

# Regional Planning in the Sacramento Region









# Blueprint Growth Principles



**Housing Choices** 



Mix Land Uses



Transportation Choices



High Quality Design



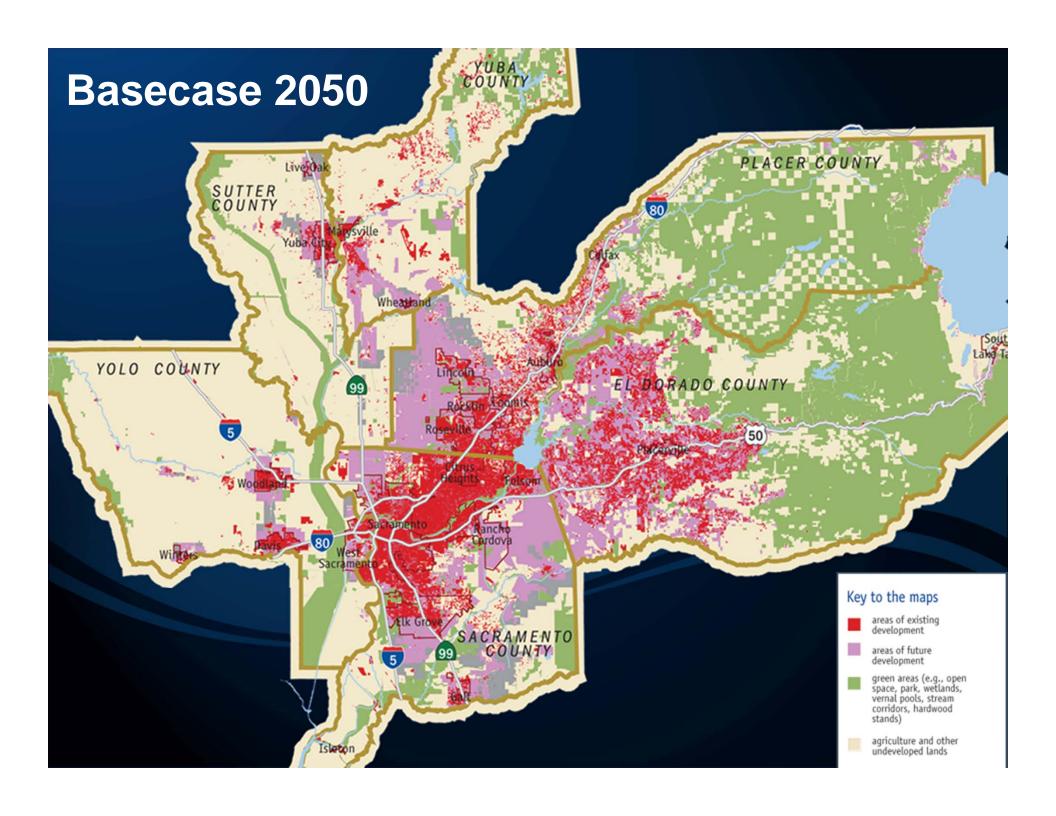
**Compact Development** 

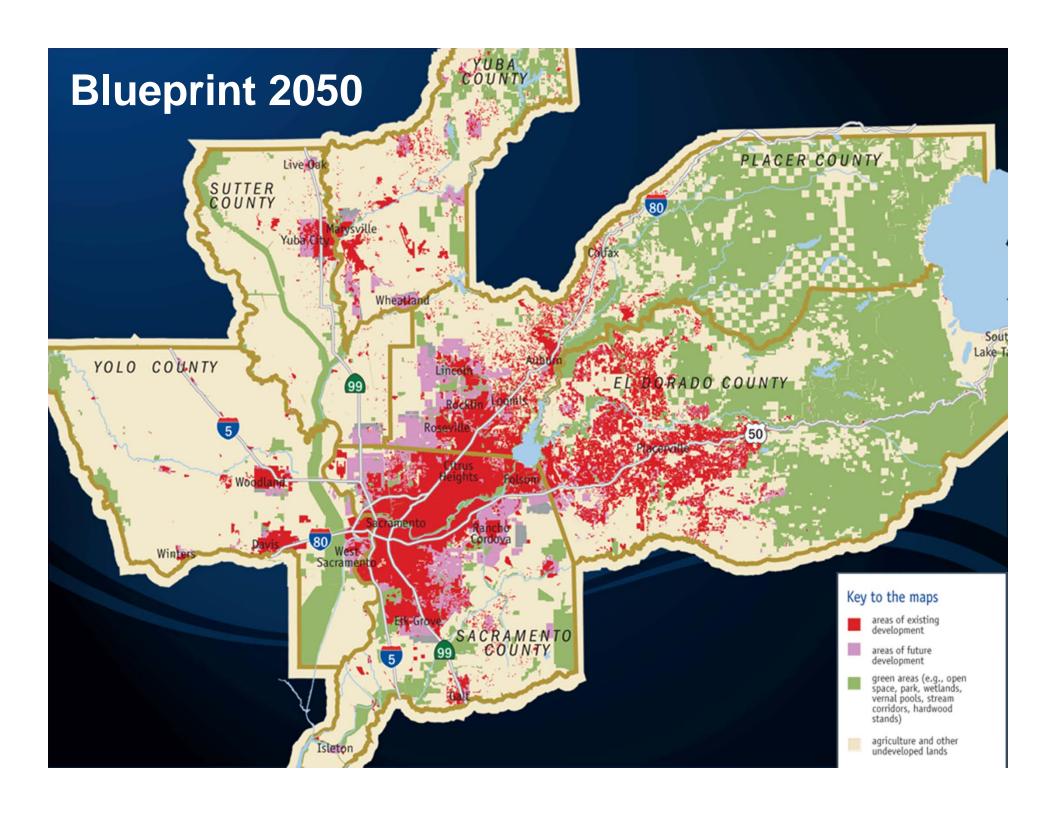


Protect Natural Resources

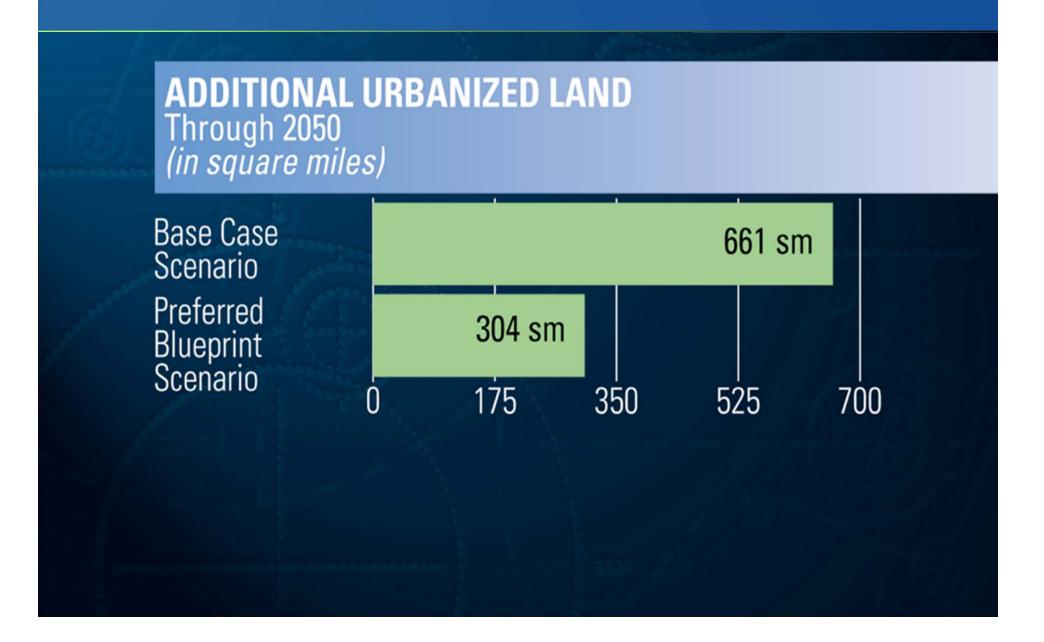


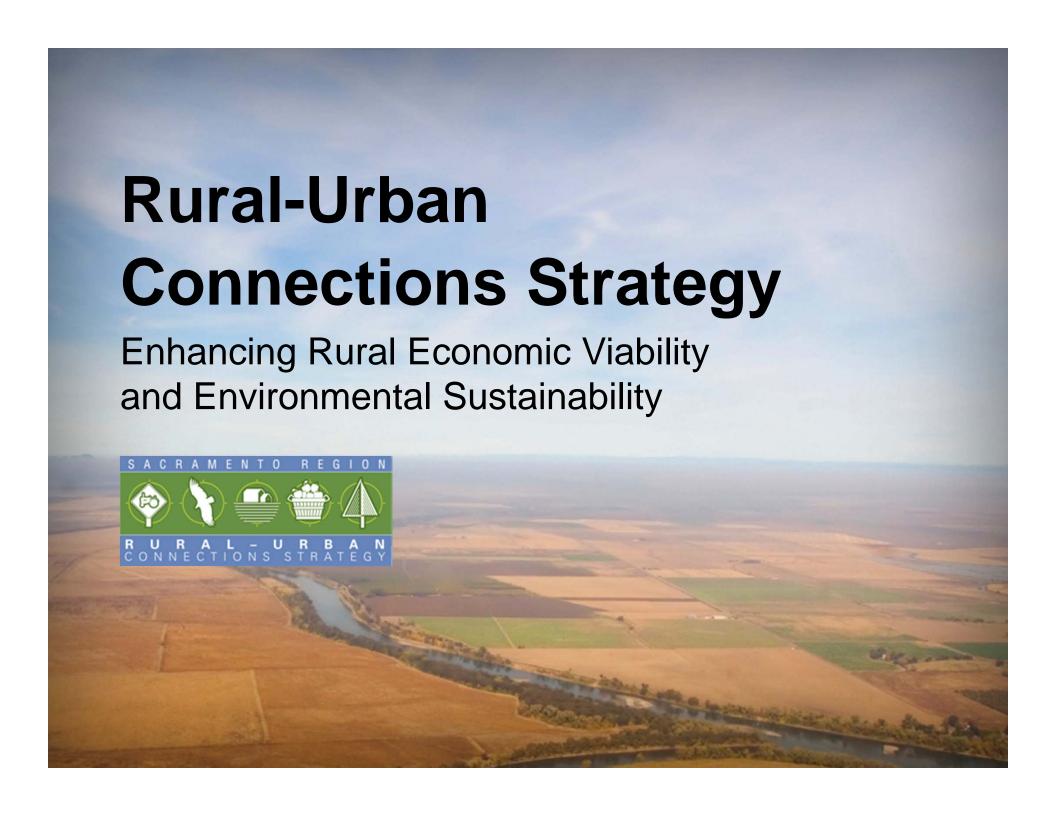
Use Existing Assets





### Less Urban Land





# RUCS Background

- Enhance rural economic viability
- Supports regional sustainability
- Primary rural industry is agriculture
- Test market changes, policy and econ. dev'l strategies
- Protect and enhance natural resources and ecosystem services

