

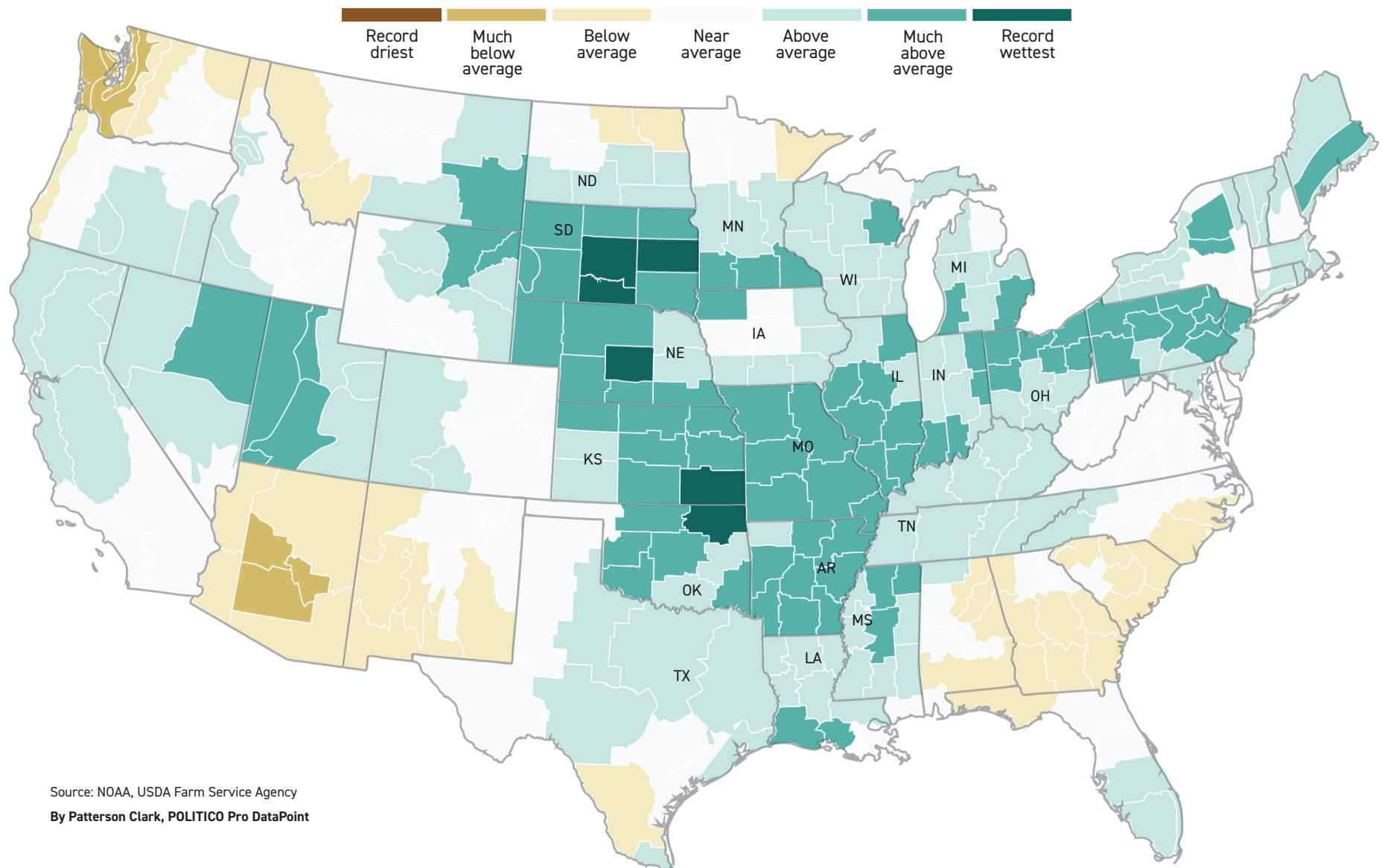
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Record-setting rainfall this spring caused widespread agricultural disaster

Record-breaking rainfalls overwhelmed farmers at the height of planting season, causing widespread agricultural disaster and preventing nearly 20 million of acres of crops from being planted nationwide. Much of the country experienced rainfalls well above average; six climate divisions reported the record-wettest season since NOAA first started taking measurements in 1895.

