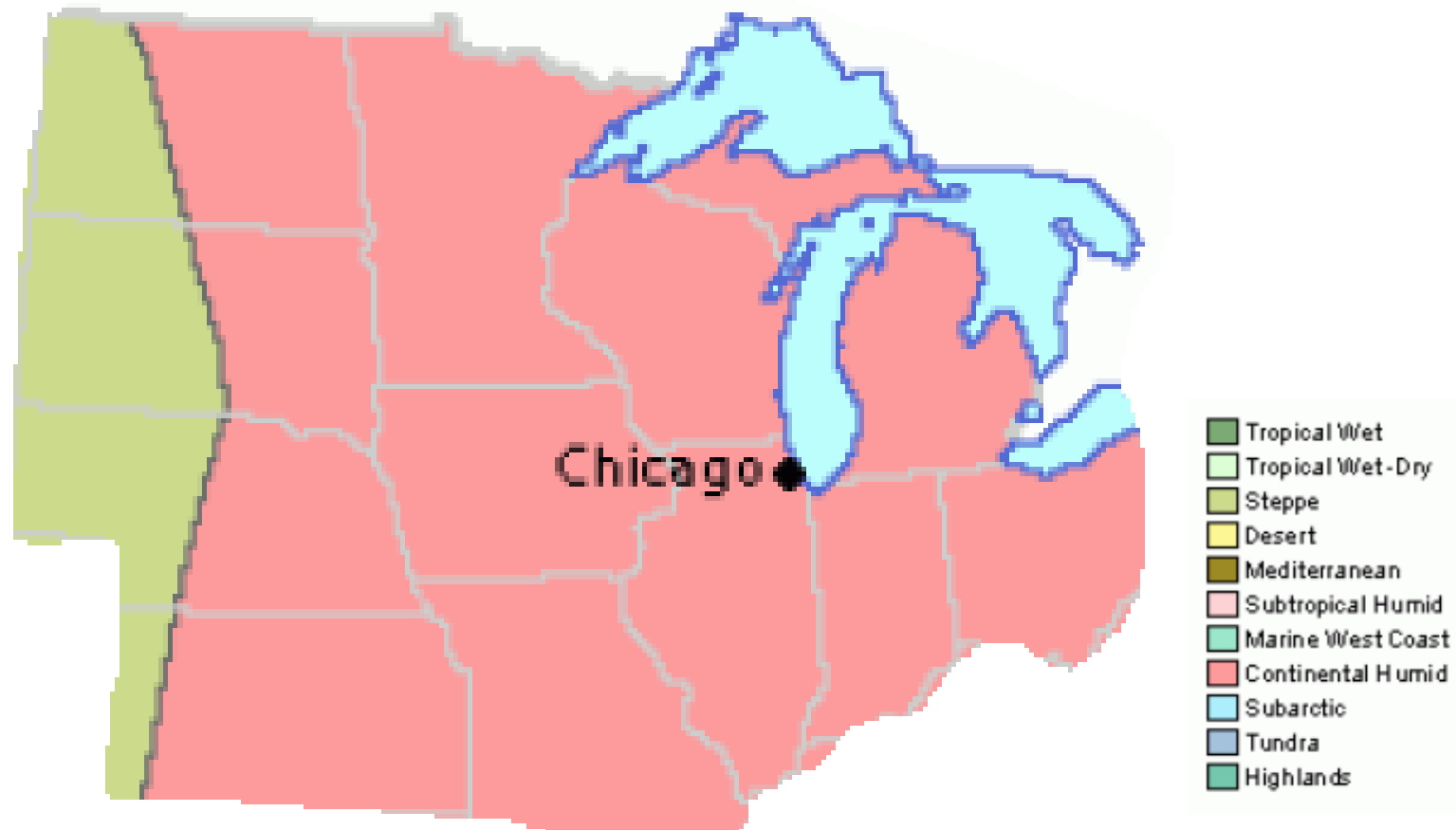
Blizzards are storms with very strong winds and a lot of snow.



