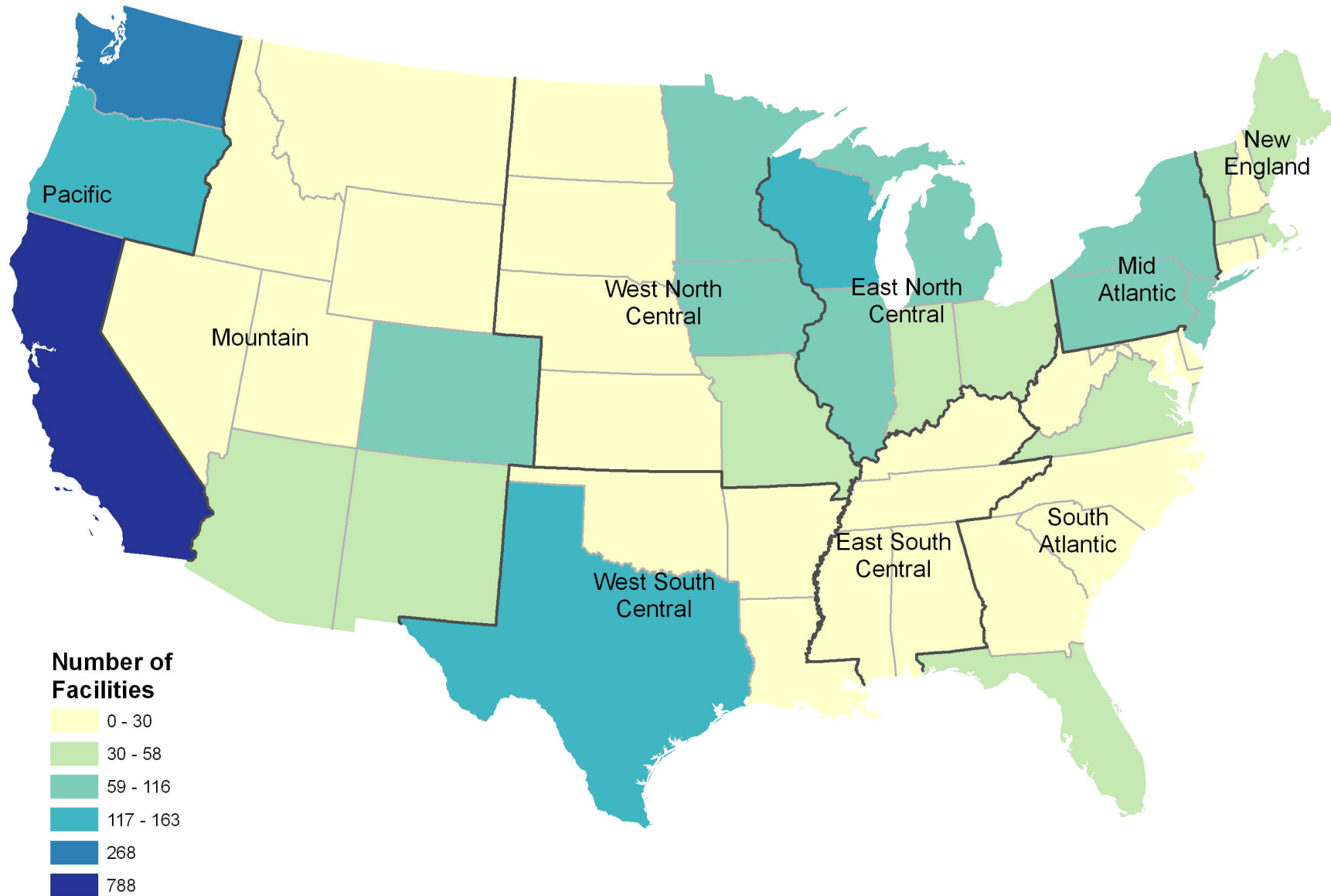


## Certified organic handling facilities in the U.S., 2004

Just over 3,000 organic handling facilities—facilities that process and distribute organic products—were certified to USDA standards to handle organic products in 2004. These facilities are heavily concentrated on the Pacific Coast (41 percent of the total). Nearly 800 were in California. In contrast, over half the States, mainly in the Southeast, the Midwest, and the Mountain States, had 30 or fewer facilities.



Source: "Certified Organic Handling facilities concentrated on Pacific Coast," Amber Waves, Sept 2005, Carolyn Dimitri and Lydia Oberholtzer.