

Climate Change & NRCS

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Climate helped form the Soil Conservation Service (SCS)



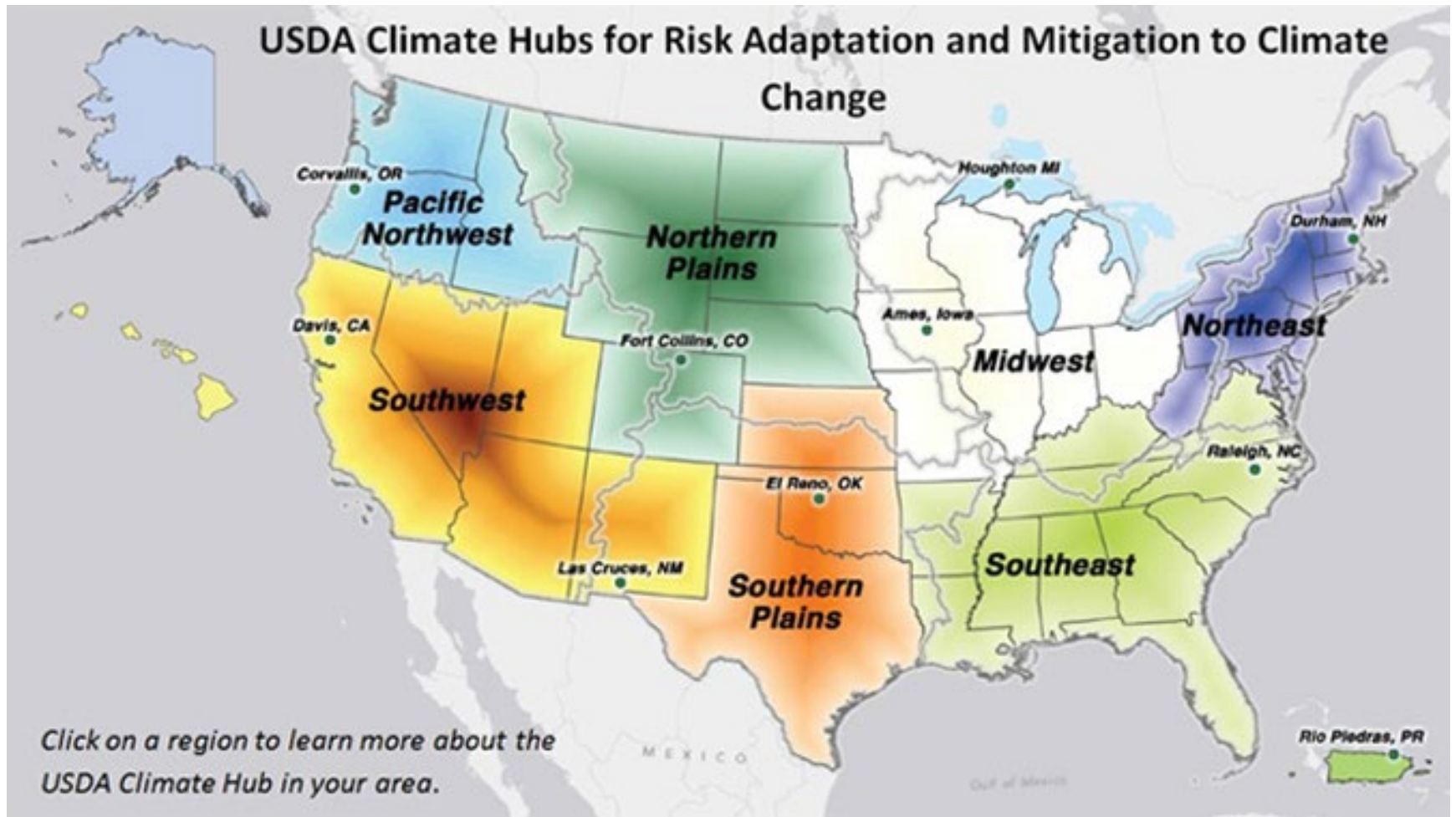


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- ▶ Priority for USDA
 - Natural Fit for NRCS – Resiliency
 - USDA Climate Hubs

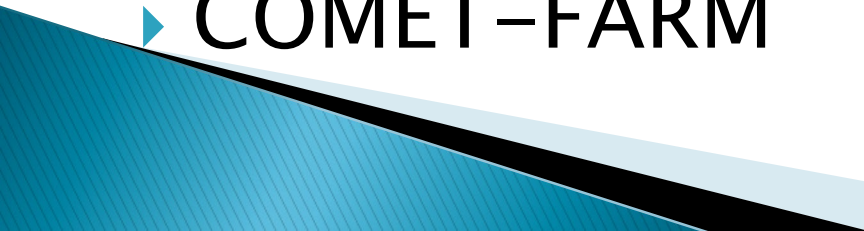
- ▶ Polarizing Subject
 - Farmers – short term weather

Climate





Currently at NRCS

- ▶ Promote resiliency with NJ farmers
 - Write Conservation Plans
 - \$10,000,000 for conservation
 - ▶ Soil Health Focus Group
 - ▶ Plant Materials Center in Cape May
 - ▶ Landscape Initiatives (Delaware watershed)
 - ▶ Conservation Practice standards
 - ▶ COMET-FARM
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Cover Crops For Soil Health





Innovation Needs

- ▶ Assistance promoting soil health and innovation;
 - ▶ Soil health systems for intensive cropping systems;
 - ▶ Cover between row options for clean culture crops;
 - ▶ Economic evaluation; and
 - ▶ Regional strategies
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