# Topic Areas and Process

- 1. Land Use and Conservation Policies and Plans
- 2. The Infrastructure of Agriculture
- 3. New Economic Opportunities
- 4. Forest Management
- 5. Regulations

Current Conditions →

Innovations ->

**Implementation** 

# Partnership Building

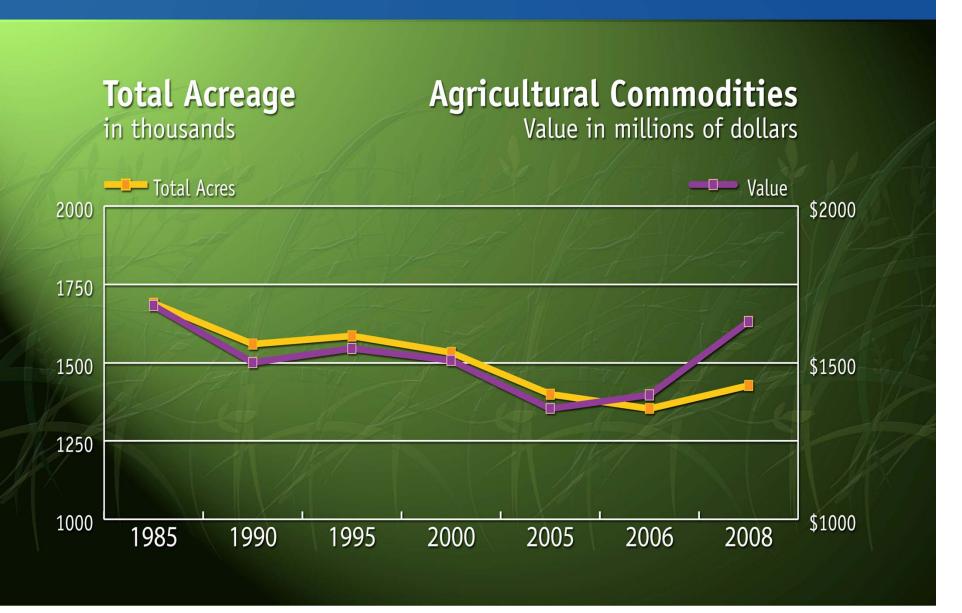
#### **Blueprint & MTP**

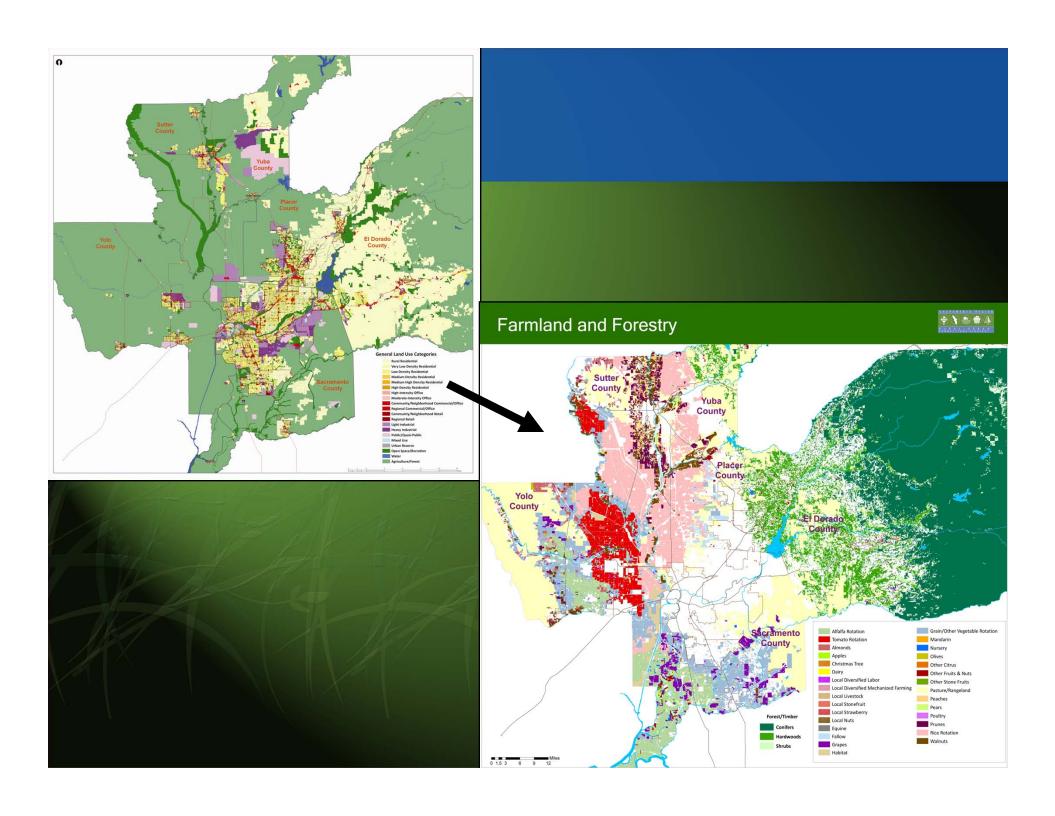
- Business
  - BIA, ULI, AIA
- AQMDs
- L/U & Transp Agencies
- Environmental
- PW & Water Agencies
- Fed & State Agencies
  - Resources
- Sustainable Community Engagement

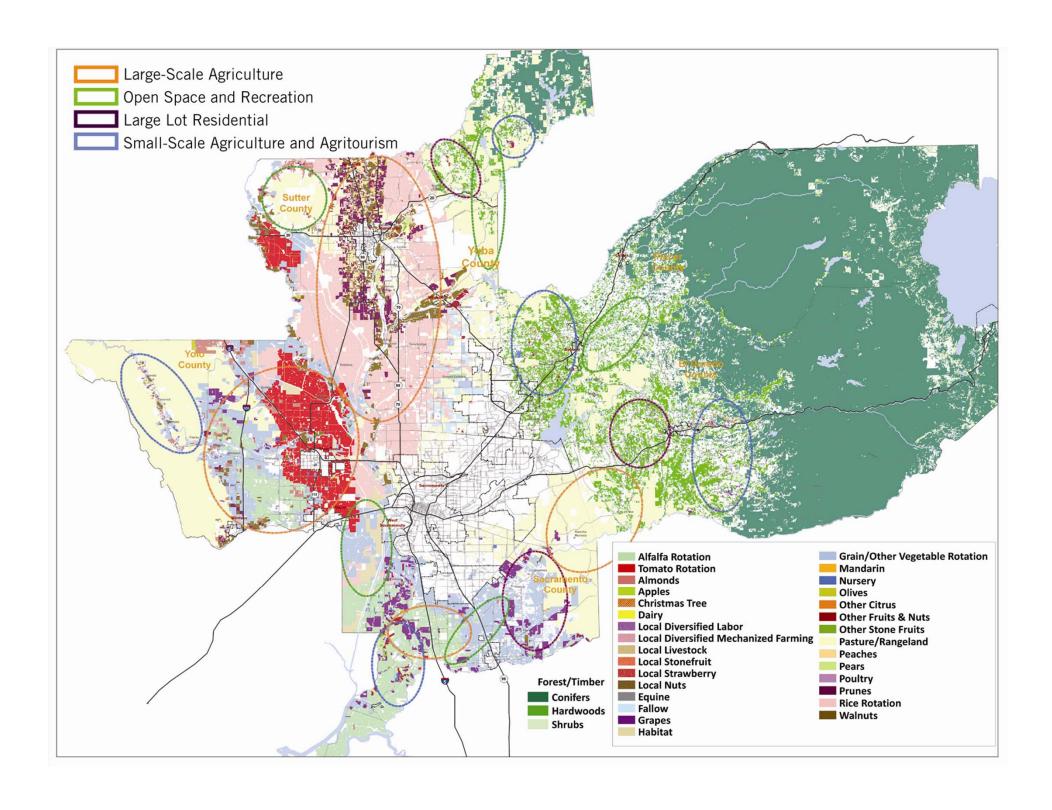
#### **Rural-Urban Connections**

- Ag Agencies
  - Ag Comm, CDFA, DOC
- Ag Associations
  - Farm Bureau, Growers
  - AFT, CAFF, FarmLink
- Land Trusts
- Univ. of CA
  - Coop Ext, AIC, SAREP
- RCDs and NRCS
- Public Health/Food Access

