

Farmland is Essential Infrastructure

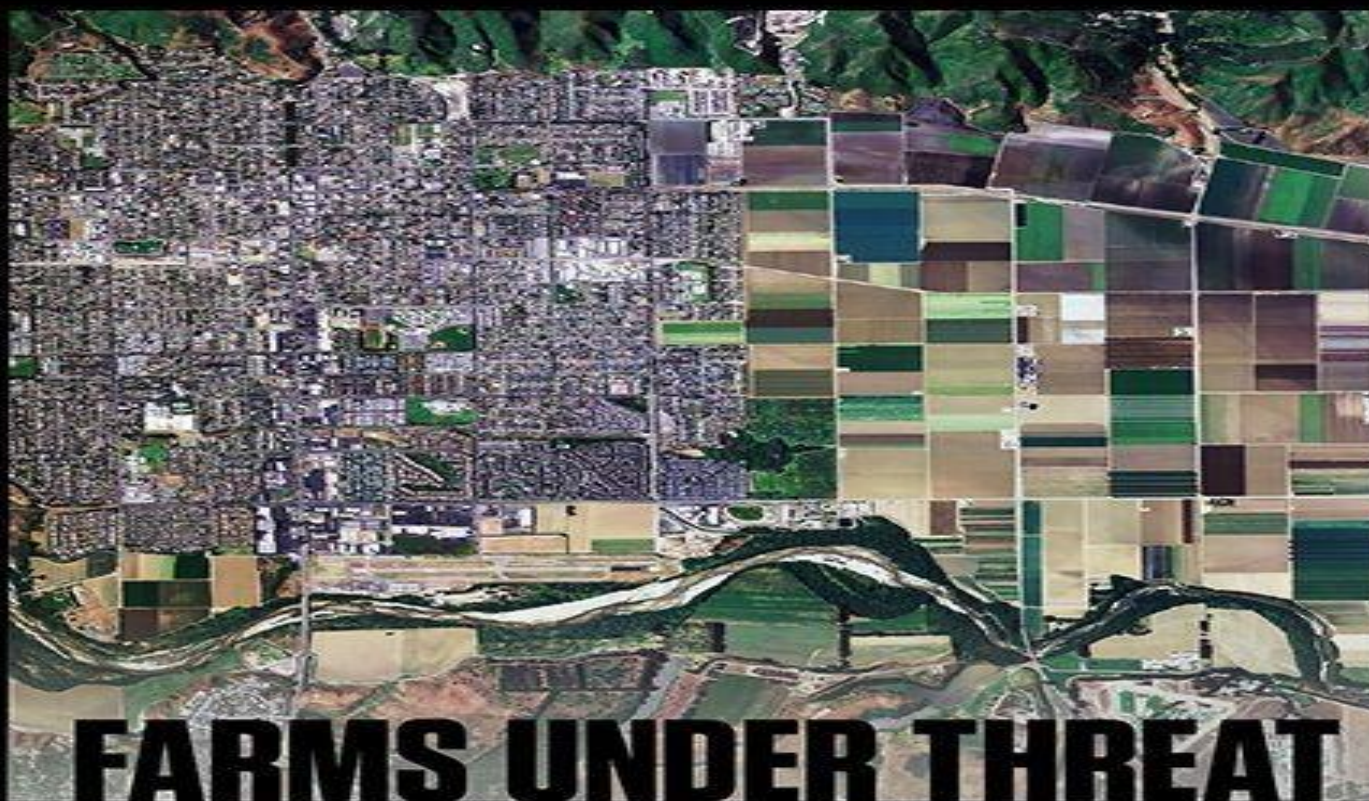


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The State of America's Farmland

