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Rural Development

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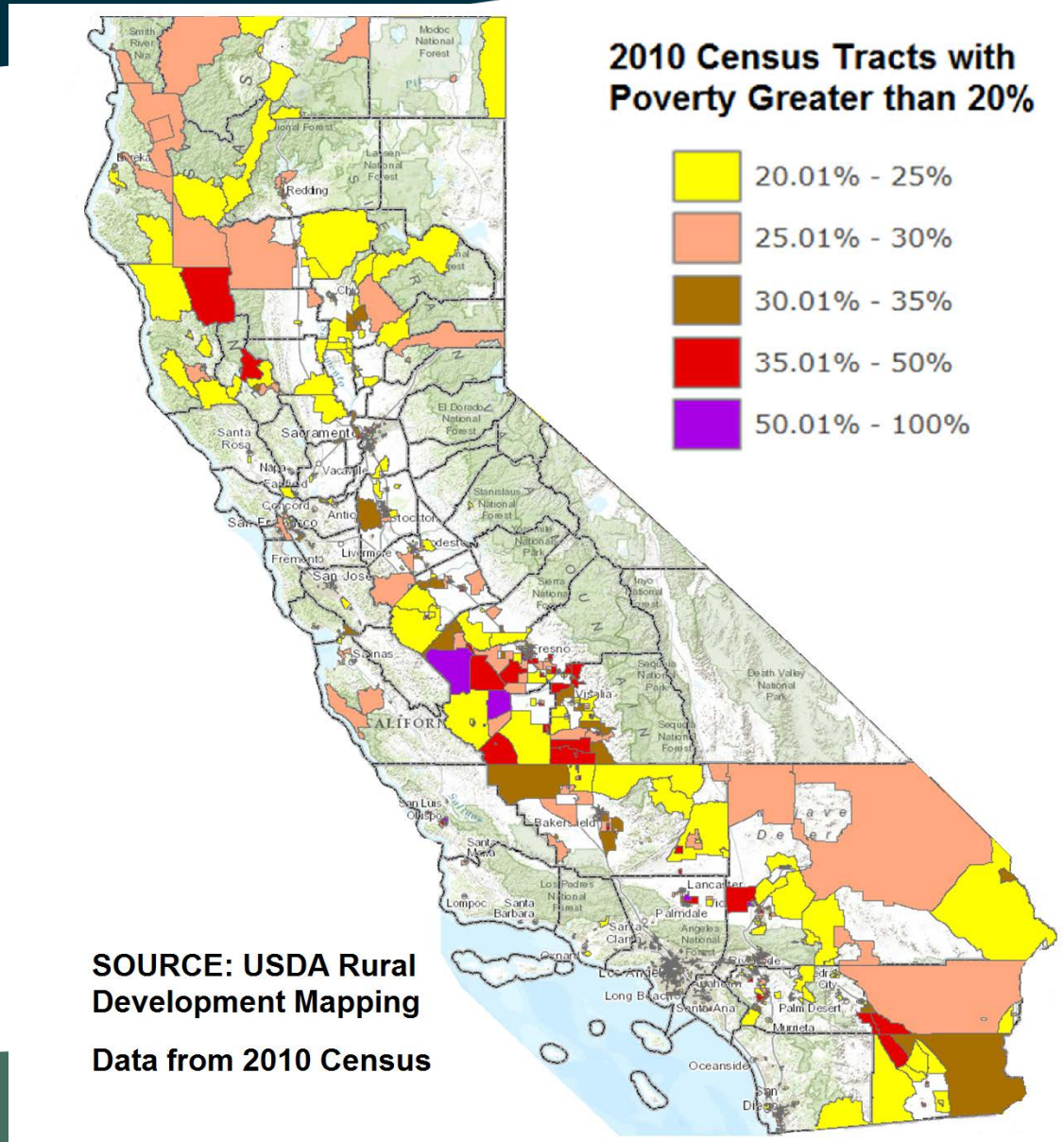
A Picture of Rural California

- A vibrant rural economy depends on agriculture and strong rural communities
- What is rural?
  - Population
  - Poverty
  - Density
- How is rural California different than much of rural America and what challenges result from it?

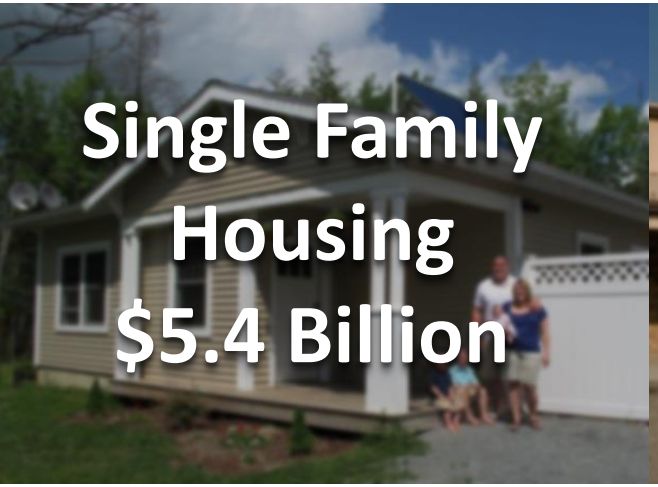
Persistent Poverty by Census Tract



Rural Development Programs

Rural Housing & Community Facilities	Rural Utilities Service	Rural Business & Cooperative Service
• Homeownership Loans • Home Repair Loans & Grants • Mutual Self-Help Grants • Multi-Family Housing Loans & Grants • Housing Preservation Grants • Community Facilities Loans & Grants • Rural Community Development Initiative	• Electric Programs • Water & Environmental Programs • Telecommunications and Broadband Programs	• Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans • Rural Business Development Grants • Intermediary Relending Program • Rural Energy for America Program • Advanced Biofuel Payment Program • Value Added Producer Grants • Cooperative Development Assistance

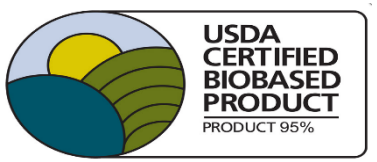
FY 2009 - FY2015 Funding: $7.7 Billion



Strategic Focus

USDA Priorities:

- Regional Collaboration
- Regional Food Systems
- Community Building
- Alternative Energy
- Strategic Partners
- Capital Markets
- Broadband



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