Climate of the Midwest



Climate Zones



Continental Humid Climate Zone

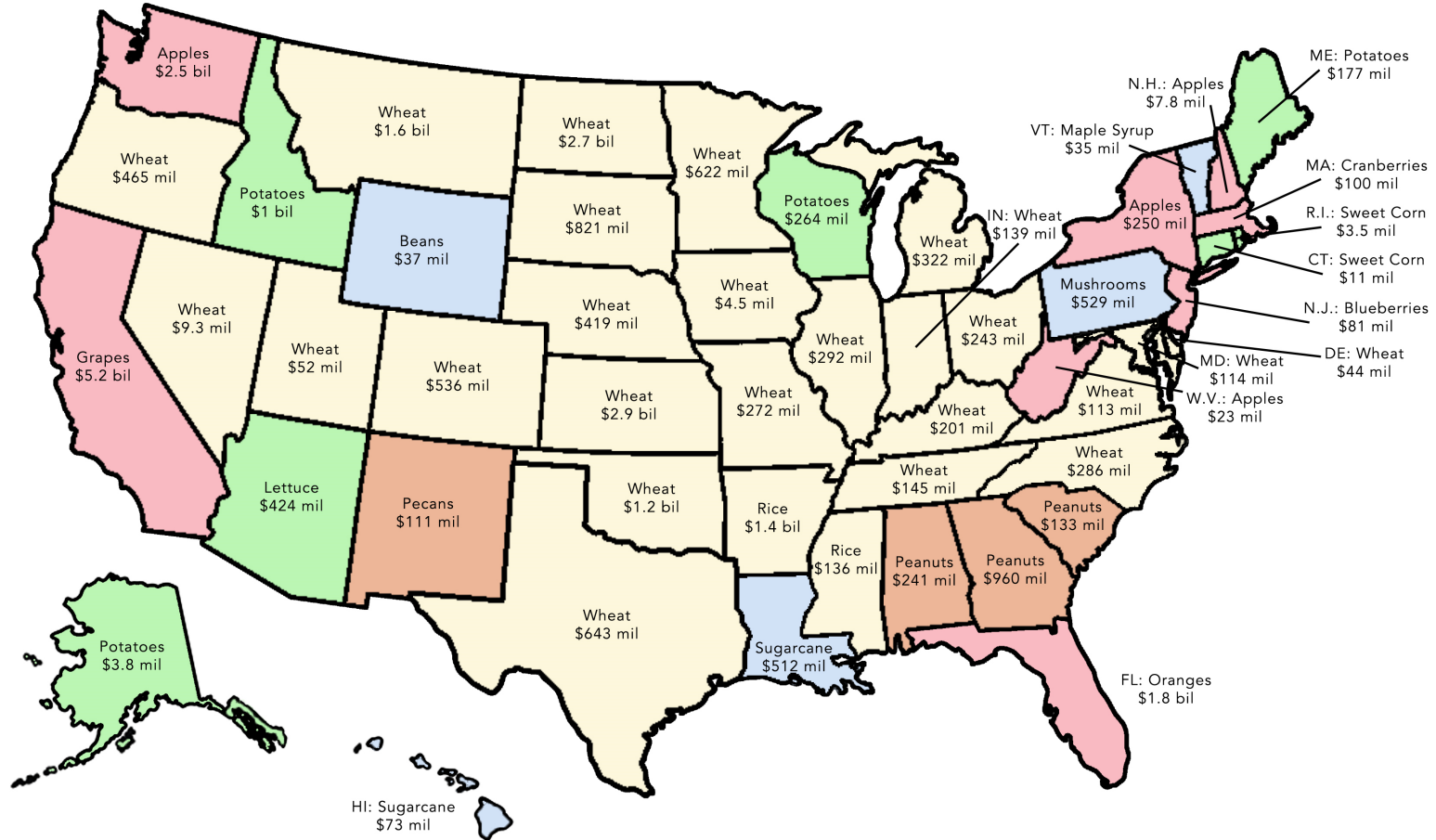


- Big differences between the seasons
