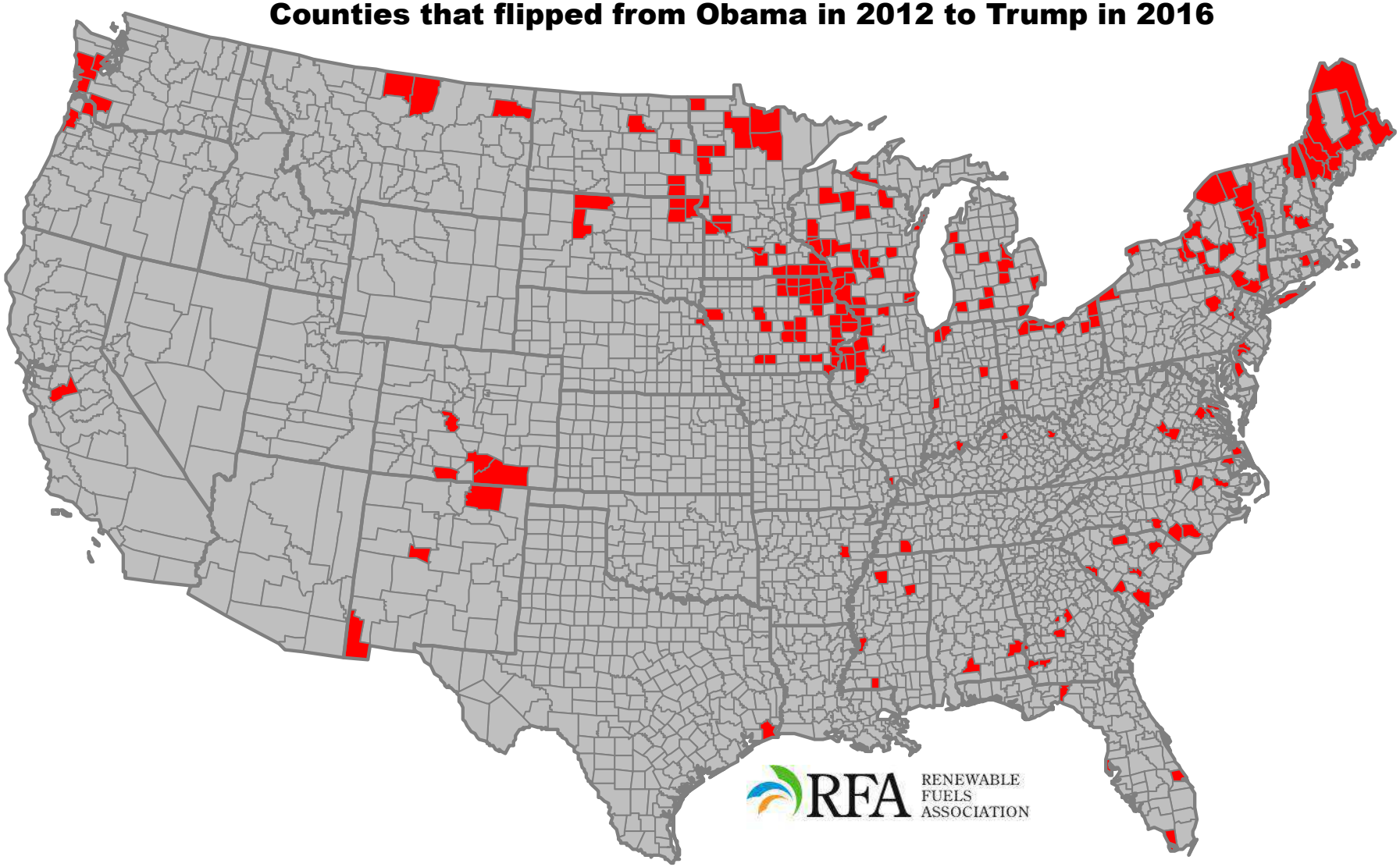
These 218 counties voted for President Obama in 2012, but "flipped" and voted for President-Elect Trump in 2016. The counties were pivotal in helping Trump secure electoral votes from Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania—all states that voted for Obama in 2012.