Precipitation ranks, March-August 2019

BY CLIMATE DIVISION, SINCE 1895



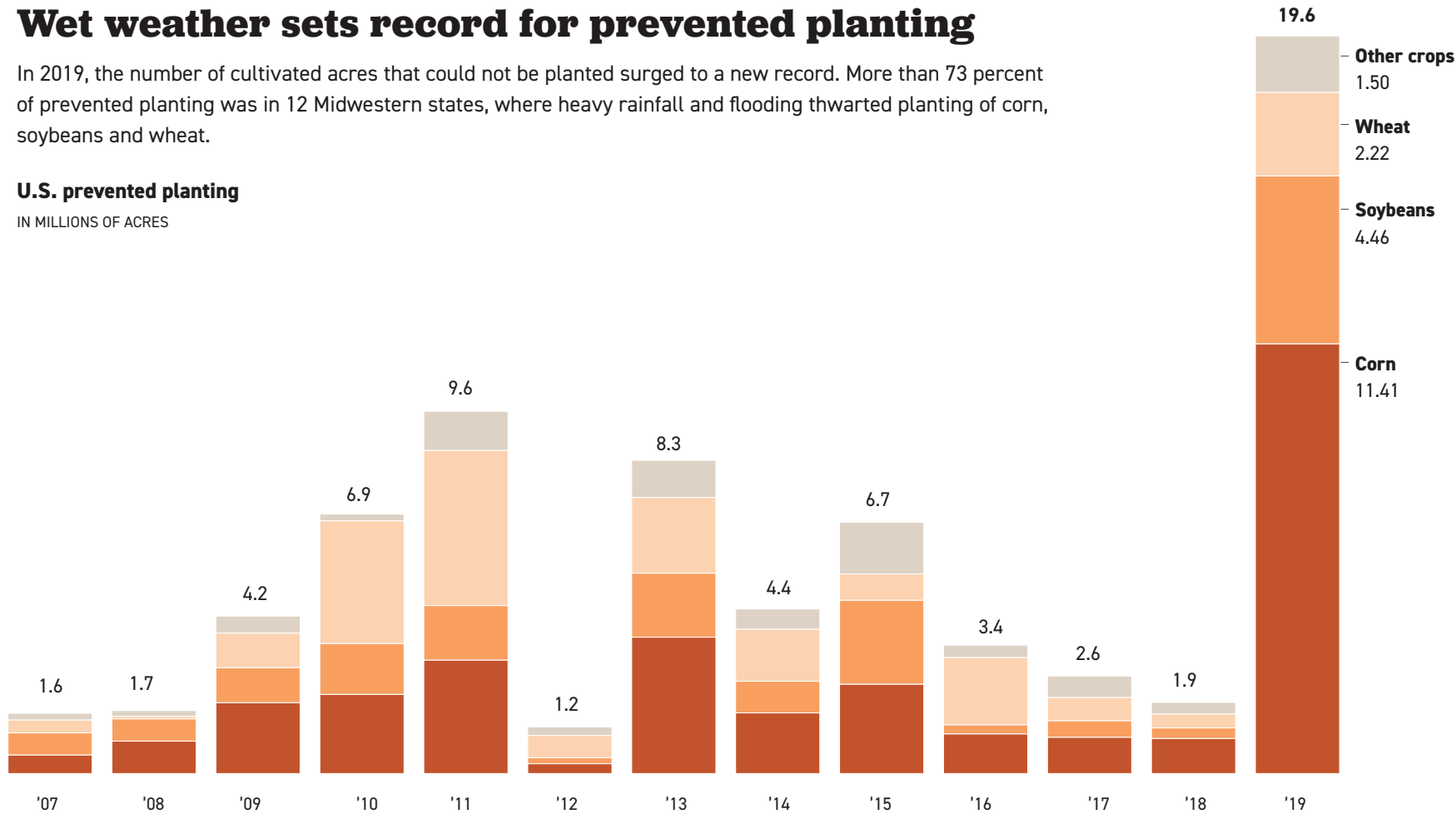
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Wet weather sets record for prevented planting

In 2019, the number of cultivated acres that could not be planted surged to a new record. More than 73 percent of prevented planting was in 12 Midwestern states, where heavy rainfall and flooding thwarted planting of corn, soybeans and wheat.