- Warm, hot summers
- Cold winters



Agriculture

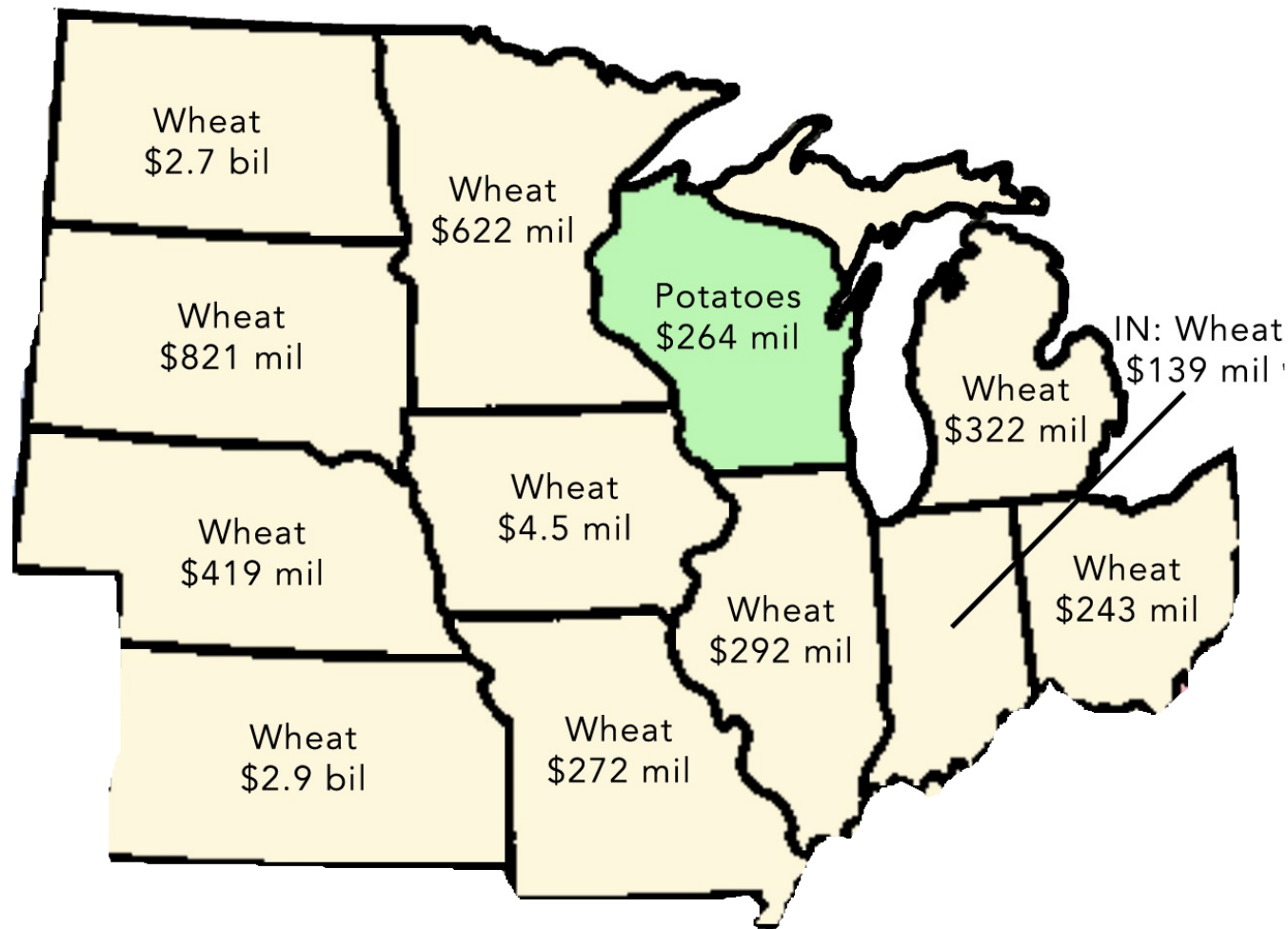
The Most Lucrative Food Crop In Each State