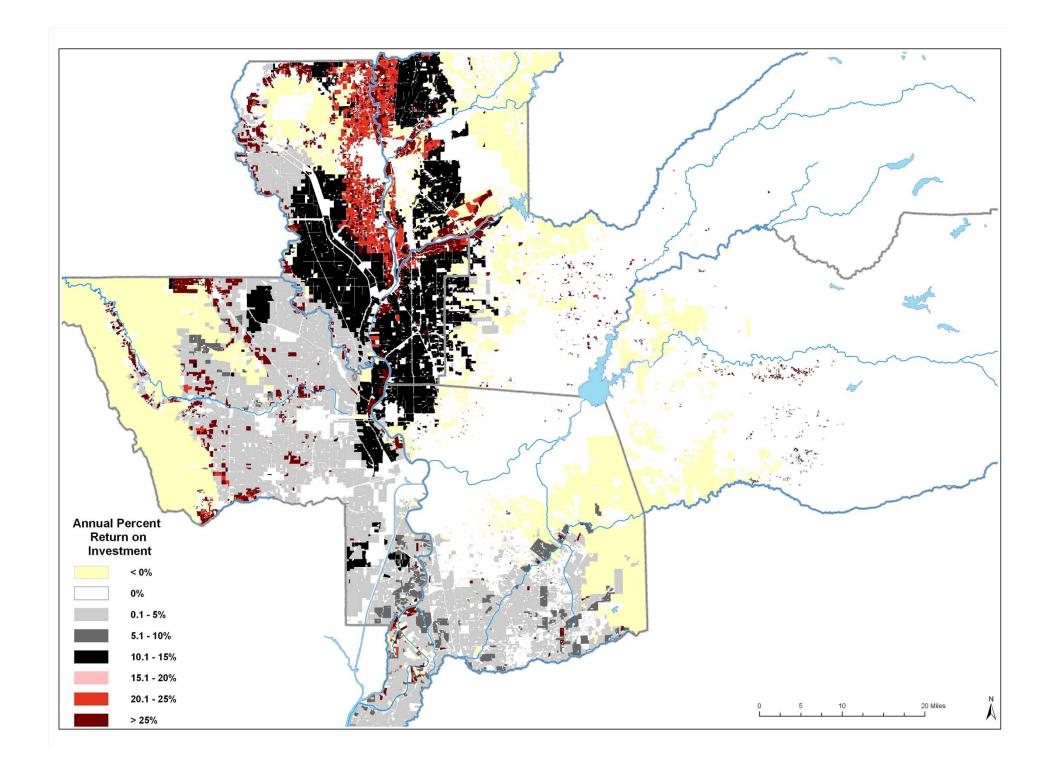
# Agricultural Commodities







Cost and Ret	urn Conventional Almond F	Production			
Sacramento I	Region				
Cost category	Input	Quantity	Unit/acre	Price	Cost
Chemical	Roundup	3.00	pt	\$ 8.40	\$ 25.20
Chemical	Surflan	3.00	pt	\$ 16.96	\$ 50.88
Chemical	Goal 2XL	3.00	pt	\$ 13.50	\$ 40.50
Chemical	Rodent Bait	1.00	lb	\$ 4.50	\$ 4.50
Chemical	Rovral	1.00	lb	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Chemical	Abound	14.00	floz	\$ 2.78	\$ 38.92
Chemical	Ziram	8.00	lb	\$ 2.80	\$ 22.40
Chemical	Dipel	2.00	lb	\$ 15.63	\$ 31.26
Chemical	Lorsban	4.00	pint	\$ 4.00	\$ 16.00
Chemical	Omite	7.50	lb	\$ 8.23	\$ 61.73
Chemical	Vanguard	5.00	OZ	\$ 4.09	\$ 20.45
Contract	Consultant	1.00	acre	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Contract	Hives	2.50	hive	\$ 140.00	\$ 350.00
Contract	Leaf Analysis	1.00	acre	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Contract Labor	Shake Nuts	2.00	hour	\$ 80.00	\$ 160.00
Contract Labor	Sweep	2.00	hour	\$ 55.00	\$ 110.00
Contract Labor	Pick up, haul, hull and shell	2200.00	lb	\$ 0.11	\$ 242.00
Fertilizer	UN-32	220.00	lb	\$ 0.29	\$ 63.80
Fertilizer	Zinc Sulfate	30.00	lb	\$ 0.50	\$ 15.00
Fertilizer	Potassium Sulfate	500.00	lb	\$ 0.23	\$ 115.00
Irrigation	Water	36.00	acin	\$ 2.67	\$ 96.12
Fuel	Gasoline	11.15	gallons	\$ 3.98	\$ 44.38
Fuel	Diesel	11.88	gallons	\$ 3.84	\$ 45.62
Labor	Labor (machine)	11.56	machine hrs	\$ 15.00	\$ 173.40
Labor	Labor (nonmachine)	11.72	hrs	\$ 12.00	\$ 140.64
Total Operating Cost/Acre					\$ 1,919.79





Hard Edge

Soft Edge





## **Rural Communities**



# Rural-Urban Interface: Percent likelihood of fallowing at...





# Innovations at the Edge and Beyond

# Infill & Redevelopment



# Rural-Urban Edge



- Buffers
- Ag Parks
- Right-to-Farm
- Policy Boundaries
- City-County Agreements

- Supporting
  Ag Viability
  Beyond
  the Edge
  - City-County Agreements
  - Voter Initiatives
  - Supportive Zoning
  - Open Space Plans
  - Easements, TDRs, etc.

# 1. Land Use

- Habitat Conservation
- Carbon Sequestration
- Groundwater Recharge
- Flood Control
- Easements
- Stewarship



# Habitat Opportunities on Agriculture Lands

#### Rice:

10 species including Swainson's hawk, burrowing owl, peregrine falcon

#### **Row Crops:**

7 species including Swainson's hawk, burrowing owl, loggerhead shrike

#### **Irrigated Pasture:**

10 species including Swainson's hawk, burrowing owl, peregrine, falcon

Source: Sierra Club, Mother Lode Chapter

#### Alfalfa:

9 species including Swainson's hawk, burrowing owl, ferruginous hawk

#### **Orchards:**

3 species including Cooper's hawk, yellow warbler

#### Grazing, no vernal pools:

16 species including Swainson's hawk, burrowing owl

#### Grazing, with vernal pools:

16 species including fairy shrimp, tadpole shrimp

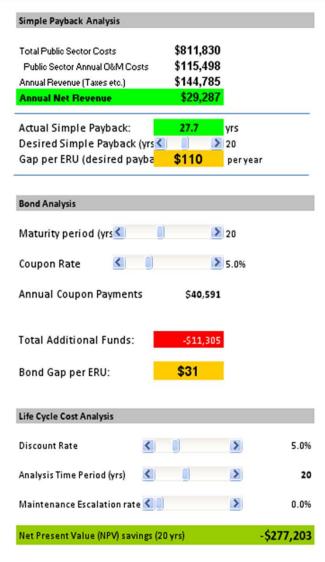
# Rural Communities Fiscal Model

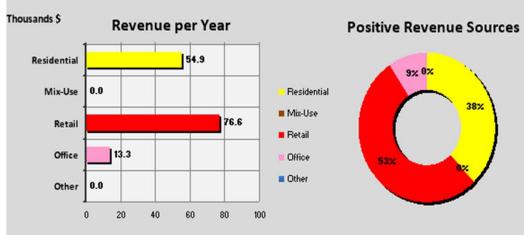


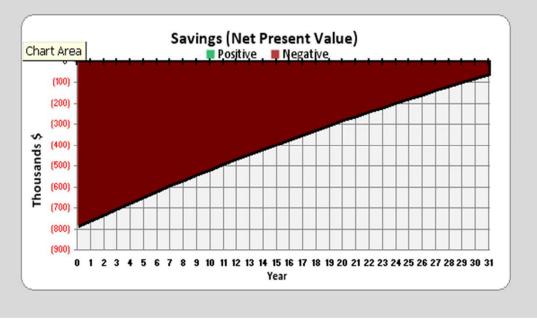
# Fiscal Impacts Model

- Purpose: Help small rural communities make growth decisions that are fiscally sustainable
- Challenges:
  - Growth of any kind sometimes looks like economic progress
  - Needed infrastructure investments to fix existing problems sometimes contribute to this problem
- Example: Better balanced land uses more fiscally viable than housing subdivision









