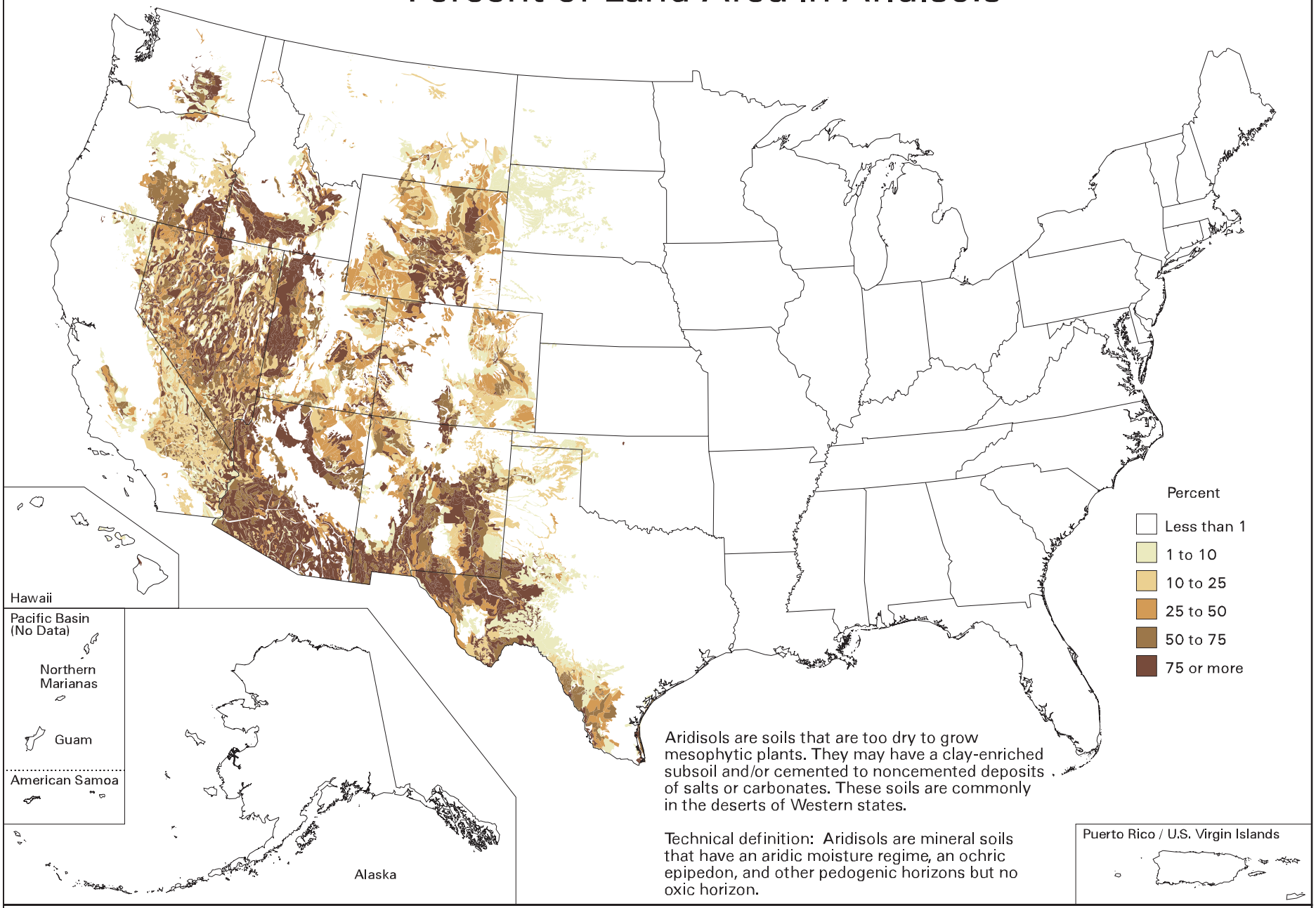
Percent of Land Area in Aridisols



Aridisols are soils that are too dry to grow mesophytic plants. They may have a clay-enriched subsoil and/or cemented to noncemented deposits of salts or carbonates. These soils are commonly in the deserts of Western states.

Technical definition: Aridisols are mineral soils that have an aridic moisture regime, an ochric epipedon, and other pedogenic horizons but no oxic horizon.

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