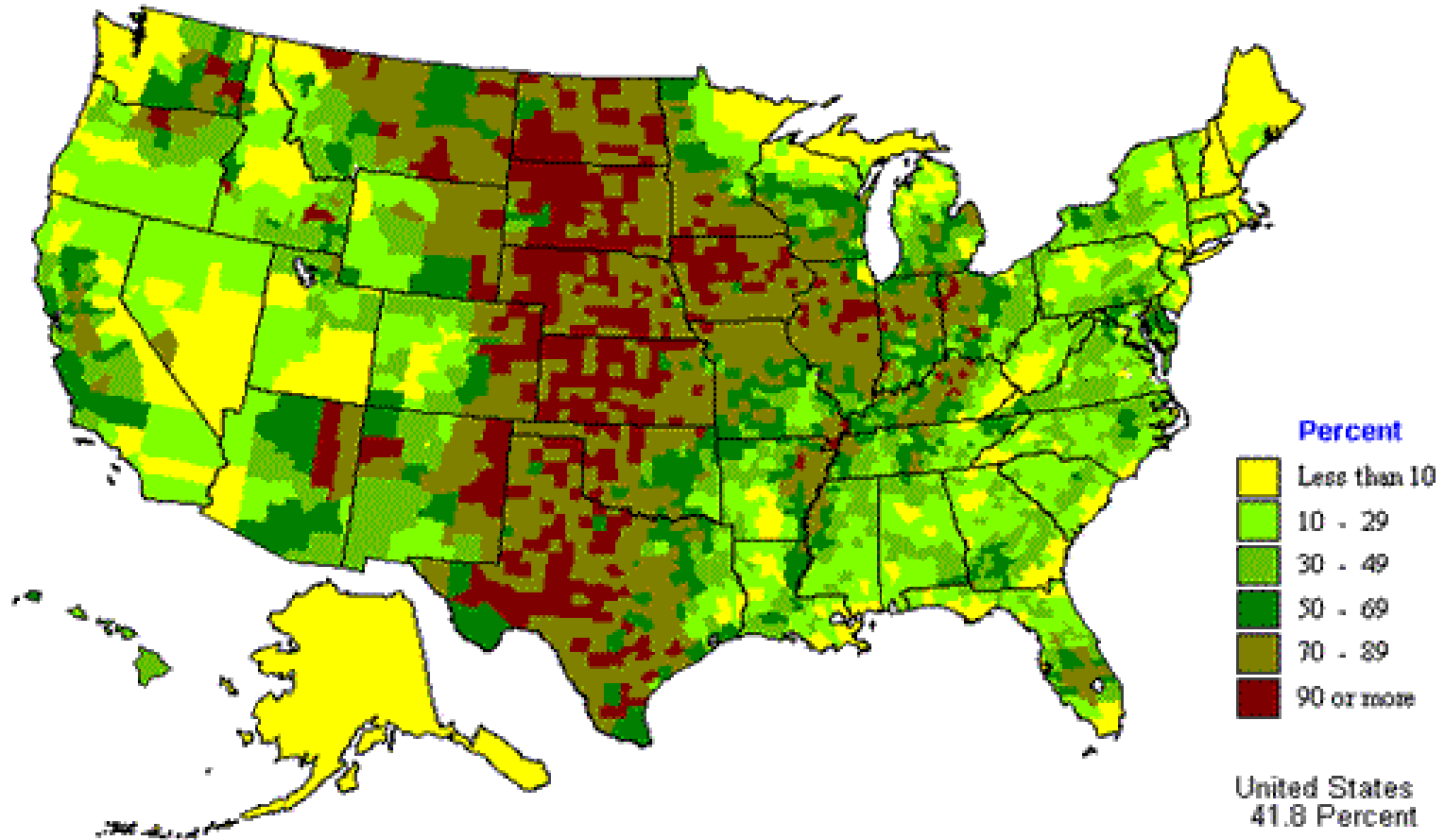
Each state is colored according to the type of crop produced within its borders that was the most valuable in 2012....

