

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.

This toolkit is a collaboration between GreenInfo Network, PlantRight, Cal-IPC, and Agricultural Sustainability Institute at UC Davis. Funding is provided by Sustainable Conservation.

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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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Selected States	Precipitation

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Plant Hardiness Zones

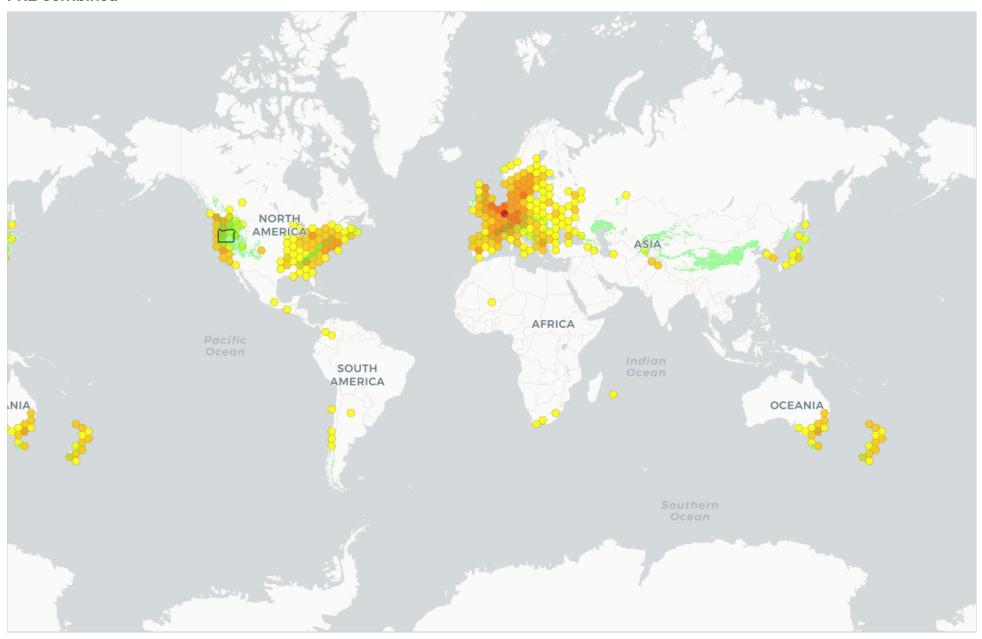


UN Global Ecological Zones

Tropical rainforest
Tropical moist forest
Tropical dry forest
Tropical shrubland
Tropical desert
Tropical mountain system
Tropical humid forest
Subtropical dry forest
Subtropical steppe
Subtropical desert
Subtropical mountain system
Temperate oceanic forest
Temperate continental forest
Temperate steppe
Temperate desert
Temperate mountain system
Boreal coniferous forest
Boreal tundra woodland
Boreal mountain system
Polar
Water

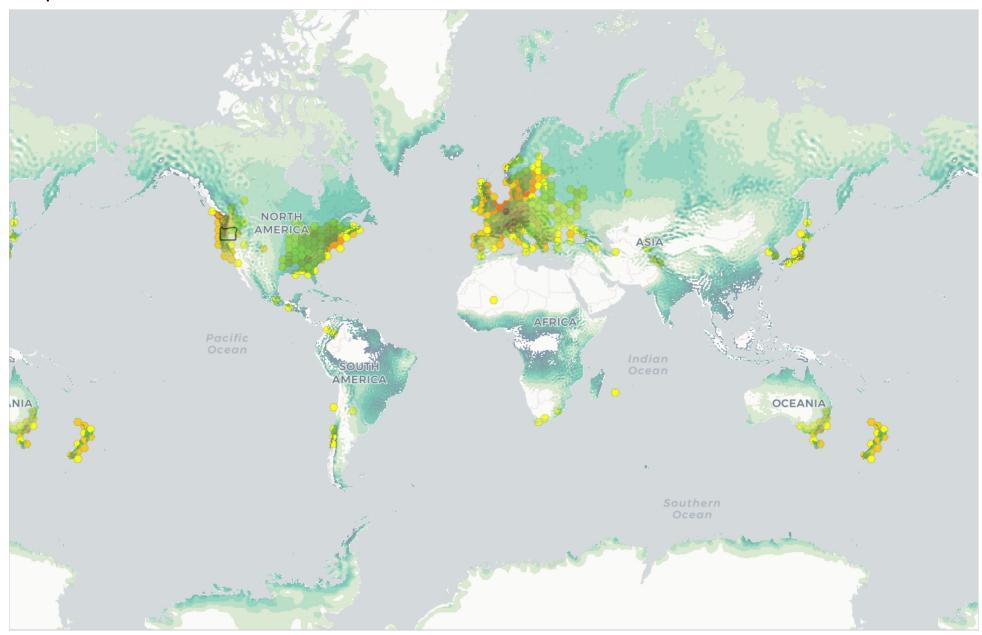
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PRE Combined



