



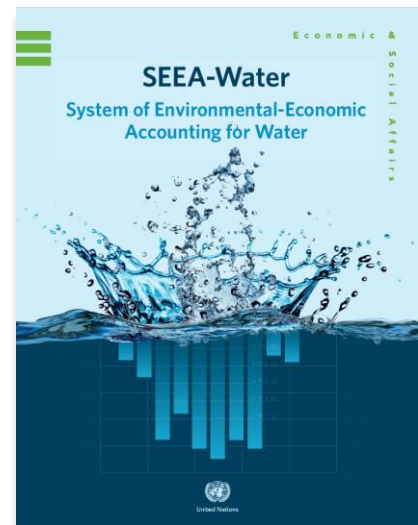
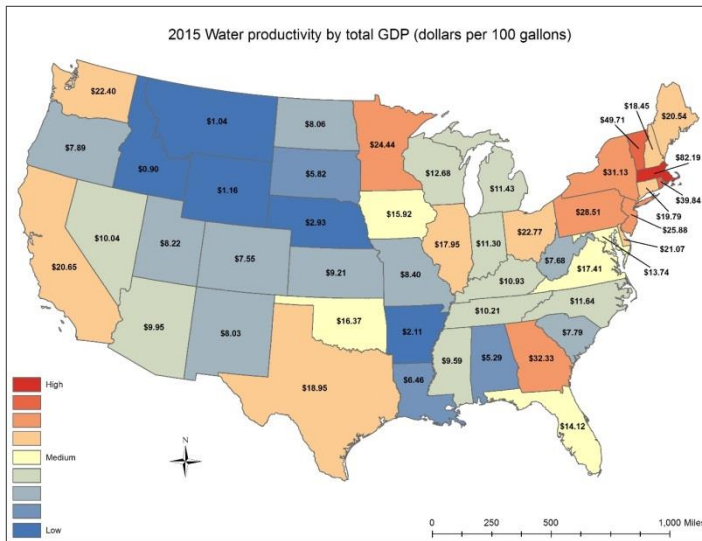
NWQMC Webinar Series

Integrating Physical and Economic Data into Water Accounts for the United States

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The nation’s economic accounts provide objective, regular, and standardized information routinely relied upon by public- and private-sector decision makers. But they are incomplete. The U.S. and many other nations’ economic accounts do not address the natural capital — such as the forests, grasslands, wildlife, soils, and water bodies—upon which all other economic activity rests. Natural capital accounts (NCAs) standardize, regularly repeat, and aggregate diverse natural resource and environmental data and allow those data to be linked to economic information already captured by GDP, jobs reports, and other national data. NCAs can help guide and potentially save investment dollars by helping businesses and governments understand the critical role of nature’s inputs to the economy when evaluating the past, peering into the future, innovating, and planning for shocks.

This talk, based on the work of an interagency Working Group on Natural Capital Accounts, will highlight key results of water accounts compiled to date for U.S., based on the System of Environmental-Economic Accounts’ Water Accounting guidelines. These include water supply and use, quality, emissions, and productivity accounts. We will highlight key findings for the years 2000-2015, data gaps, and next steps for building a more complete view of the role of water in the U.S. economy.

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