- Grains
- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Nuts
- Other

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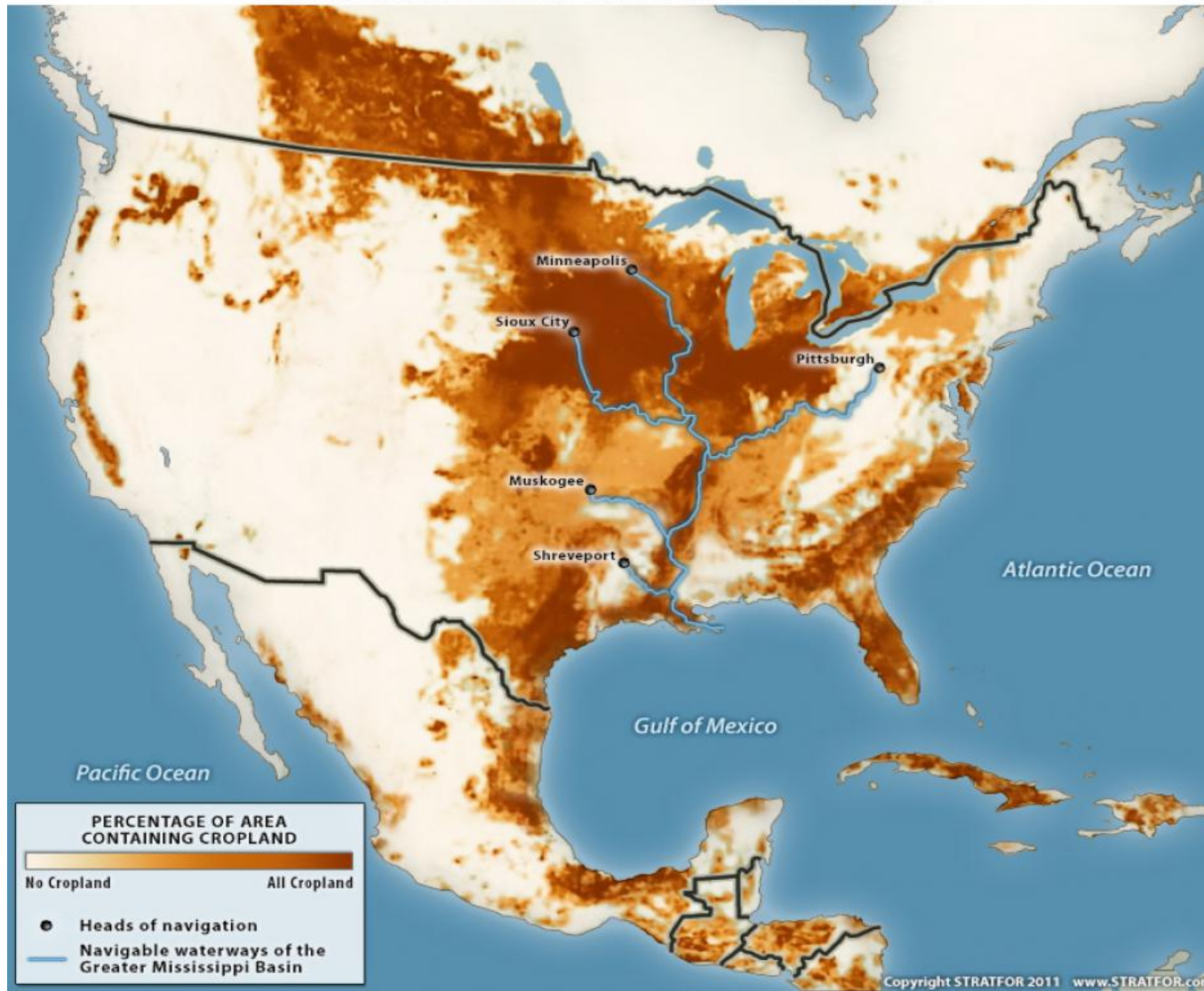


