

About This Report

This report was generated for PlantRight's Plant Risk Evaluator (PRE). This climate match tool is designed for PRE users and plant scientists involved in the development, production, and distribution of horticultural plants. The climate match tool allows evaluators to quickly and consistently answer PRE's climate-related questions.

Horticultural growers or plant scientists interested in PRE and in promoting non-invasive plants for regional markets are invited to join the growing PRE community. Joining PRE is free and supports a collaborative approach to preventing new, regional plant invasions. Contact us below to get more information on how to join.

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Data Layer Methods

The PRE Combined layer shows areas in the world where three variables (Plant Hardiness, Ecozones, and Precipitation) all match the conditions found in selected search geometry.

The PRE Combined layer was generated by merging together three input datasets (Plant Hardiness, Ecozones, and Precipitation) into a single three-band raster layer. To combine these three different datasets, they were each converted to raster format with the Precipitation dataset used as reference for cell size and extent. The three layers were combined into a single three-band raster layer using the Composite tool in Desktop ArcMap. The three-band raster was exported to .tif format for use in the web map. To generate lookup tables for the unique three-value combinations per state and ecoregion, the combined raster data was converted to point format, then joined with the states and ecoregion layers (Spatial Join tool) to generate summary tables.

Data methods guided by CAL-IPC and USDA recommendations. Precipitation Zones and Plant Hardiness Zones data: SAHA, SURANJANA, AND COAUTHORS, 2010: The NCEP Climate Forecast System Reanalysis. Bull. Amer. Meteor. Soc., 91, 1015.1057. doi: 0.1175/2010BAMS3001.1, 2010. Precipitation Zones and Plant Hardiness Zones methods: Magarey, R. D., D. M. Borchert, and J. Schlegel. 2008. Global plant hardiness zones for phytosanitary risk analysis. Scientia Agricola 65(Special Issue):54-59. Global Ecozones: United Nations, 2010, WGS84.

Please Note

There are many climate match tools in use, each with varying criteria and degrees of specificity. We chose this tool for two reasons: 1) it aligns with the criteria used by the USDA's weed risk assessment for matching climate; and 2) it provides sufficient data for PRE users to answer the PRE climate related questions in a consistent, if not confident manner. Is this, or any climate match method perfect? No. Does this meet our needs for answering PRE questions? Yes. As PRE research continues, we shall look for ways to strengthen our PRE resources even further. We always welcome constructive feedback from our constituents.



Selected Areas and Map Legends

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California

Selected States



Plant Hardiness Zones



UN Global Ecological Zones

Tropical rainforest	
Tropical moist forest	
Tropical dry forest	
Tropical shrubland	
Tropical desert	
Tropical mountain system	n
Tropical humid forest	
Subtropical dry forest	
Subtropical steppe	
Subtropical desert	
Subtropical mountain sys	stem
Temperate oceanic forest	
Temperate continental for	rest
Temperate steppe	
Temperate desert	
Temperate mountain sys	tem
Boreal coniferous forest	
Boreal tundra woodland	
Boreal mountain system	
Polar	
Water	