U.S. prevented planting

IN MILLIONS OF ACRES

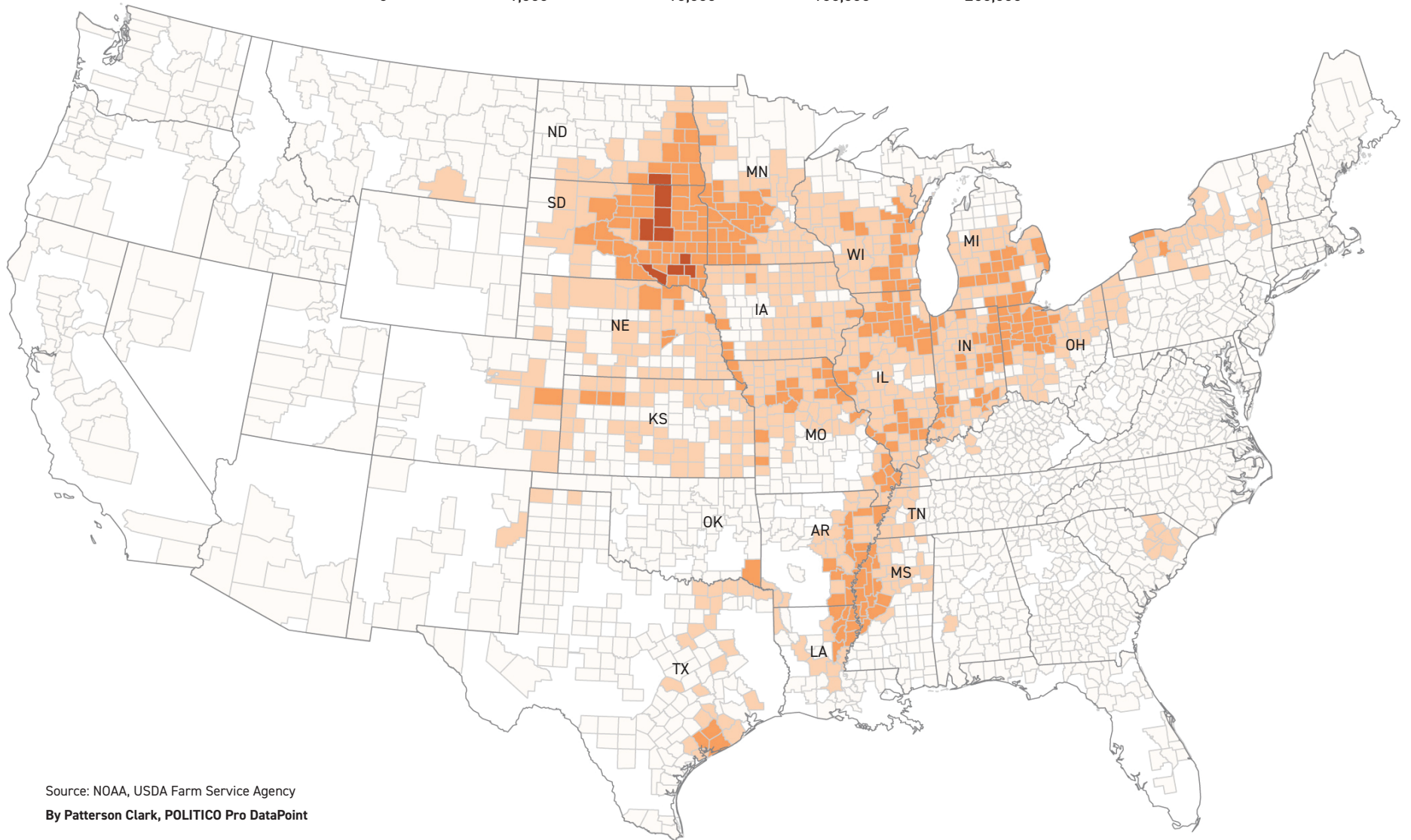
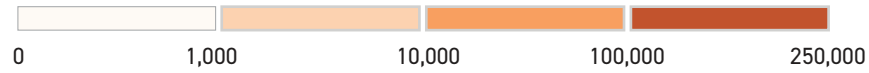