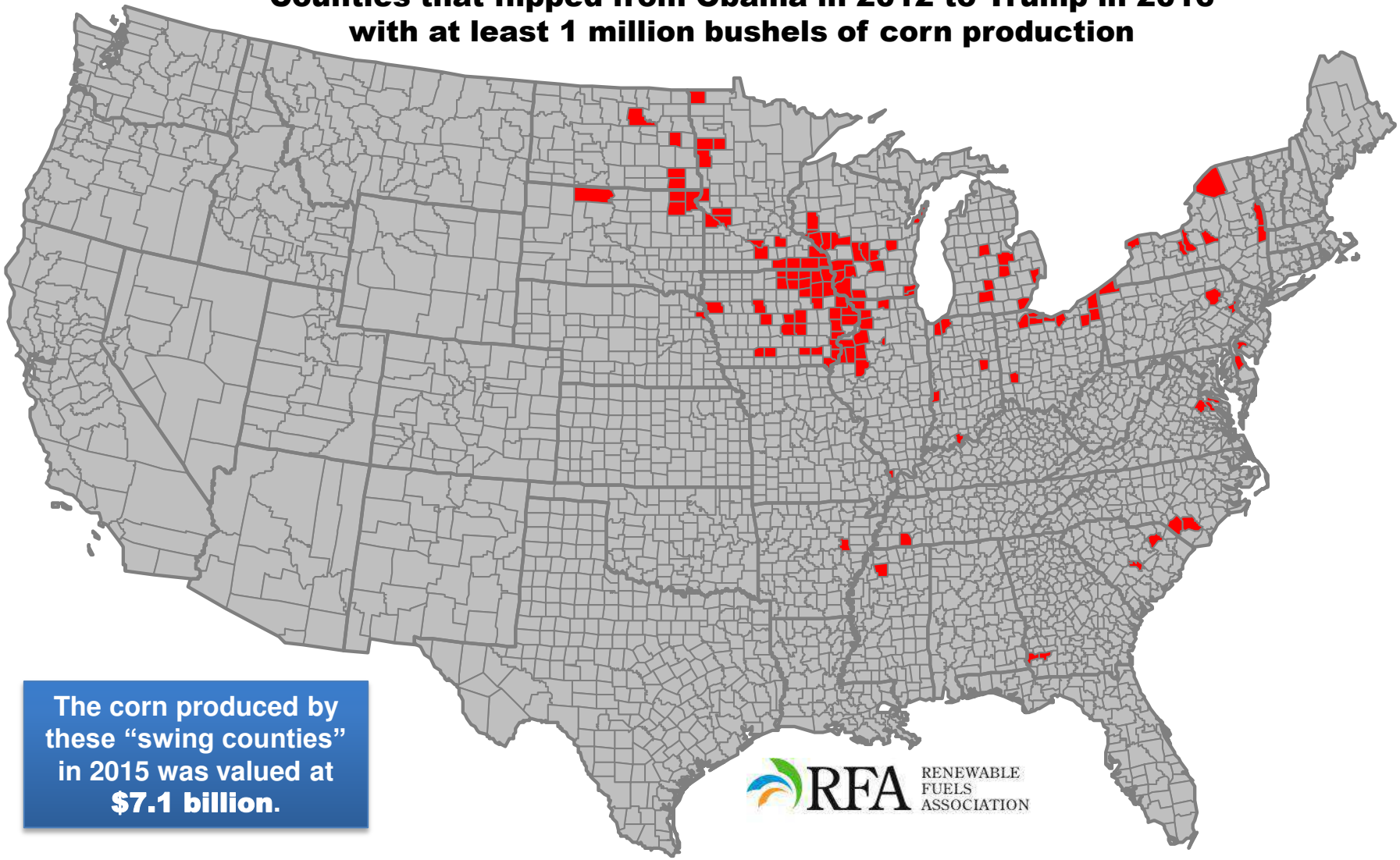
Counties that flipped from Obama in 2012 to Trump in 2016



Sources: NPR, CNBC, AP

Corn farming is a major driver of employment and economic activity in many of the counties that flipped to Trump in 2016. Each of the 133 "swing counties" shown below produce at least 1 million bushels of corn yearly. Together, these counties produced 1.96 billion bushels of corn in 2015, nearly 15% of the nation's crop.