Land in Farms as Percent of Land Area: 1992



Source: 1992 Census of Agriculture

NORTH AMERICAN CROPLAND INTENSITY



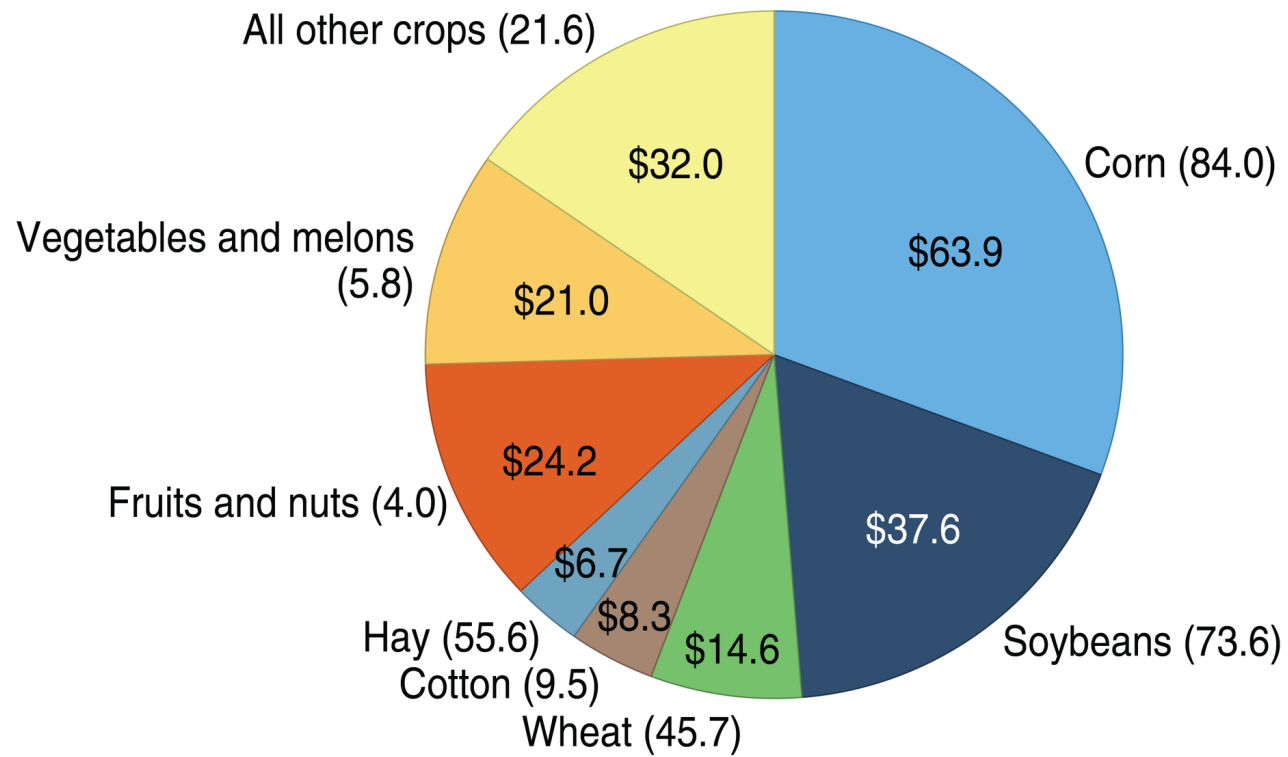
Farmland



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2011 crop cash receipts (\$ billion)