### 2. Infrastructure

## Transportation

- Commerce
- Safety







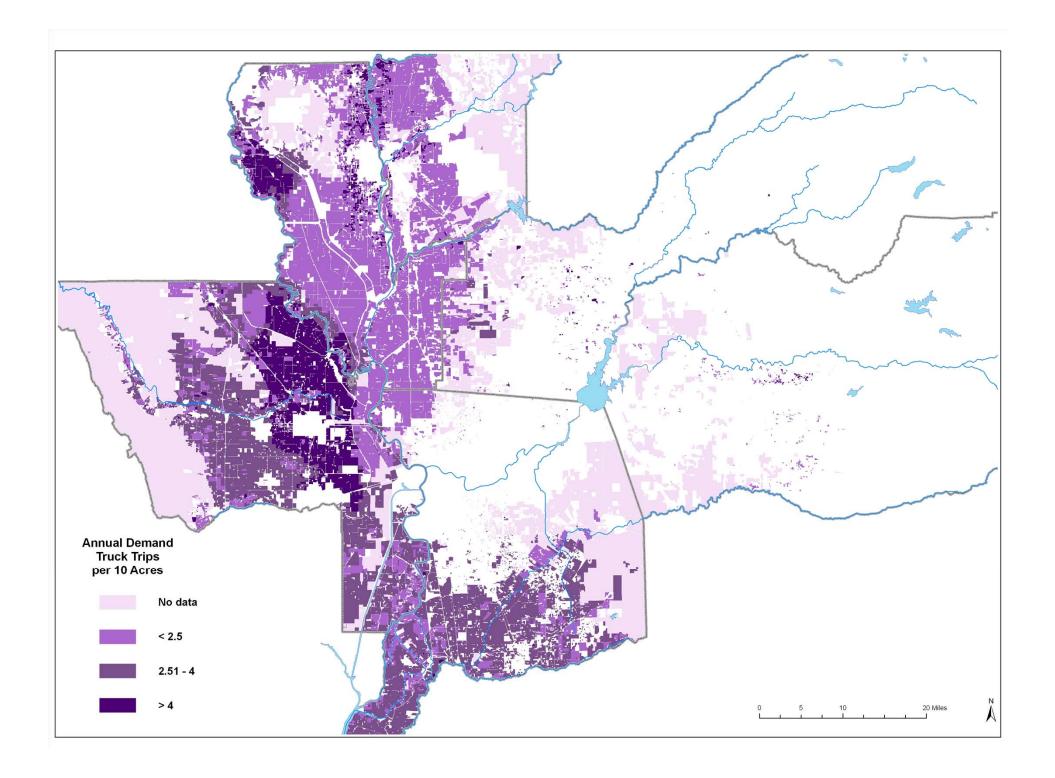
# Transportation Issues

- Urban and rural residential traffic
- 41% of fatal accidents on rural roads
- Processing and distribution facilities consolidated outside the region
  - Food truck out, food trucked in
- Over 16,000 farm workers in Sacramento region
- 72% farm workers lack adequate transportation
- Road maintenance backlog

## System Maintenance

Rural Areas have a small percentage of the region's population but must maintain a disproportionate number of the region's road miles.

	Road Miles	Population	Road Miles/Person	Percent Road Miles	Percent Population
Urban	8,777	1,781,419	0.0049	52%	87%
Rural	8,258	275,824	0.0299	48%	13%
Total	17,035	2,057,243	0.0083		



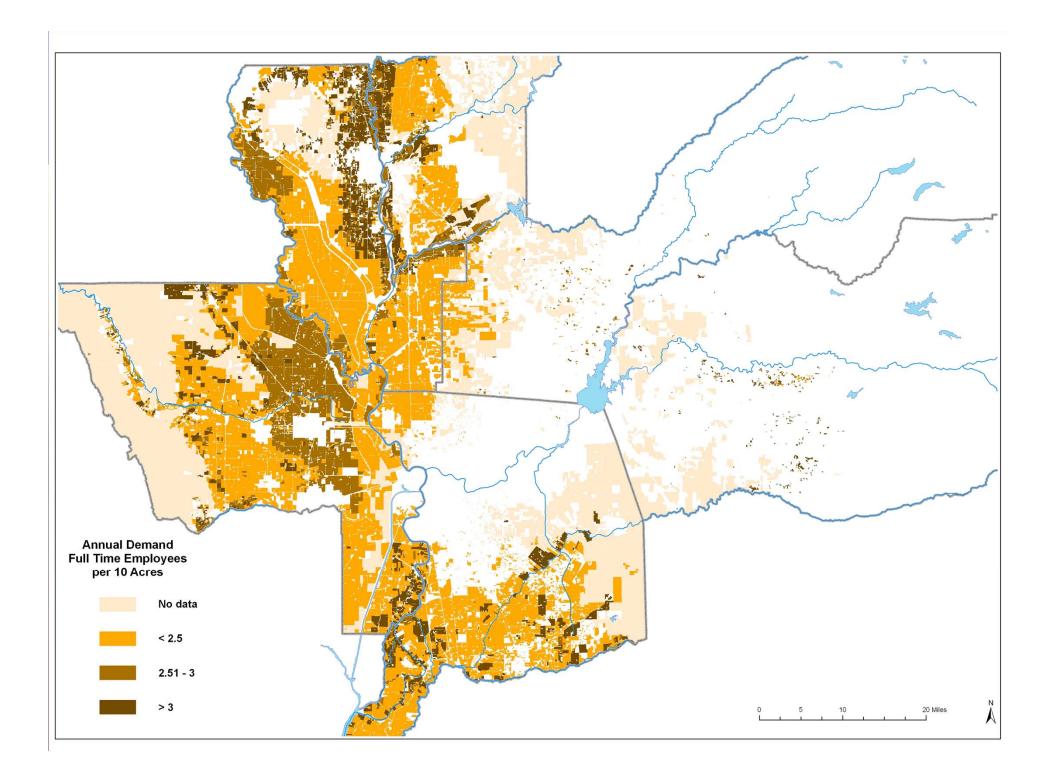
### 2. Infrastructure

# Distribution & Processing



### Labor





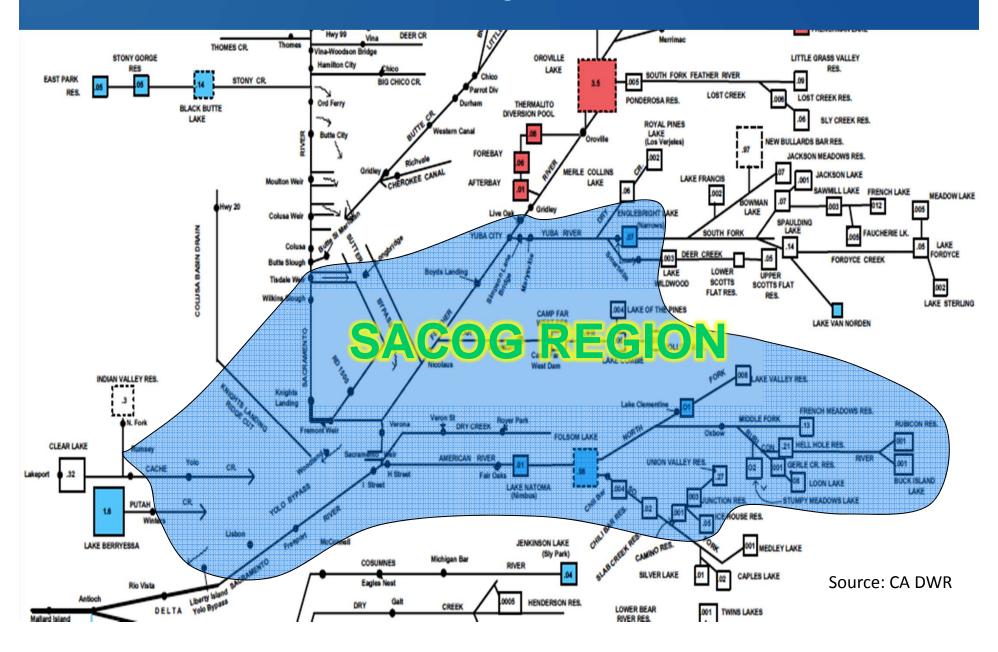
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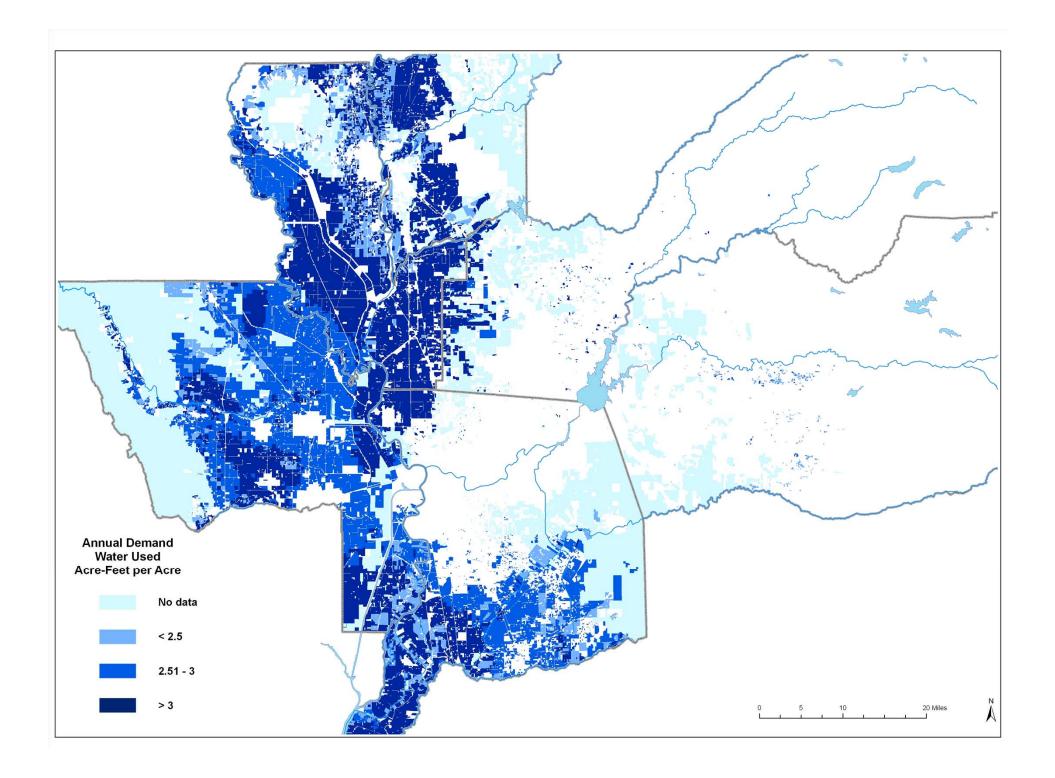
### Water Resources