Counties that flipped from Obama in 2012 to Trump in 2016 with at least 1 million bushels of corn production

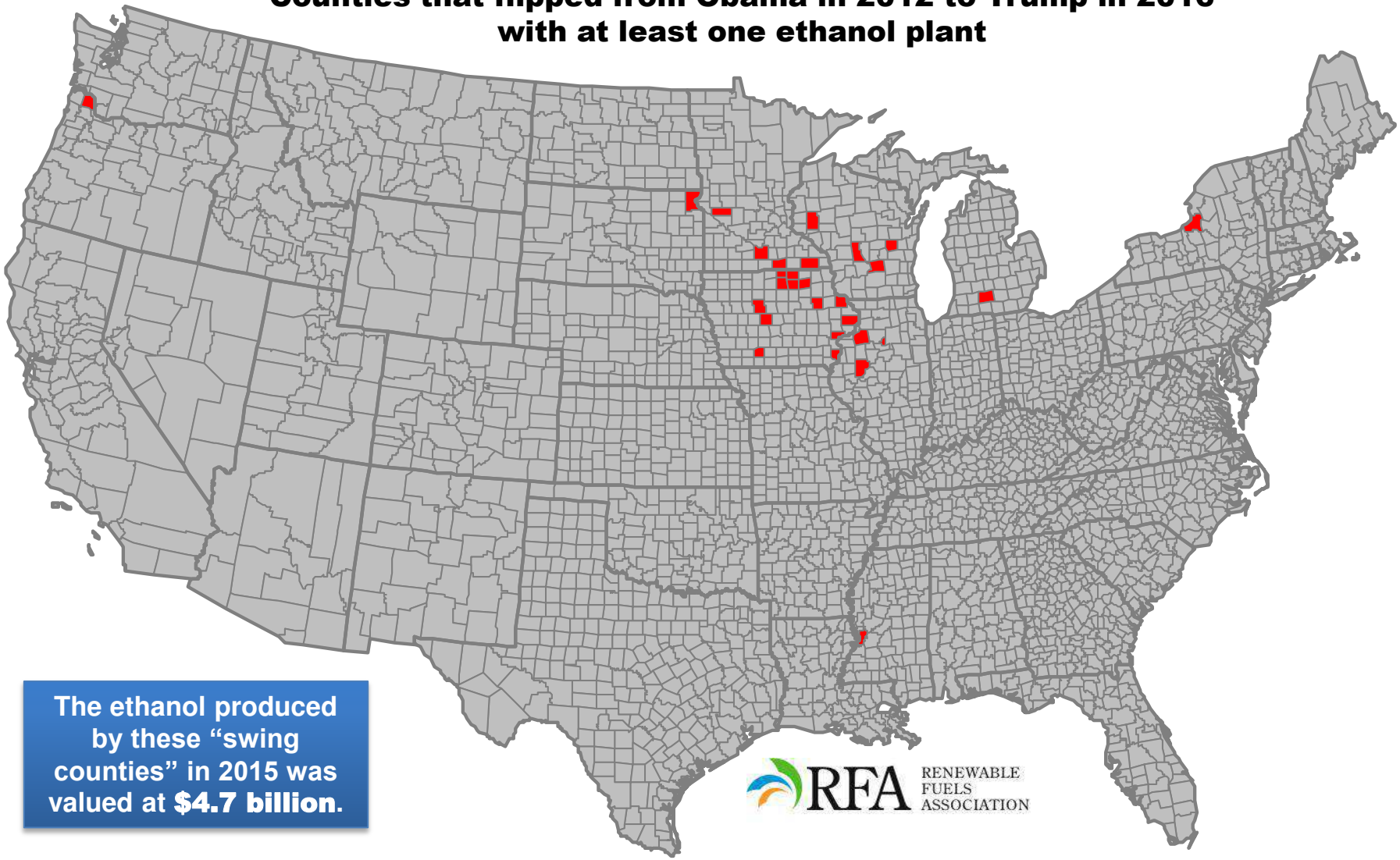


The corn produced by these "swing counties" in 2015 was valued at $7.1 billion.

Sources: USDA-NASS

Corn ethanol production is also critical to the economies of many of the counties that flipped to Trump in 2016. Overall, 33 ethanol plants are located in 29 counties that swung to Trump. Each of these plants supports approximately 1,300 direct and indirect jobs. In 2015, the 33 facilities in these "swing counties" made 2.9 billion gallons of ethanol, or almost 20% of total U.S. ethanol production.