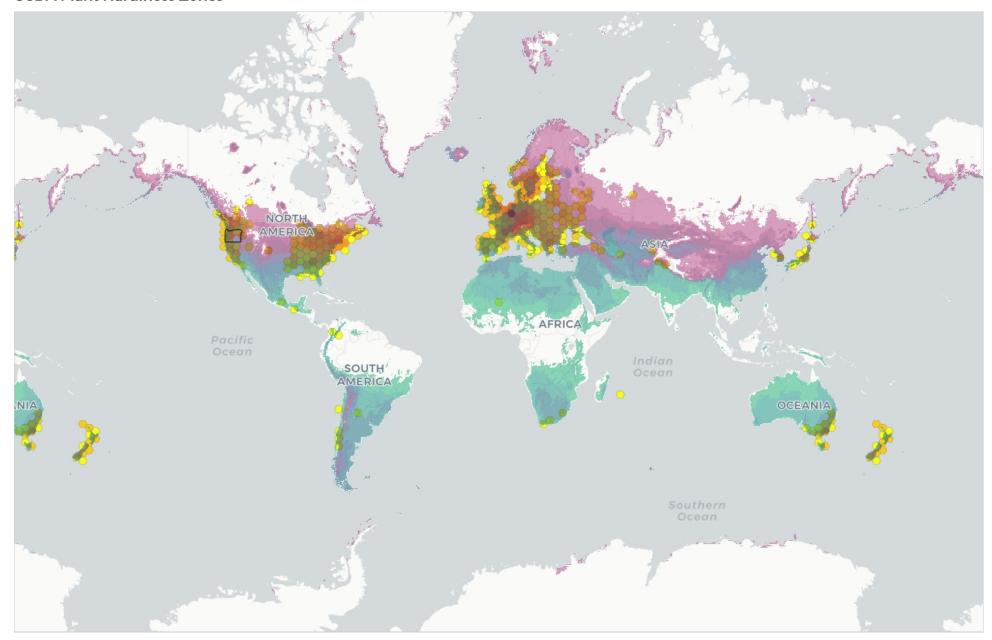
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Precipitation



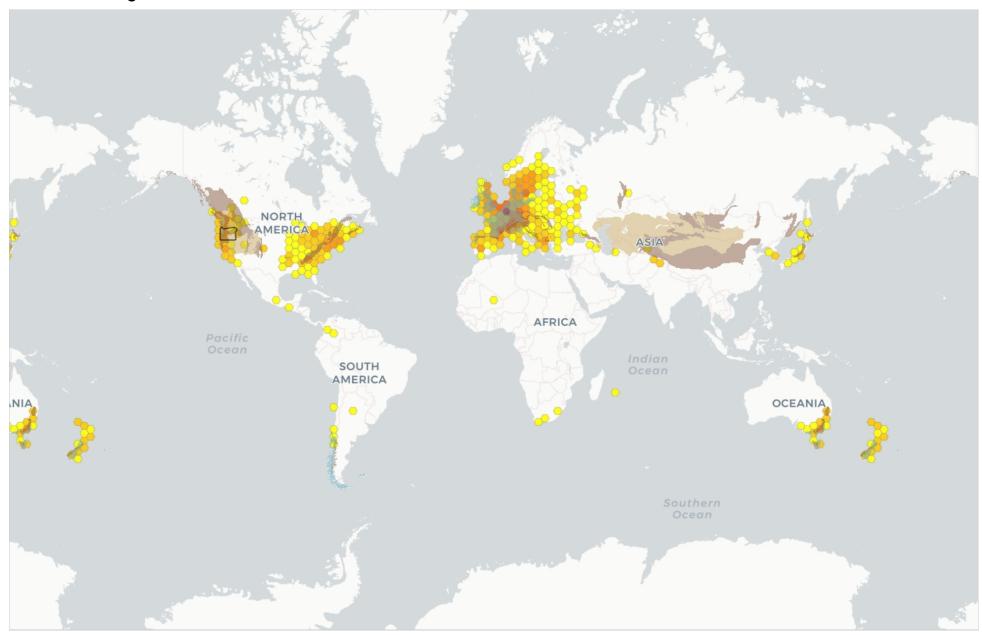
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USDA Plant Hardiness Zones



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UN Global Ecological Zones





Hardiness	Precipitation	UN Ecozone	Hardiness	Precipitation	UN Ecozone	
Zone 4	30-40in / 76-102cm	Temperate mountain system	Zone 9	50-60in / 127-152cm	Temperate mountain system	
Zone 5	10-20in / 25-51cm	Temperate mountain system	Zone 9	50-60in / 127-152cm	Temperate oceanic forest	
Zone 5	20-30in / 51-76cm	Temperate mountain system	Zone 9	60-70in / 152-178cm	Temperate mountain system	
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Zone 6	10-20in / 25-51cm	Temperate desert	Zone 9	80-90in / 203-229cm	Temperate mountain system	
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