# Surface Water System





# 3. Economic Opportunities

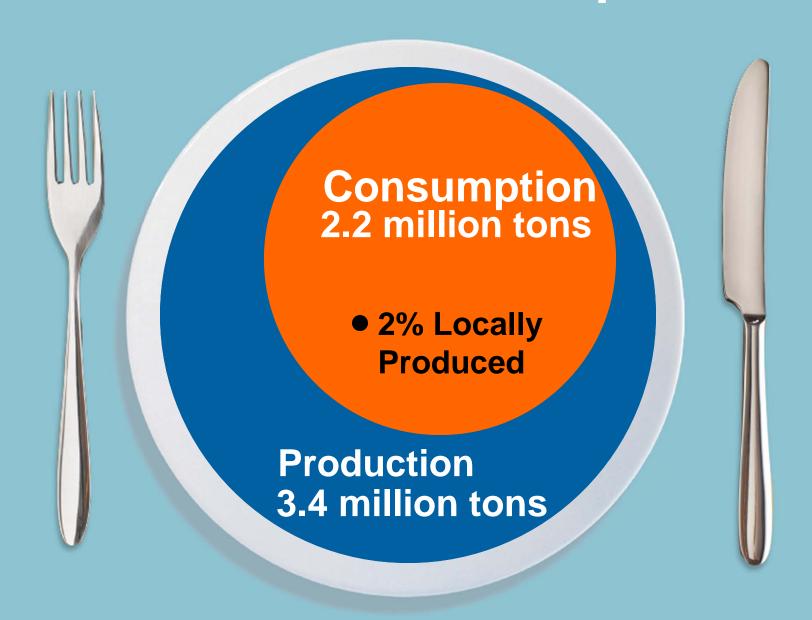
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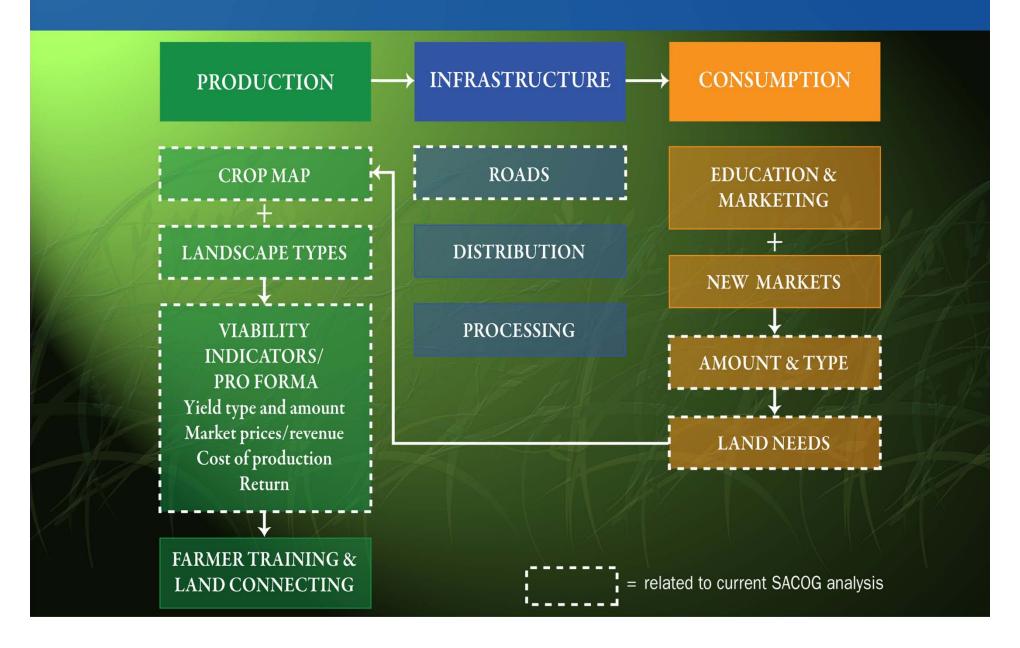
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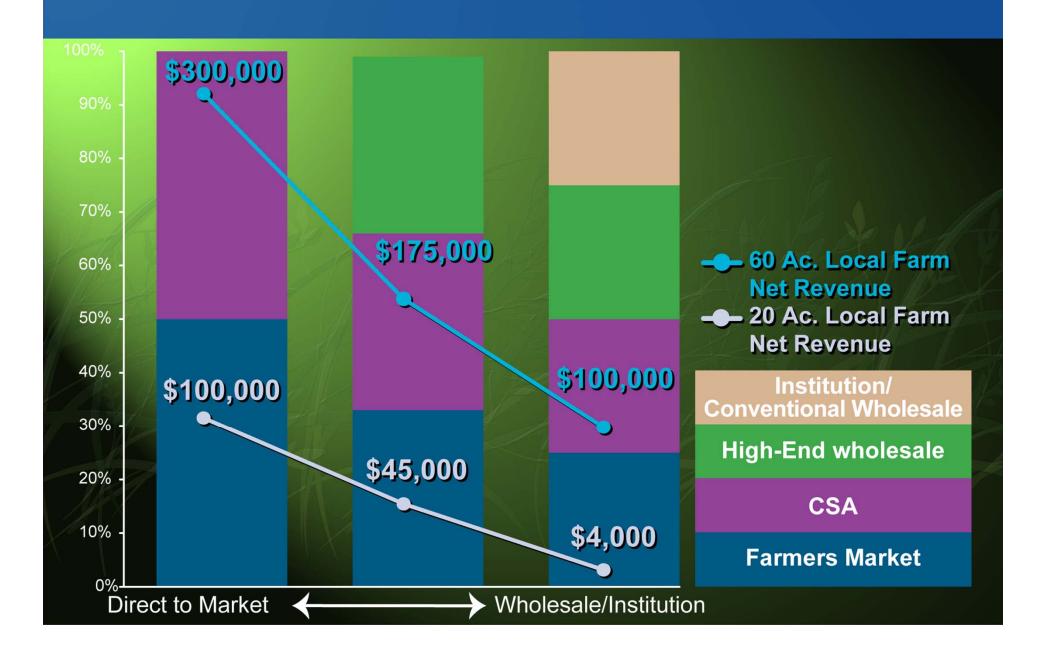
# Local Food System

- Purpose: Estimate supply and infrastructure needs to meet consumer demand for locally grown food
- Changing diets
- Expanded direct markets
- New wholesale and institutional markets
- Retail and value-added markets

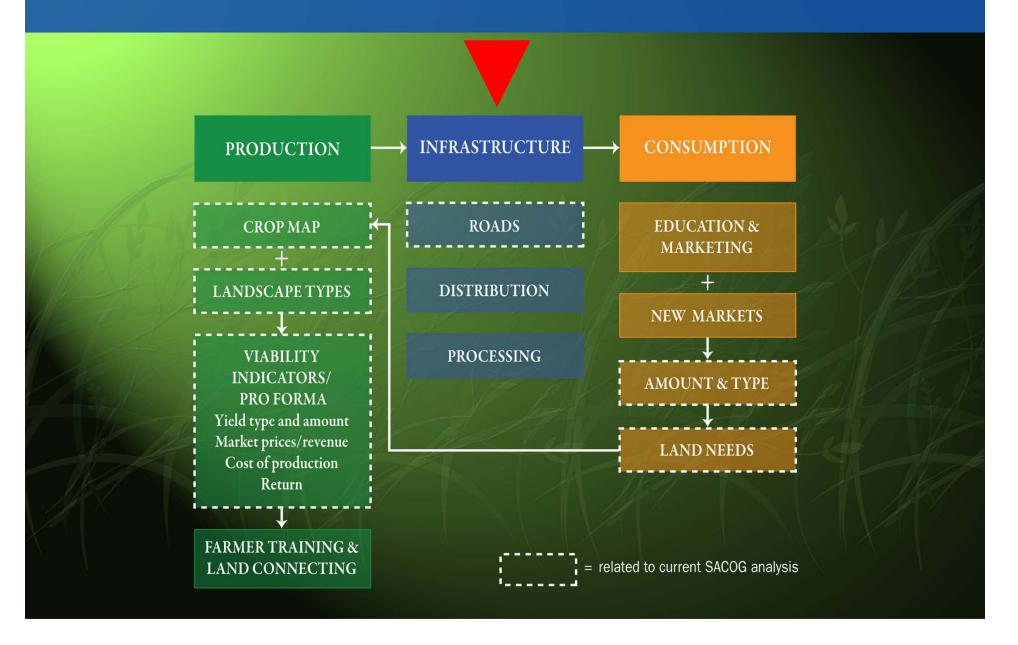
# Local Food System Analysis



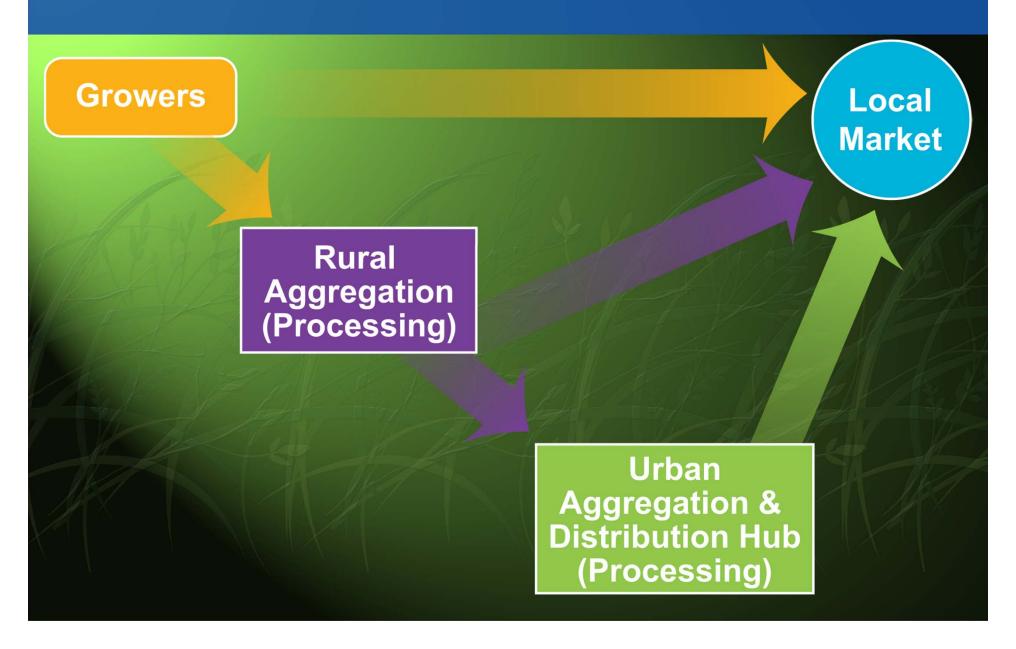
#### Markets and Revenue



# Local Food System Analysis



# Local Food System



#### Local Distribution

- Aggregate local produce
- Volume for larger customers
- Use existing distributors to get local food to market
- Marketing and labeling as "local"
- Shared facilities