Counties that flipped from Obama in 2012 to Trump in 2016 with at least one ethanol plant

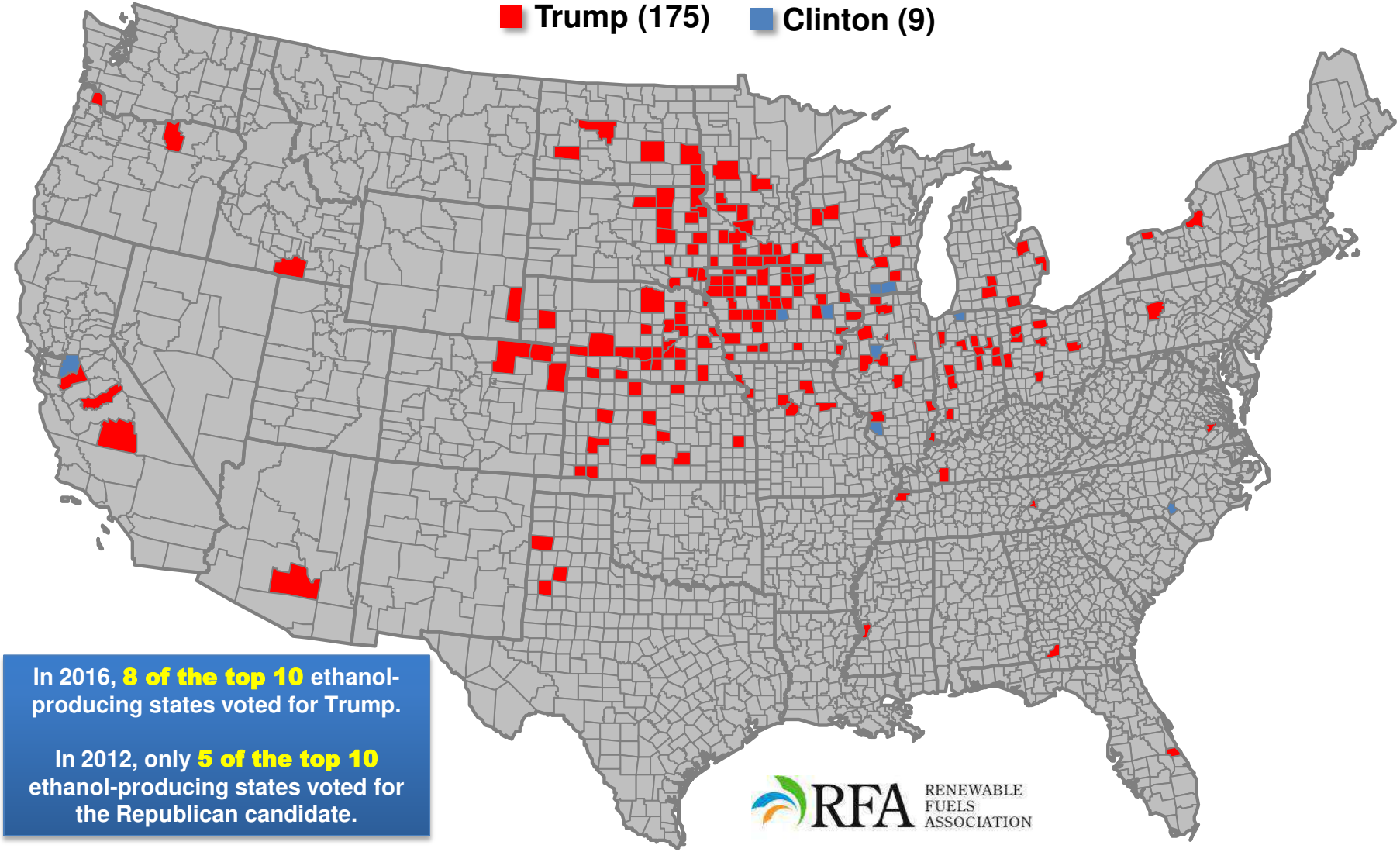


The ethanol produced by these "swing counties" in 2015 was valued at $4.7 billion.

Sources: RFA

Across the country, 184 counties are home to 205 ethanol plants.* Of the counties with ethanol plants, 175 *(or 95%)* voted for Trump. These 175 counties were responsible for *93%* of total ethanol production in 2015.

