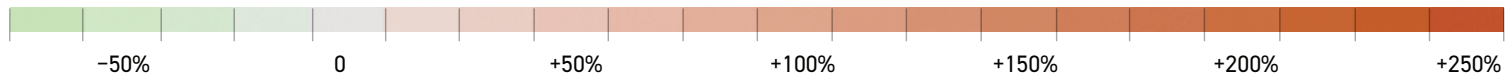


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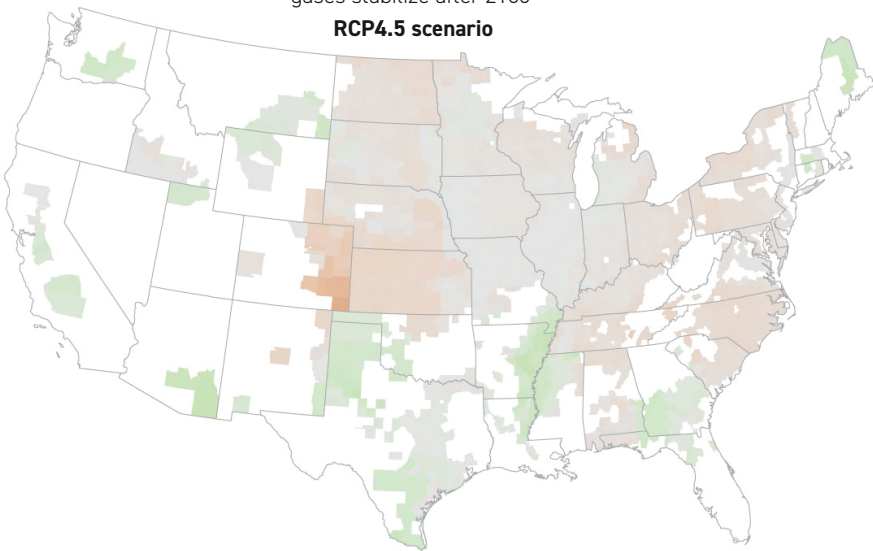
Climate change will most likely increase crop losses, according to USDA's Economic Research Service. Such losses will increase taxpayer-funded crop insurance payouts, which in turn will raise premiums for federal crop insurance. ERS used two climate models to project county-level premium increases by 2080: RCP4.5 is a model in which radiative forcing from greenhouse gases is stabilized shortly after 2100. RCP8.5 is a "business as usual" scenario in which greenhouse gas emissions continue to rise.

Projected change in average county-level federal crop insurance premiums

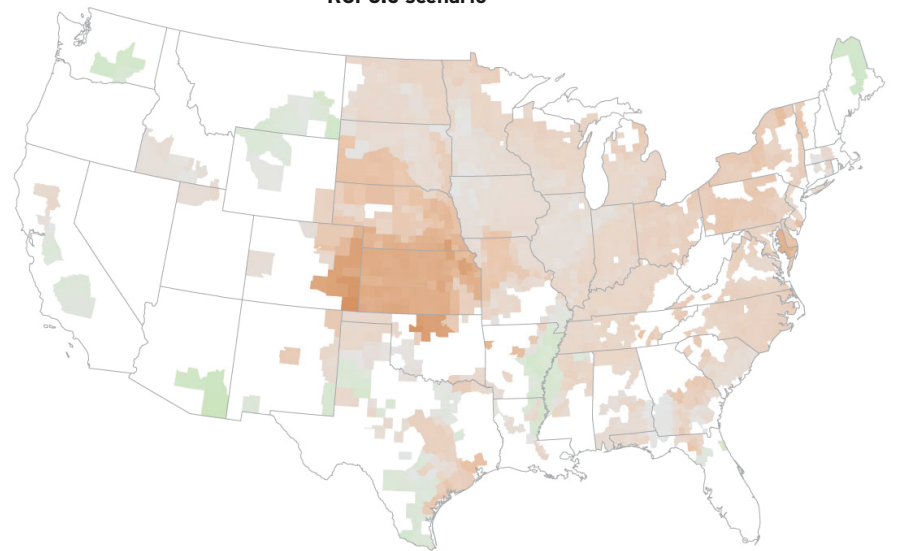


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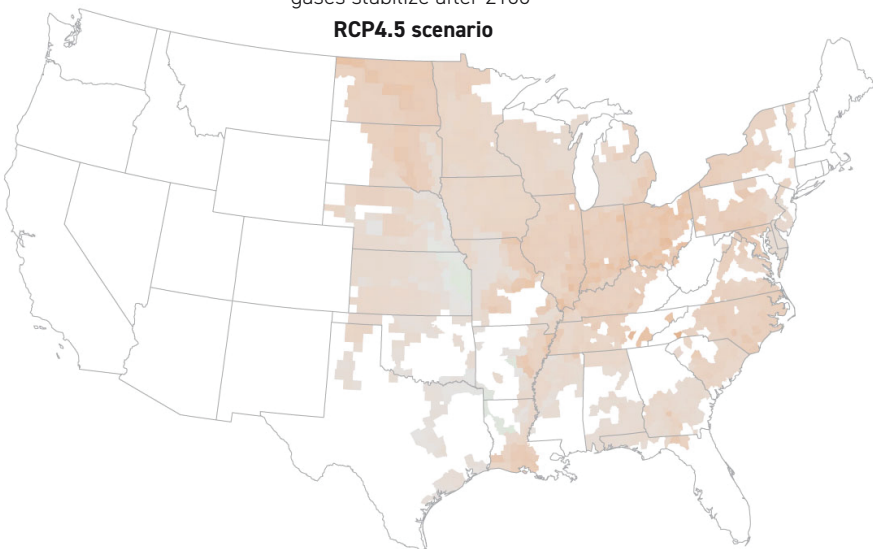


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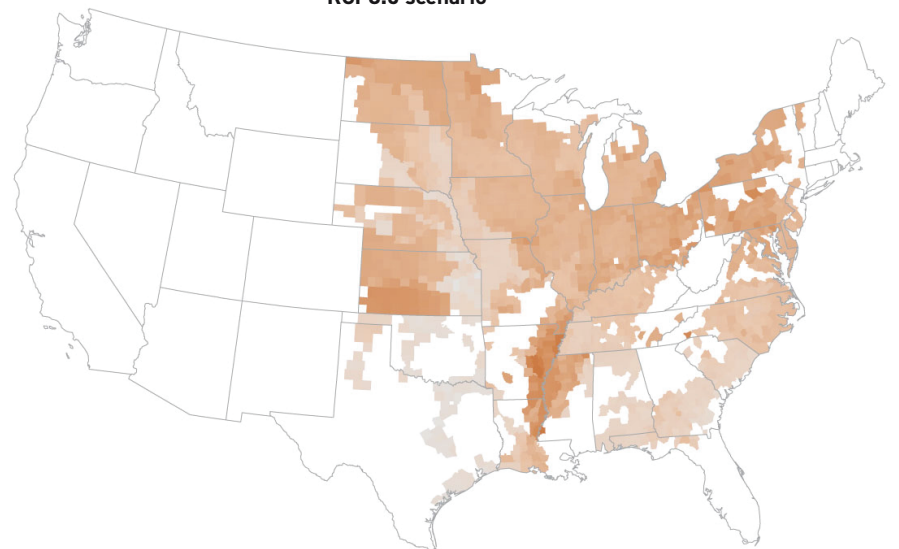


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