#### Food Hub Research

# ILLINOIS PACKING HOUSE FINANCIAL DATA AND ACREAGE SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

Acres	Net Revenue	Gross Margin	SG&A	Operating Income	Operating Margin	Net Income	Seasonal Utilization	Annual Utilization
500	\$1,767,136	12.1%	20.2%	(\$143,350)	-8.1%	(\$320,527)	13.4%	4.4%
1000	\$3,534,272	12.1%	10.1%	\$69,760	2.0%	(\$107,417)	26.8%	8.8%
1260	\$4,453,183	12.1%	8.0%	\$180,577	4.1%	\$2,210	33.7%	11.1%
2500	\$8,835,680	12.1%	5.5%	\$583,668	6.6%	\$263,889	66.9%	22.1%
3500	\$12,369,952	12.1%	5.3%	\$839,135	6.8%	\$429,612	93.7%	30.9%
10500	\$37,109,856	12.1%	5.0%	\$2,619,505	7.1%	\$1,584,375	281.0%	92.6%

Source: Ready to Grow: A Plan for Increasing Illinois Fruit and Vegetable Crop Production

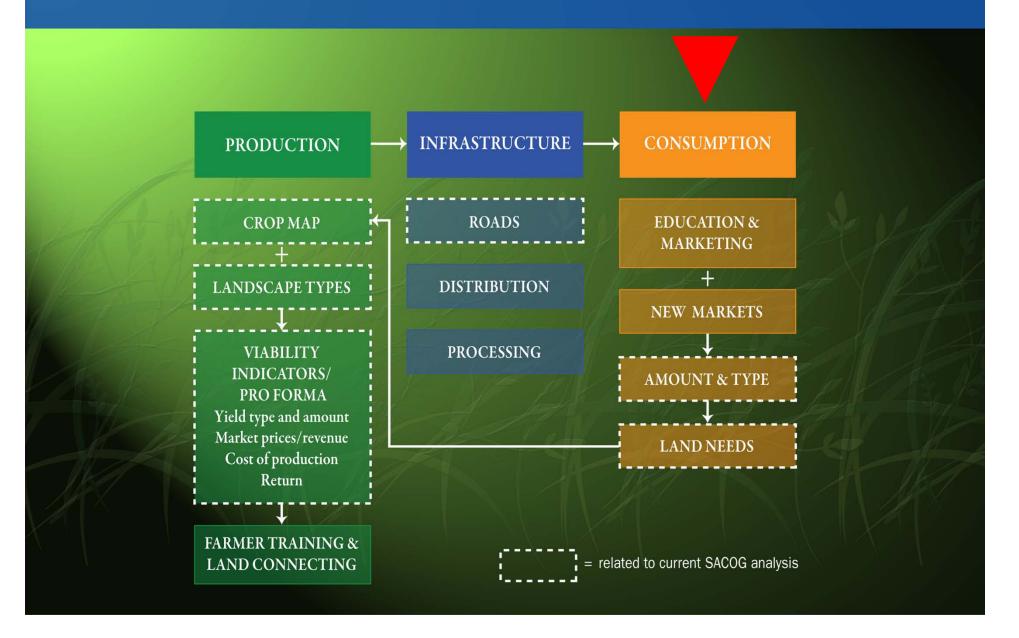
### Local Processing

- Diversify products
- Serve customers that need processed food
- Commercial kitchens
- Repurpose existing processing
- Mobile processing
- Shared facilities

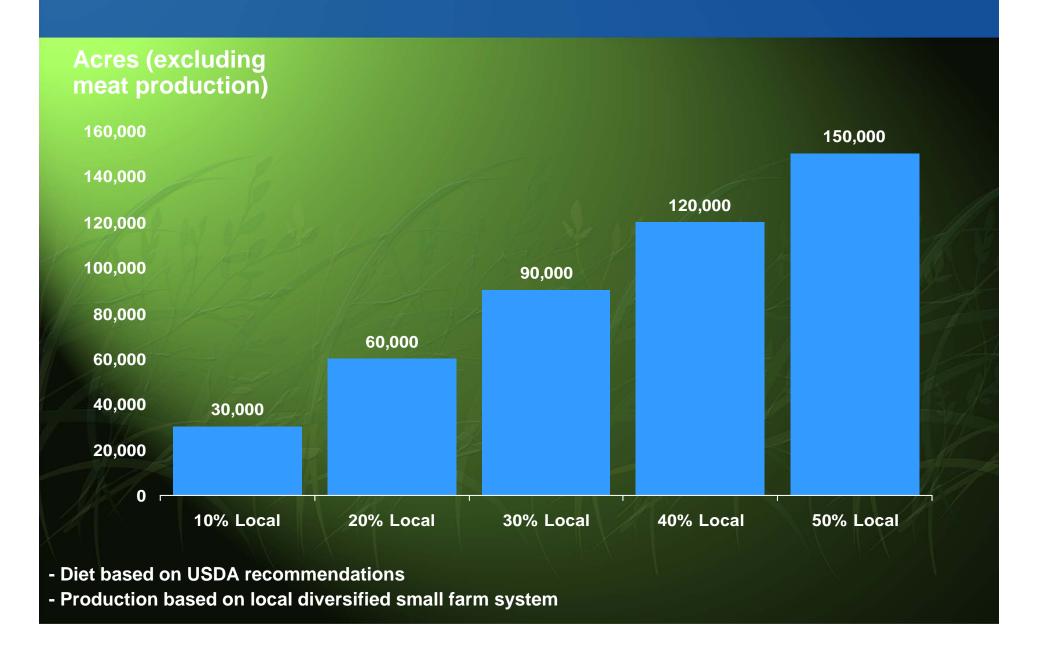




# Local Food System Analysis



#### Farmland Needs for Local Food



#### 3. Economic Opportunities

Energy & Carbon Markets

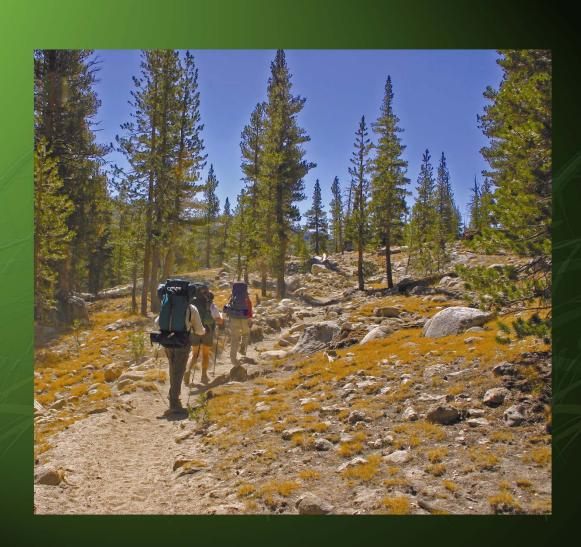






### 3. Economic Opportunities

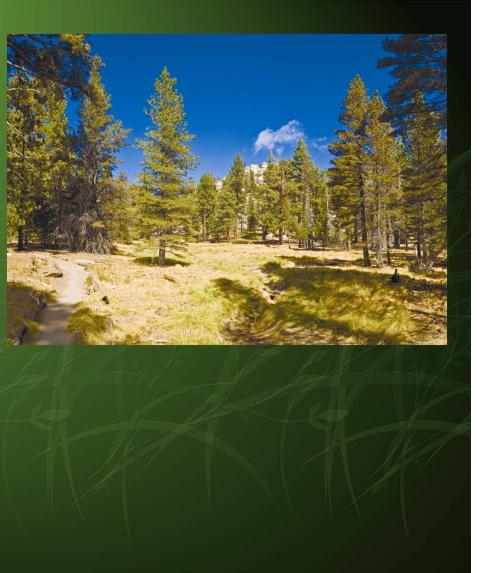
Recreation



# 4. Forest Management

- Fire
- Water
- Habitat
- Econ. Opportunities





# 5. Regulations

- Conflicting Regulations
- Permit Streamlining





#### PLACE<sup>3</sup>S RUCS Module: Return On Investment Analysis

Purpose: Understand agricultural viability by using "what if" scenarios:

- Market changes
- Cropping patterns
- Farm practices
- Planning that supports agriculture