Counties with at least one ethanol plant*: How did they vote?



In 2016, **8 of the top 10** ethanol-producing states voted for Trump.

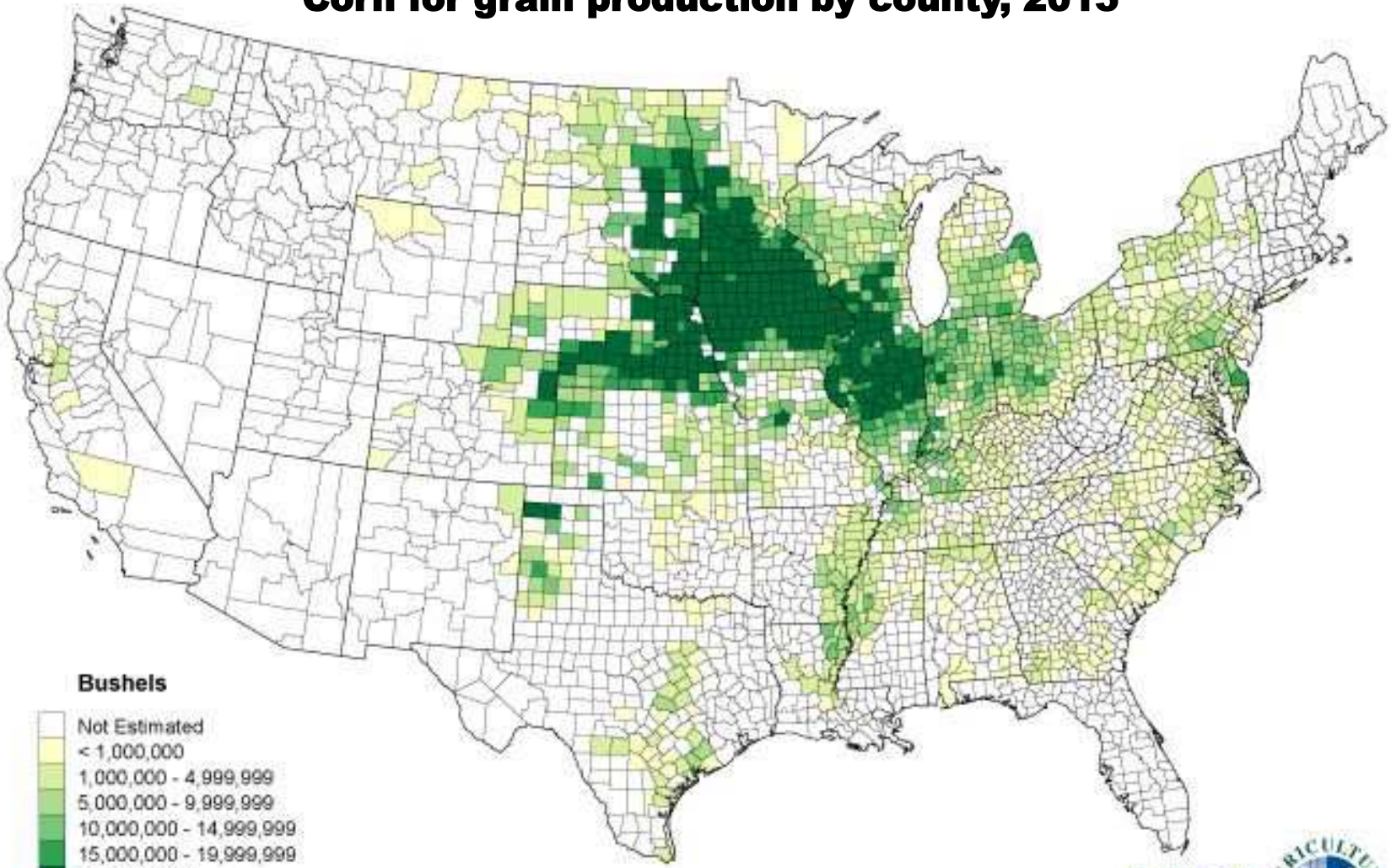
In 2012, only **5 of the top 10** ethanol-producing states voted for the Republican candidate.

*Excludes counties and plants with less than 8 MG annual capacity

Source: RFA

The "Corn Belt"

Corn for grain production by county, 2015



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