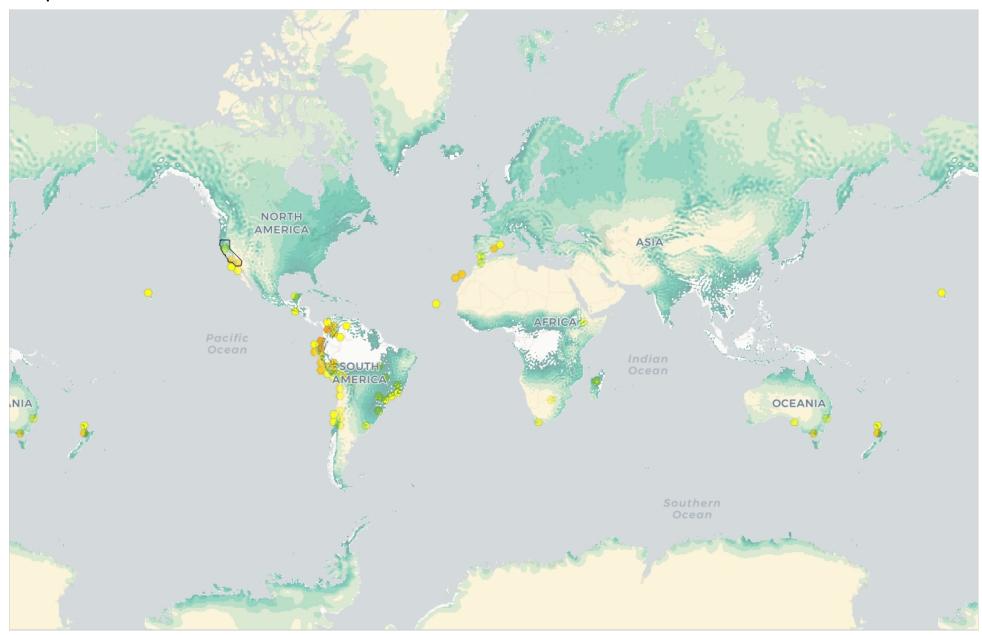
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PRE Combined



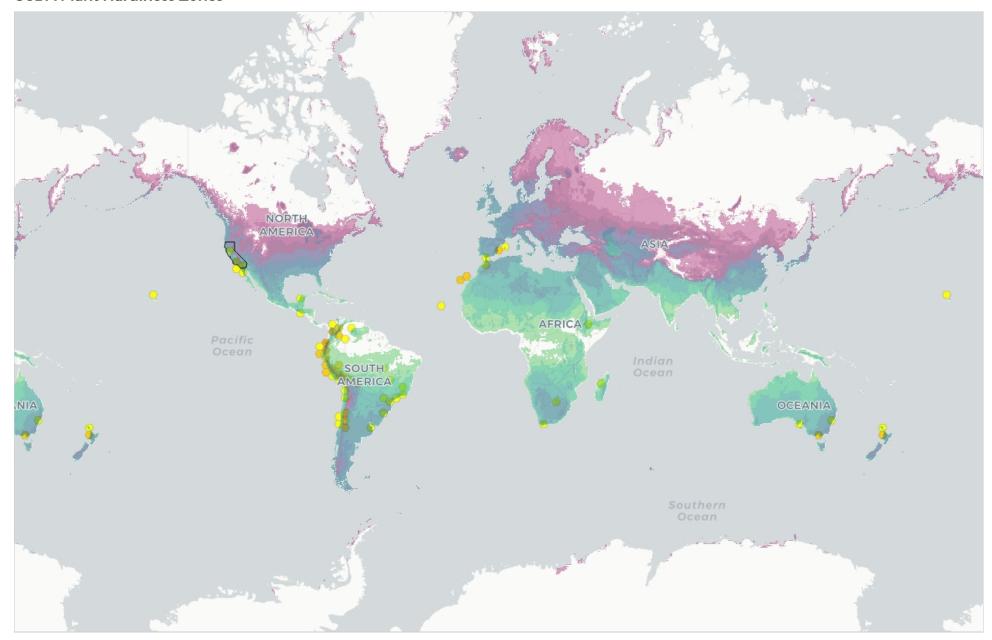
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Precipitation