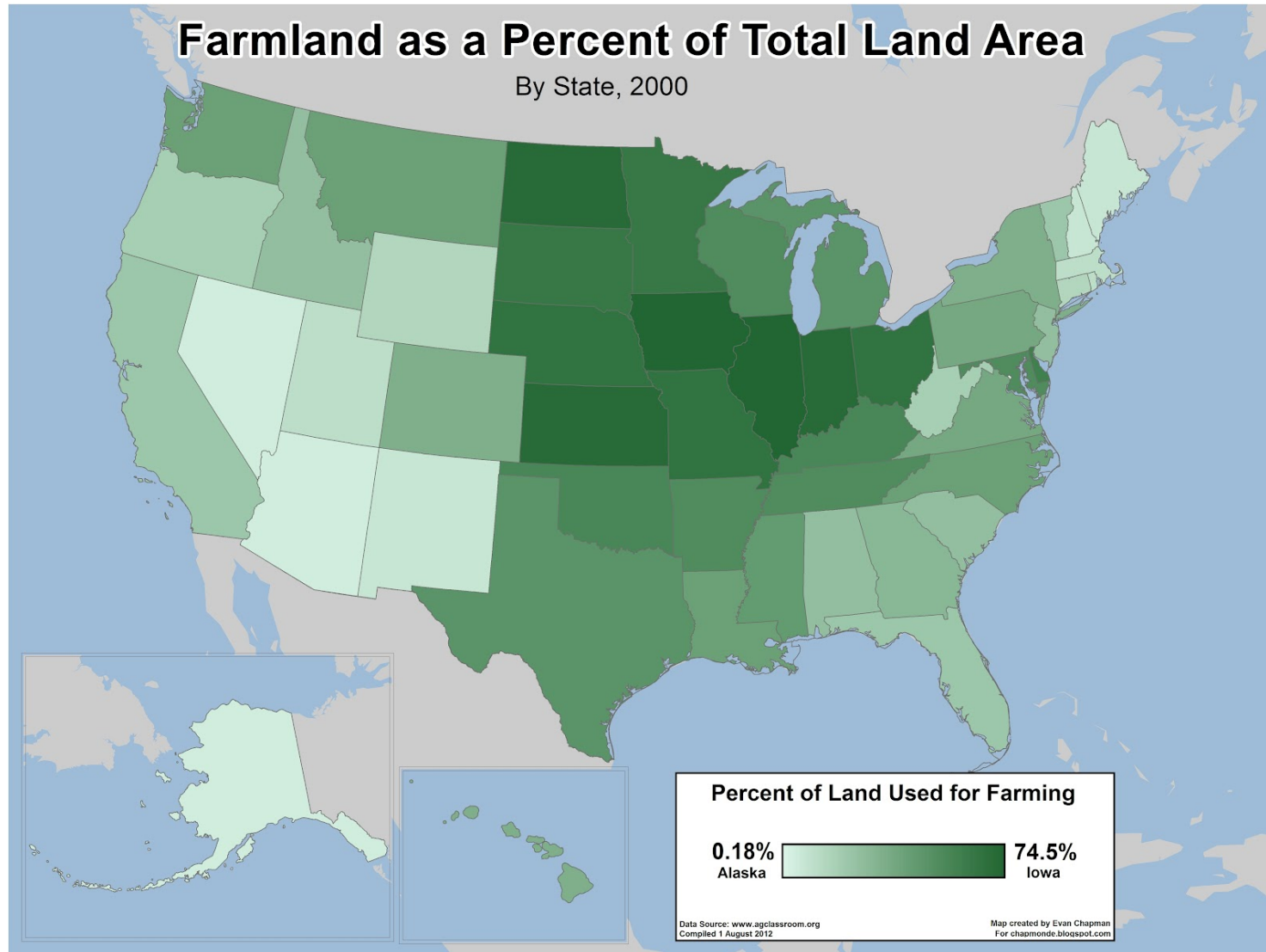
\$208 billion (harvested acres in parenthesis, in millions)




Source: USDA, Economic Research Service.

