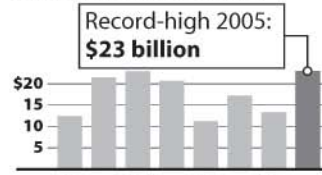


The landscape of farm subsidies

The farm lobby's ability to win congressional votes for subsidies is based partly on the geographic reach of the recipients. By lumping subsidies into an omnibus farm bill, support comes from a broad and at times unlikely coalition of congressmen: A representative in west Texas looking out for cotton farmers, for example, might vote alongside a representative from upstate New York whose constituency includes dairy farmers.

U.S. FARM SUBSIDIES
Scale in billions of dollars



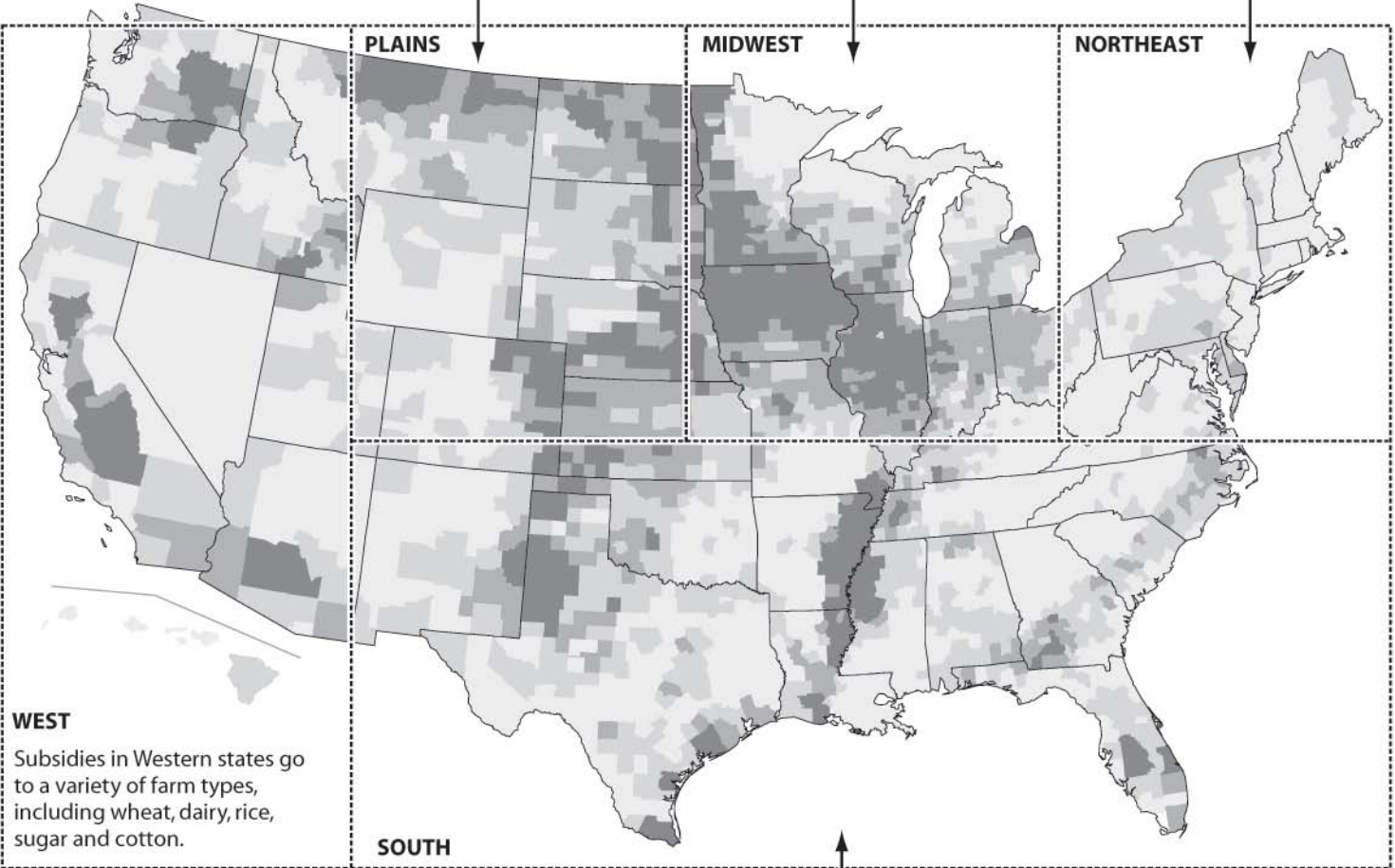
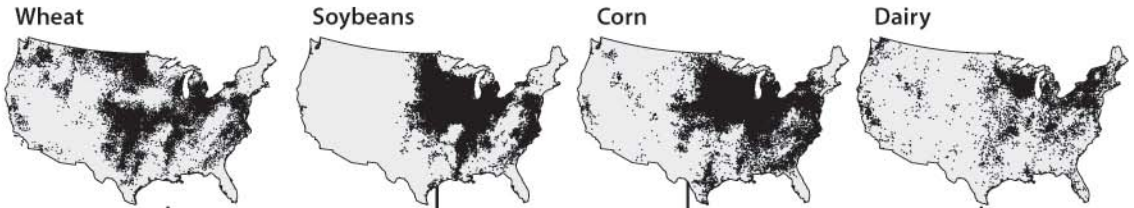
FARM SUBSIDIES RECEIVED

By county, 2004



U.S. FARMS BY CROP

Areas where specific crops are primarily produced; one dot (•) equals 10 farms

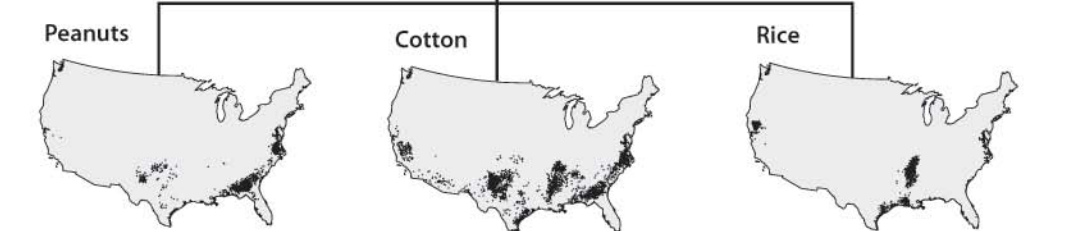


WEST
Subsidies in Western states go to a variety of farm types, including wheat, dairy, rice, sugar and cotton.

SOUTH

A SPECIAL CROP: Sugar

Supported in both the North (beets) and the South (cane).



Note: Alaska is not shown due to its relatively low amount of subsidies
Sources: USDA, Environmental Working Group