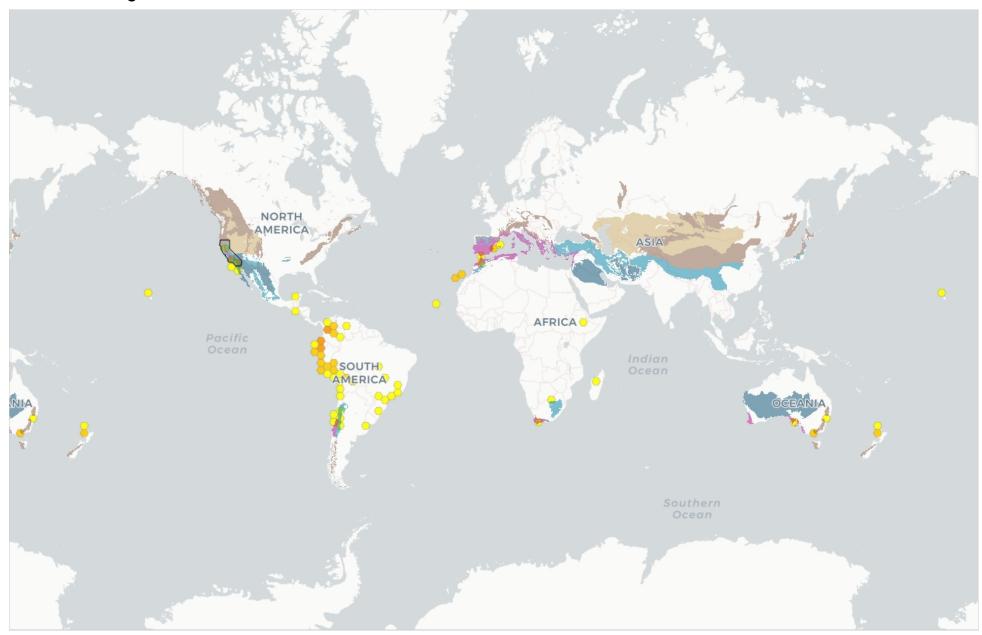
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USDA Plant Hardiness Zones





UN Global Ecological Zones





Hardiness	Precipitation	UN Ecozone	Hardiness	Precipitation	UN Ecozone	
Zone 4	10-20in / 25-51cm	Temperate desert	Zone 8	10-20in / 25-51cm	Subtropical desert	
Zone 4	20-30in / 51-76cm	Temperate desert	Zone 8	10-20in / 25-51cm	Subtropical dry forest	
Zone 4	30-40in / 76-102cm	Temperate desert	Zone 8	10-20in / 25-51cm	Subtropical mountain system	
Zone 5	10-20in / 25-51cm	Temperate desert	Zone 8	10-20in / 25-51cm	Temperate desert	
Zone 5	20-30in / 51-76cm	Subtropical desert	Zone 8	20-30in / 51-76cm	Subtropical desert	
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Zone 6	10-20in / 25-51cm	Subtropical desert	Zone 8	30-40in / 76-102cm	Subtropical mountain system	
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Zone 6	10-20in / 25-51cm	Temperate desert	Zone 8	40-50in / 102-127cm	Subtropical mountain system	
Zone 6	20-30in / 51-76cm	Subtropical desert	Zone 8	40-50in / 102-127cm	Temperate mountain system	
Zone 6	20-30in / 51-76cm	Subtropical mountain system	Zone 8	50-60in / 127-152cm	Subtropical mountain system	
Zone 6	20-30in / 51-76cm	Temperate desert	Zone 8	50-60in / 127-152cm	Temperate mountain system	
Zone 6	20-30in / 51-76cm	Temperate mountain system	Zone 8	60-70in / 152-178cm	Temperate mountain system	
Zone 6	30-40in / 76-102cm	Subtropical mountain system	Zone 9	0-10in / 0-25cm	Subtropical desert	
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Zone 7	70-80in / 178-203cm	Temperate mountain system	Zone 10	30-40in / 76-102cm	Temperate mountain system	
Zone 8	0-10in / 0-25cm	Subtropical desert	Zone 10	40-50in / 102-127cm	Temperate mountain system	
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Hardiness	Precipitation	UN Ecozone	
Zone 10	60-70in / 152-178cm	Temperate mountain system	
Zone 11	0-10in / 0-25cm	Subtropical mountain system	
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Zone 12	0-10in / 0-25cm	Subtropical mountain system	
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