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Prevented planting of corn

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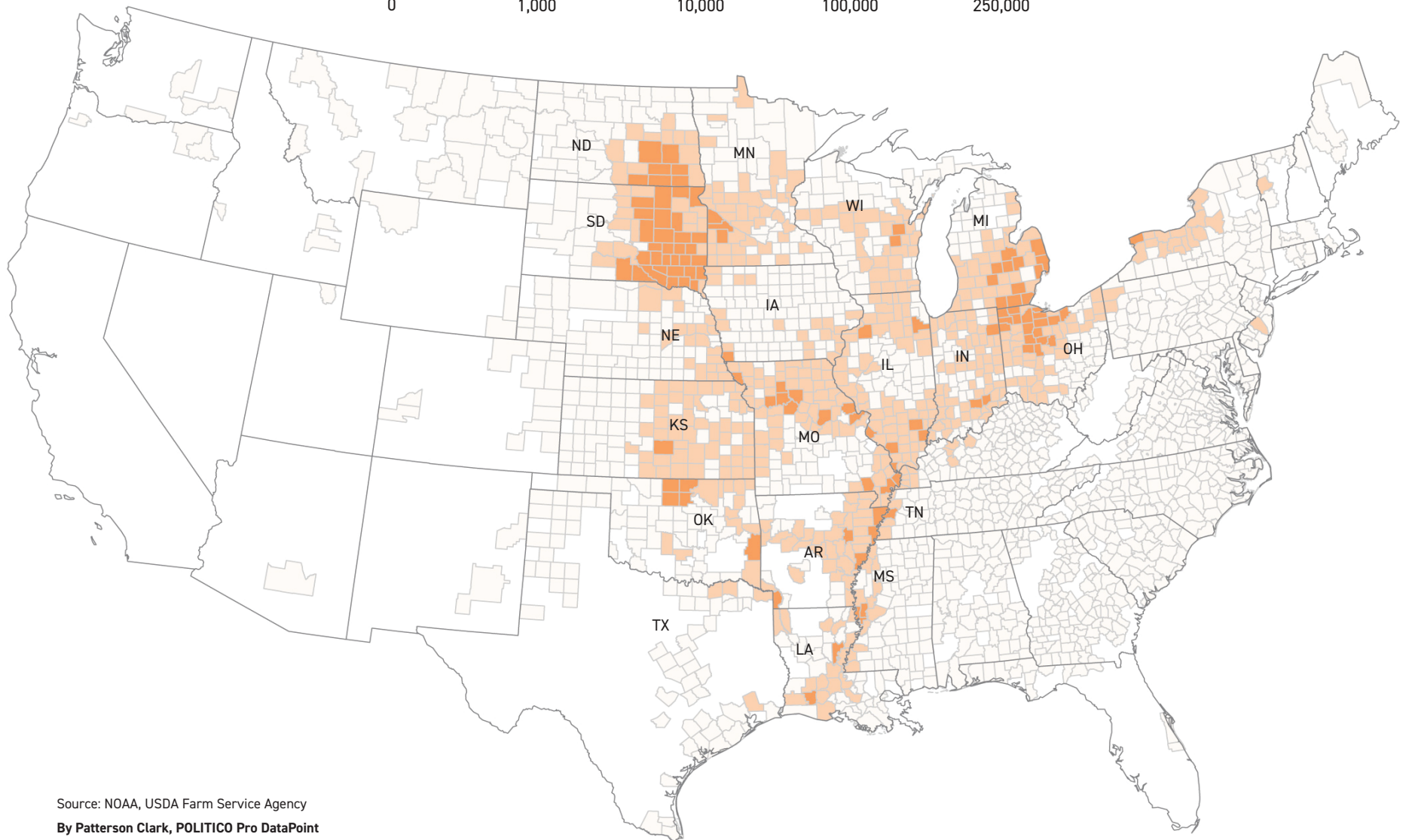
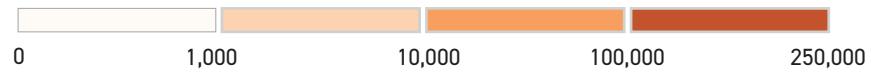


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Prevented planting of soybeans

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