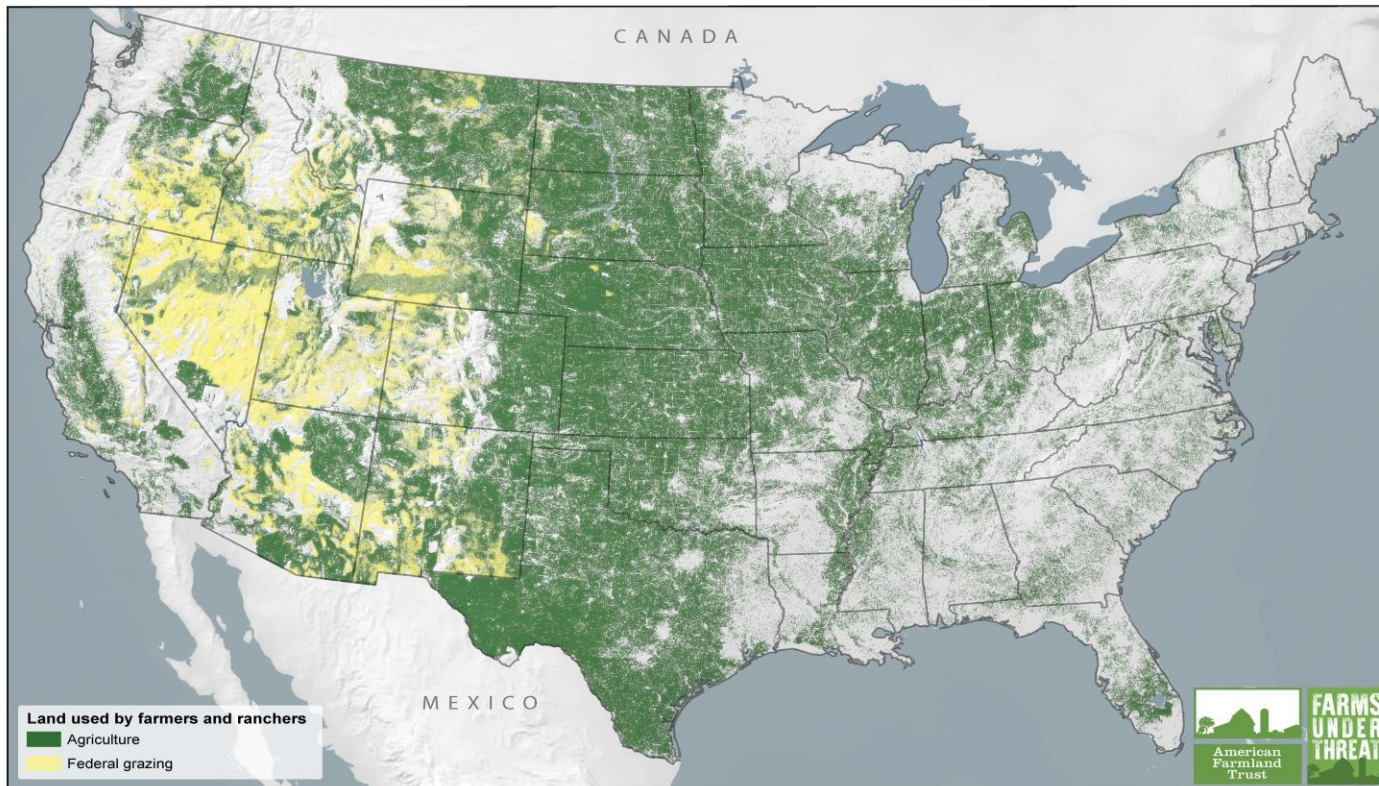

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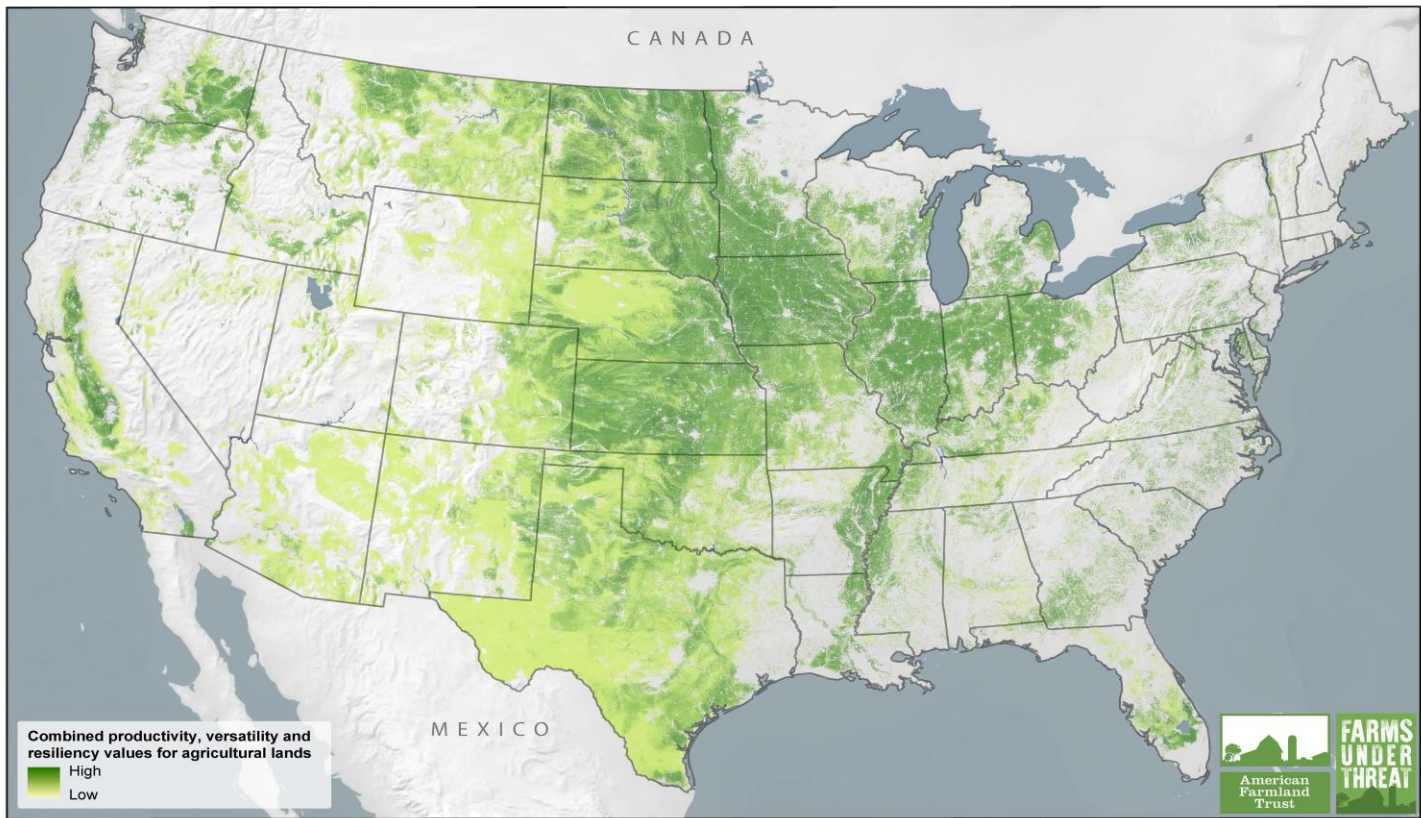
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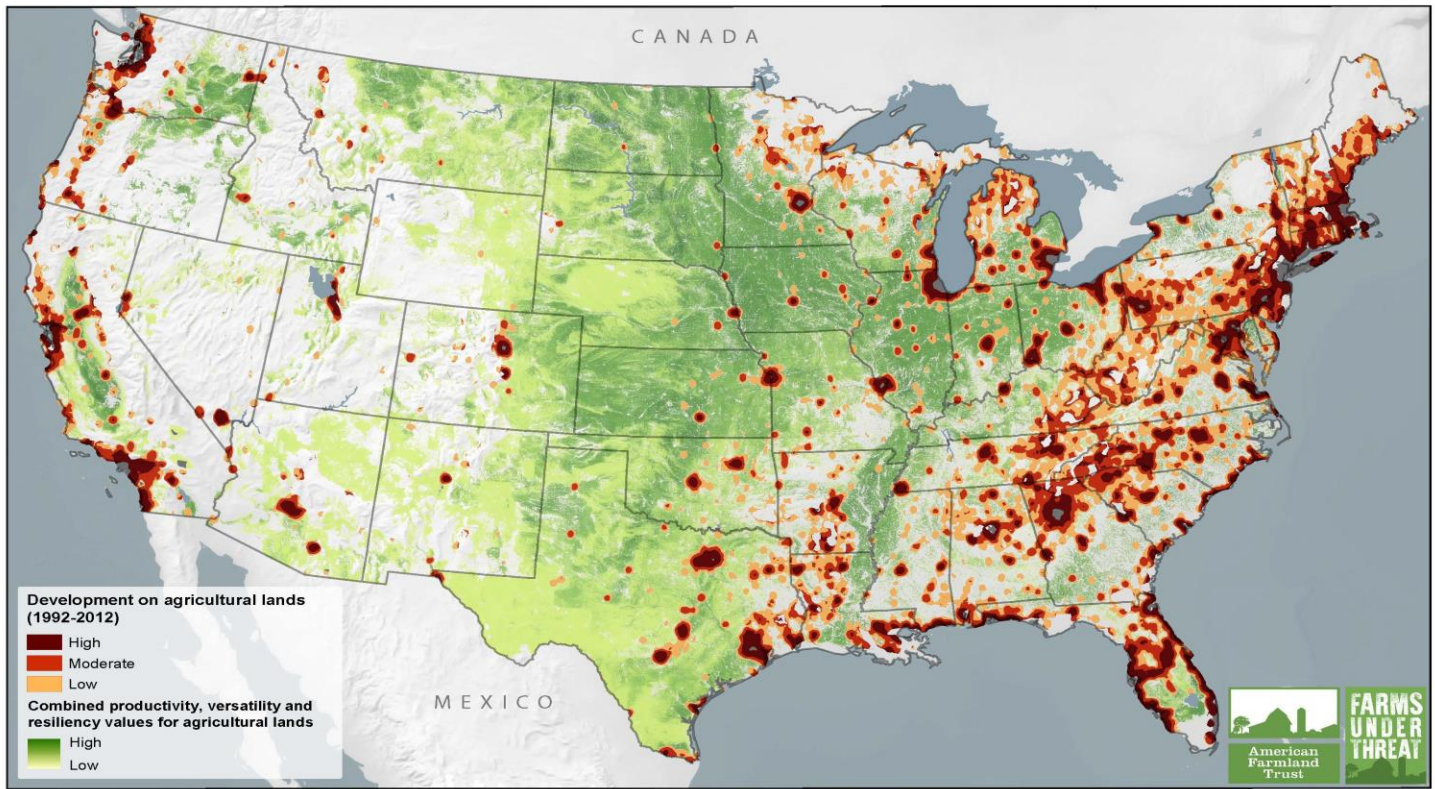



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Key Findings (1st Release)

- Lost 31 million acres in 20 years
 - Urban expansion (59%)
 - Low-density rural development (41%)
- Disproportionally losing better land

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Future Releases

- State Detail & Policy Scorecards
- Past Trends & Future Scenarios (linked to Climate Model)

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Key Recommendations (of 1st Release)

- Restore ACEP-ALE Funding to \$500 million/year
- Enact a 21st Century Agricultural Land Protection Platform *addressing threats to farmland from development and climate change, and challenges to agricultural viability and farm succession*

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But as essential as it is to retain acres of land...

The concept of infrastructure also extends to healthy soil and experienced farmers

It's a system: good land, good farming practices, wise stewards

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