Farmland as a Percent of Total Land Area

By State, 2000



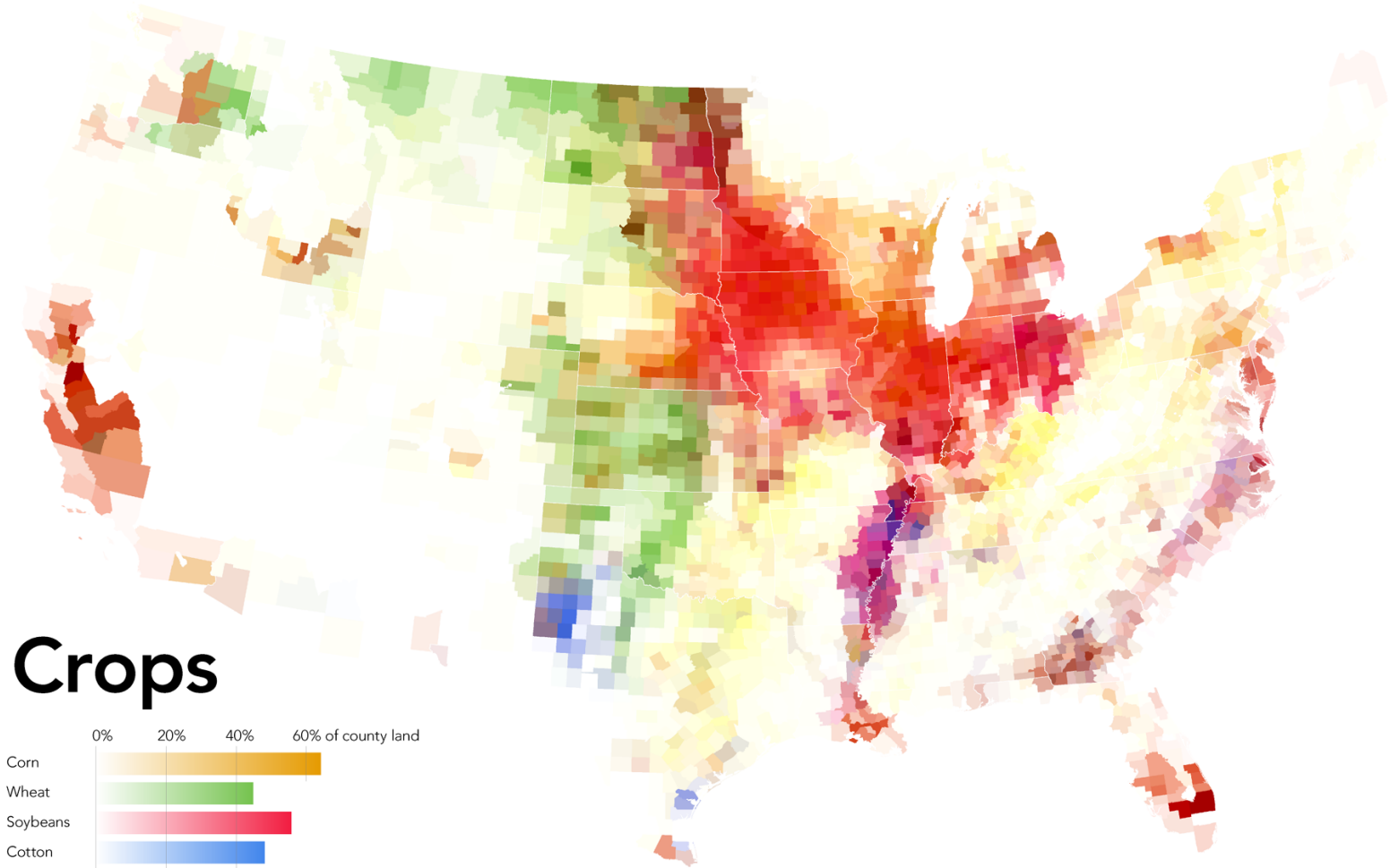
Percent of Land Used for Farming

0.18%  74.5%

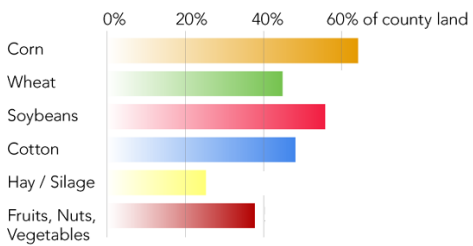
Alaska Iowa

Data Source: www.agclassroom.org
Compiled 1 August 2012

Map created by Evan Chapman
For chaumonde.blogspot.com



Crops



What does agriculture in the Midwest look like?

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s8ILJ9RIKkg>



Natural Resources

United States Resources



Landforms of the Midwest

Great Lakes

Great Plains

Mississippi River

Great Lakes



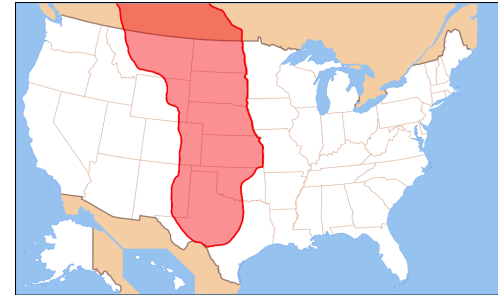
The Great Lakes make up the largest body of fresh water in the world! More than 3500 species of plants and animals live in the Great Lakes area.

Prairie



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The Great Plains are a broad, flat area of land in the Midwest. The Great Plains are good for farming and ranching.



Mississippi River





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Landmarks of the Midwest

Gateway Arch

Mt. Rushmore

Cloud Gate

The Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri is made of stainless steel and is 630 feet tall.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iuKrsXLLaHU>



Mount Rushmore





Cloud Gate Chicago, Illinois

A large stainless steel sculpture in Chicago. It creates many unique reflections!



 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GBHrpd26JlW>