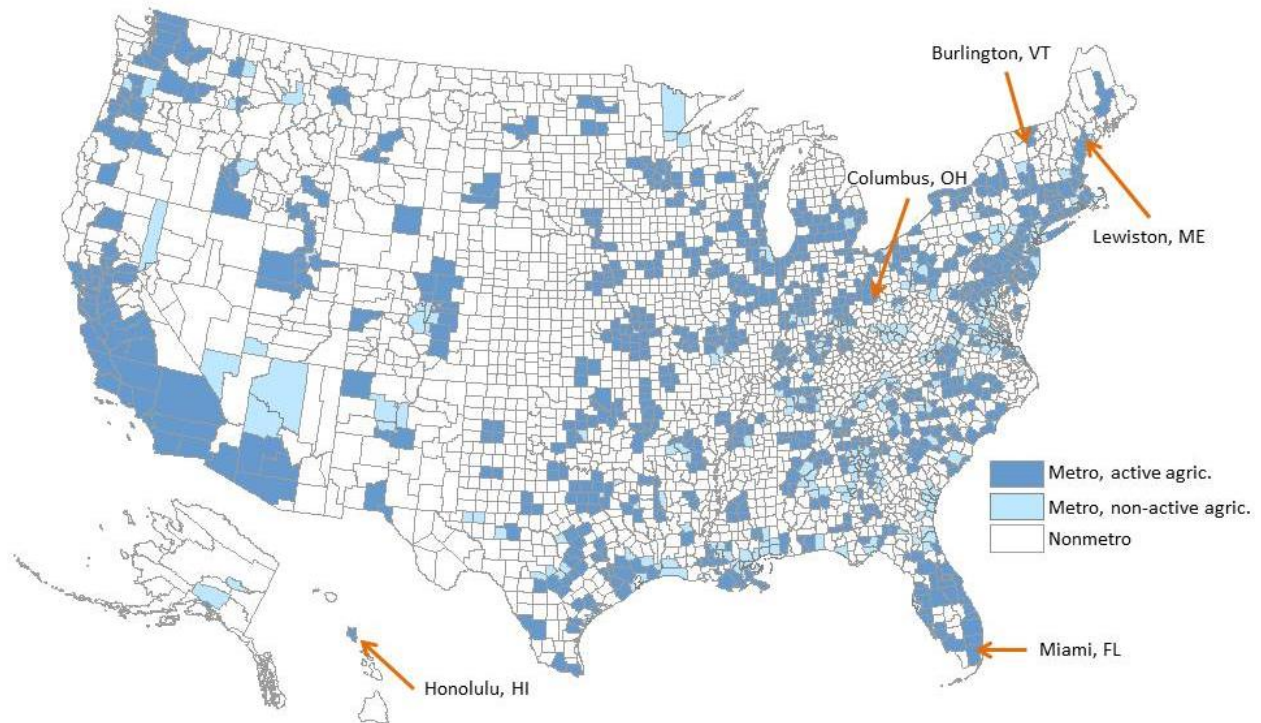


## Phase 1: Identification of Case Study Sites

### Research Sites:

Miami, FL; Lewiston, ME; Columbus, OH; Honolulu, HI, Burlington, VT



This phase has been completed. The sites have been selected based on the following criteria:

- Regional and production variation, with case studies in each of the four main USDA regions (Northeast, South, Midwest and West)
  - Positive population growth between 2000 and 2010, indicating location at the RUI
  - An active agricultural base (in the top three-quarters of U.S. counties in farms sales)
  - Higher than regional average percentage of small and medium size farms
  - Higher than regional average presence of sub populations of interest: women and minority operators and operators with less than 10 years on farm experience (considered to be beginning farmers) to improve our ability to investigate these farm subtypes in more detail.
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