**Example:** Changing alfalfa rotation to dried plums improved economic return

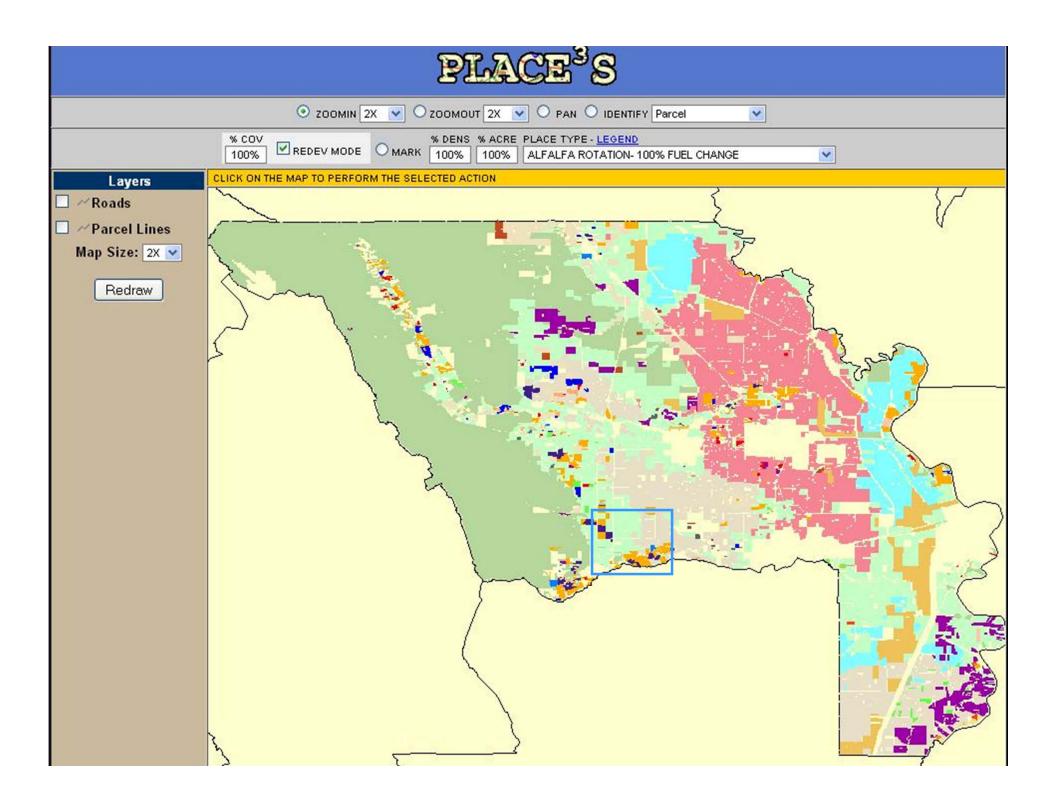
# PLACE<sup>3</sup>S Model Design

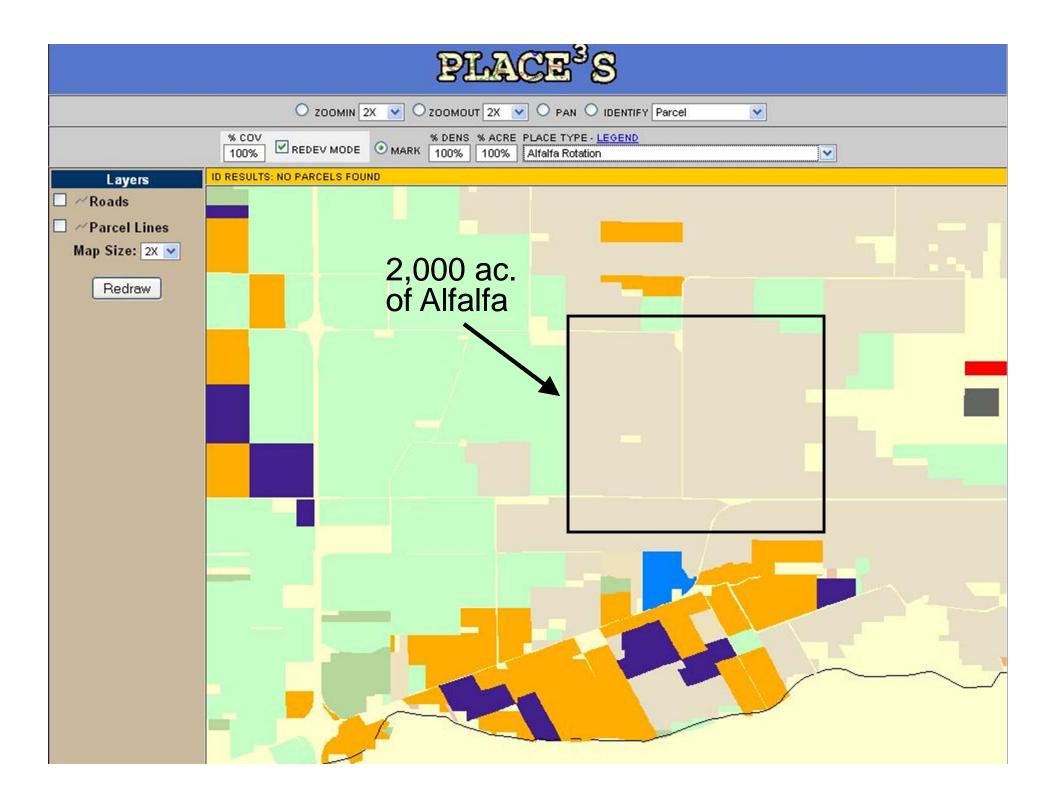
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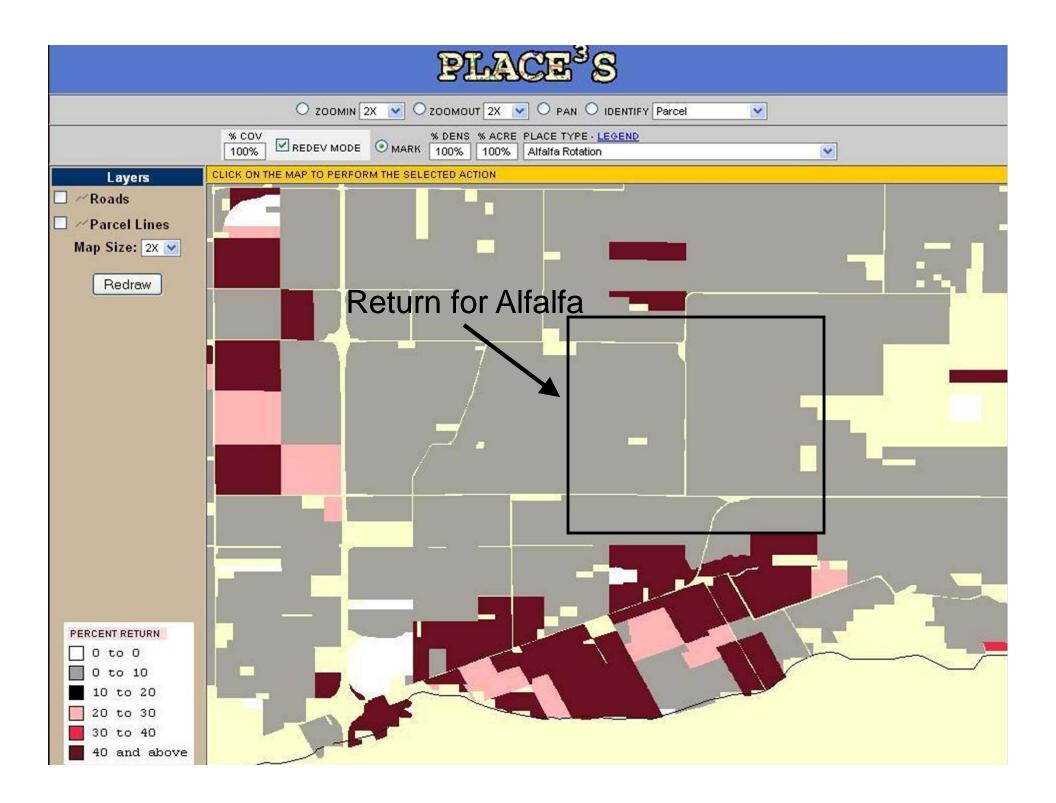
- Current or future crops
- Costs (labor, fuel, fertilizer, etc.)
- Crop yield and price
- Other factors (e.g., habitat, easement value)

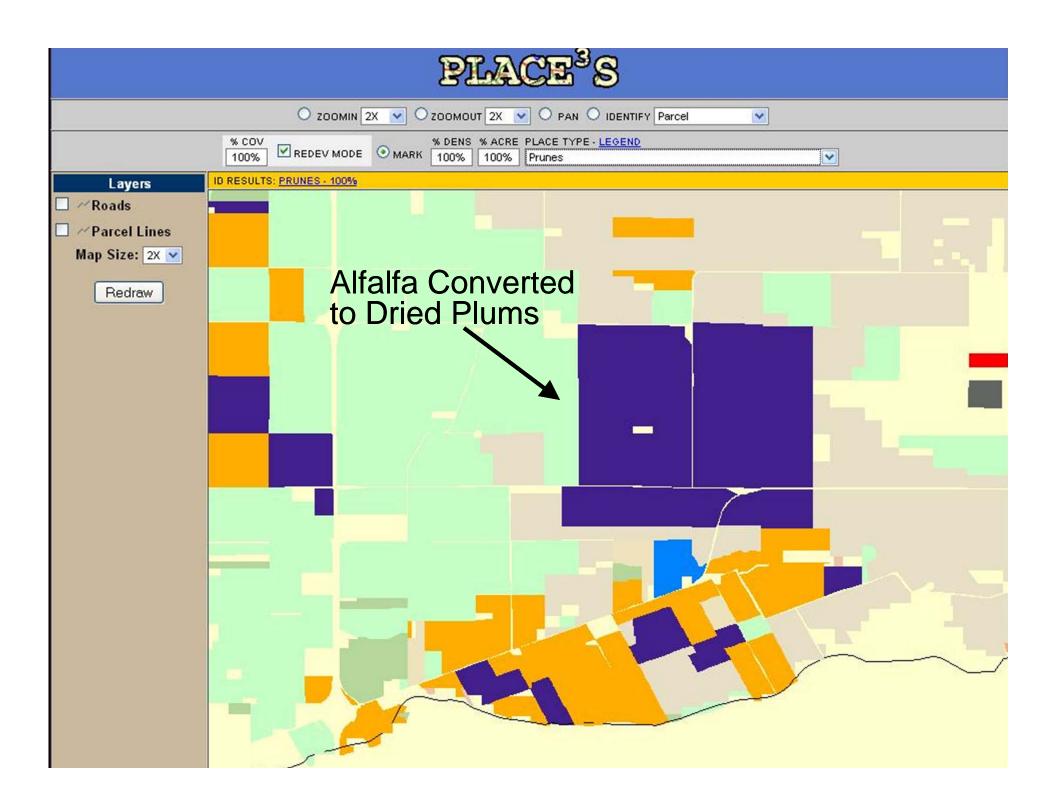
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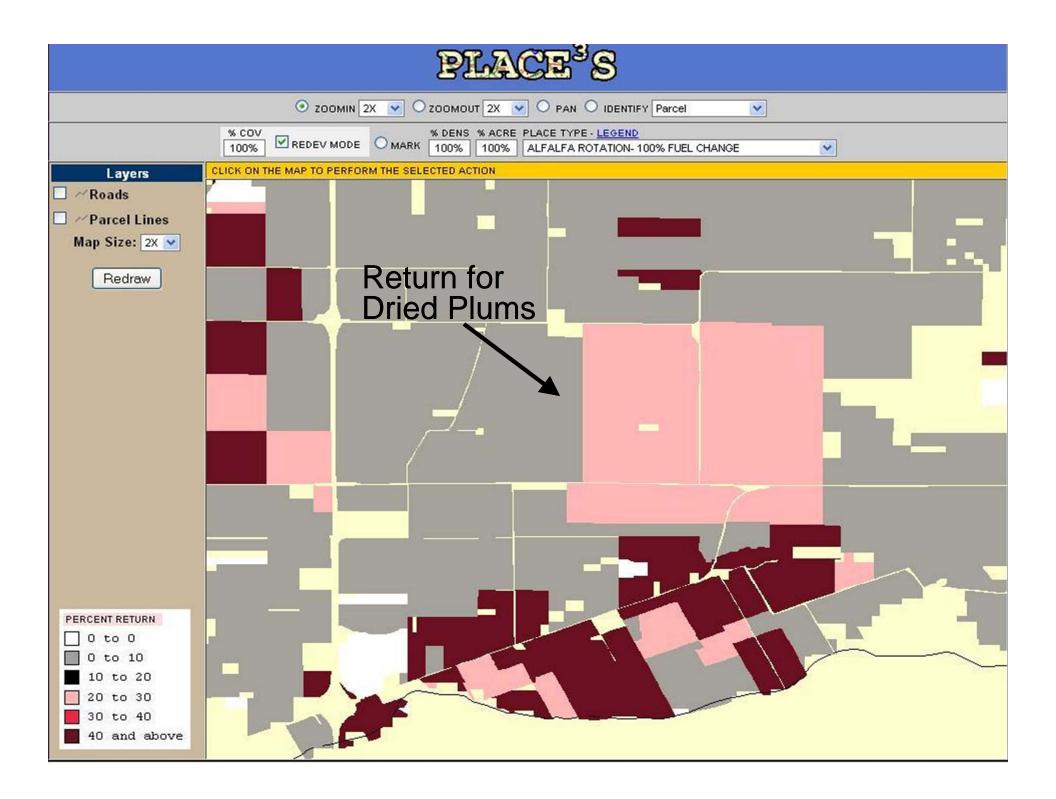
- Crop value
- Demand for inputs (water, seed, trucking, etc.)
- Profit (Revenue Cost)













#### COMPARE SCENARIOS - RESULTS

 CURRENT PROJECT
 PROJECT TYPE
 LEAD ORGANIZATION
 STUDY AREA

 RUCS YOLO DAVID
 NEIGHBORHOOD
 SACOG
 CUSTOM STUDY SHAPEFILE

#### CURRENT SCENARIO: ALFALFA TO DRIED PLUMS

#### SCENARIO COMPARISON TOTAL AG PCT AG WATER ACRE / AG LABOR AG TRUCK SCENARIO NAME ACRES AG ACRES AG VALUE AG COST AG RETURN RETURN FEET FTE TRIPS BASE CASE 259,715 555,346.0 \$600,156,047 \$506,819,215 \$93,336,832 18.4% 662,613 1,989.2 99,939 ALFALFA TO DRIED PLUMS 261,653 555,344,7 \$608,653,171 \$513,458,345 \$95,194,826 18.5% 663,557 2,025.4 99,689

JOB DIVERSITY CHART

HOUSING DI VERSITY CHART

LOGGED IN AS SHABAZIAN

Less Than 0.5% of County Ag Land:

**Value: + \$8M** 

Return: + \$2M

Water: + 1,000 ac-ft

Labor: + 35 workers

Trucks: - 250 trips

CONTACT SITE FELPDESK

# Forecasting Model: Factors affecting viability

#### Variables affecting crops:

- Chemicals
- Equipment
- Fertilizer
- Fuel
- Irrigation
- Labor
- Seed
- Commodity Prices

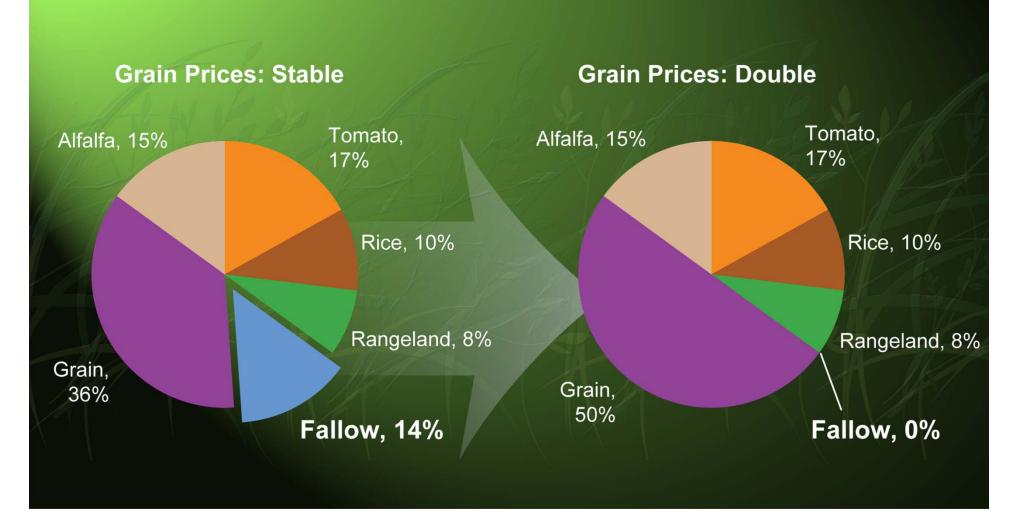


#### Forecasting Model: Scenario Examples

- Russian drought and fire reduce wheat harvest
  - → Grain prices increase
- Oil resources become more scarce
  - → Fuel, chemical and fertilizer prices increase
- Construction industry heats up again
  - → Labor prices increase
- Drought persists
  - → Surface water decrease, Irrigation costs increase

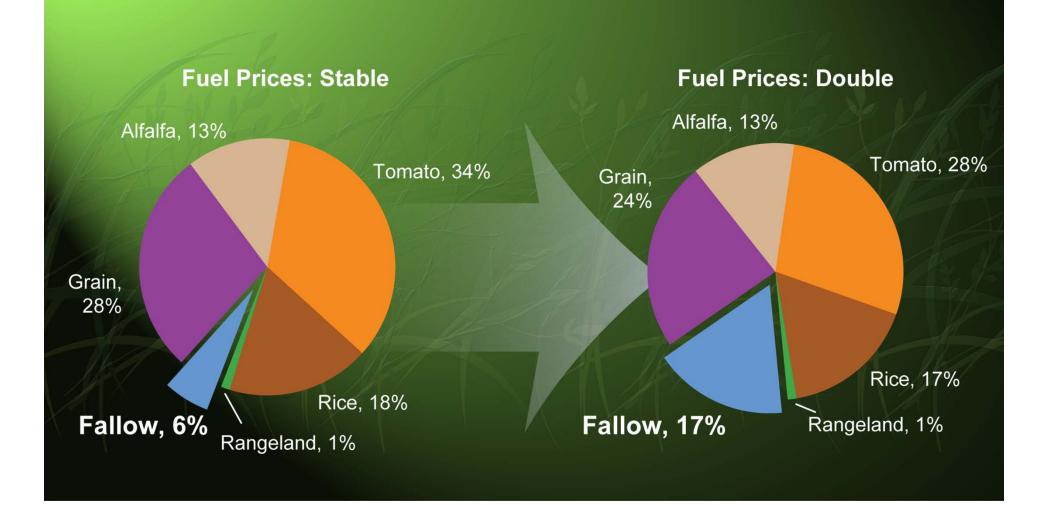
### Forecasting Model: Scenario Examples

#### **Crop Type: Grain**



### Forecasting Model: Scenario Examples

#### **Crop Type: Tomato**



SACRAMENTO REGION











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