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Under Pressure:
Interstate Water Compacts, Agriculture, and Colorado's Changing Landscapes



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<https://www.nass.usda.gov/AgCensus/>



32.197% Decrease

Colorado statewide annual temperature anomaly ($^{\circ}\text{F}$), with respect to 1971-2000 average

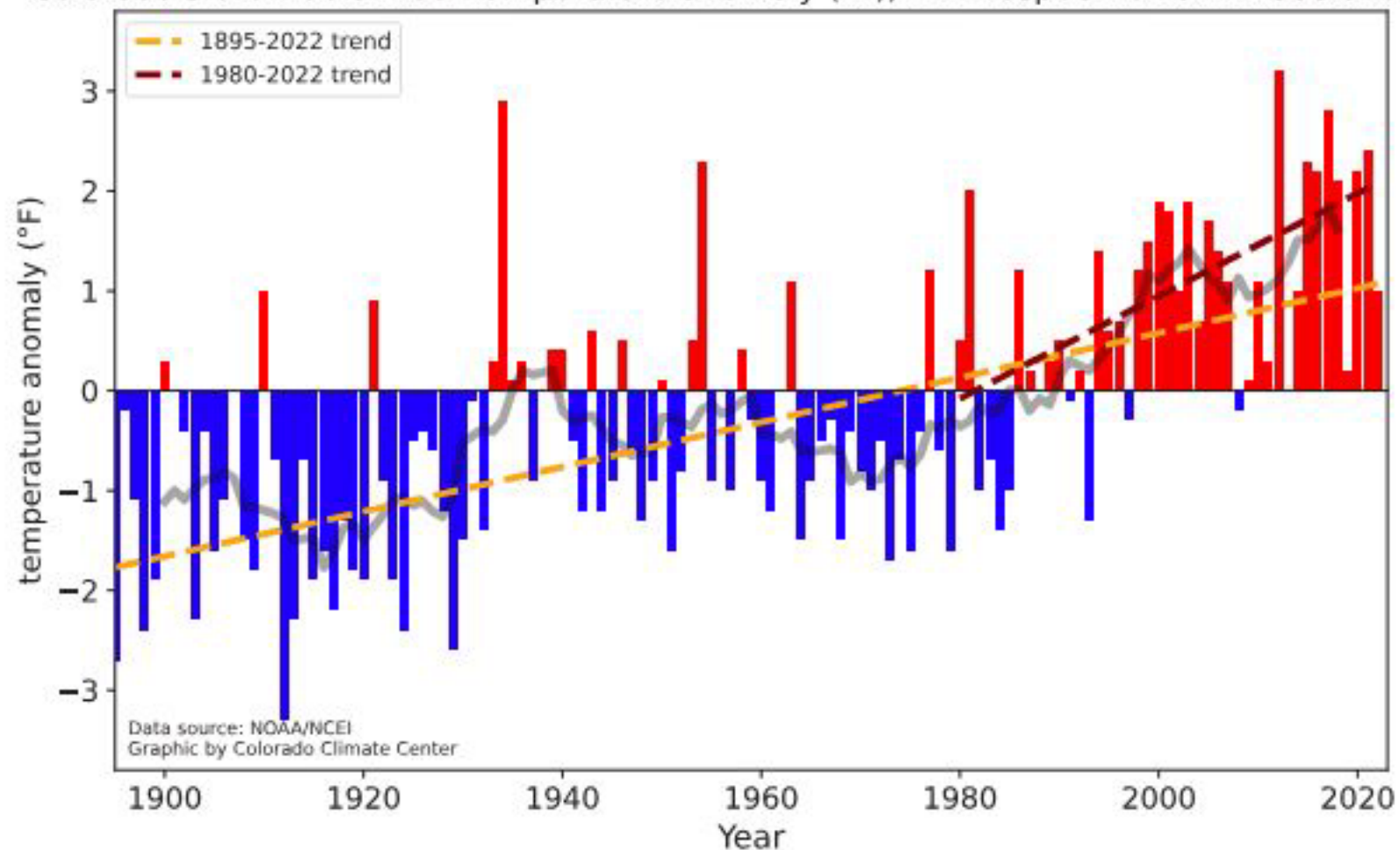


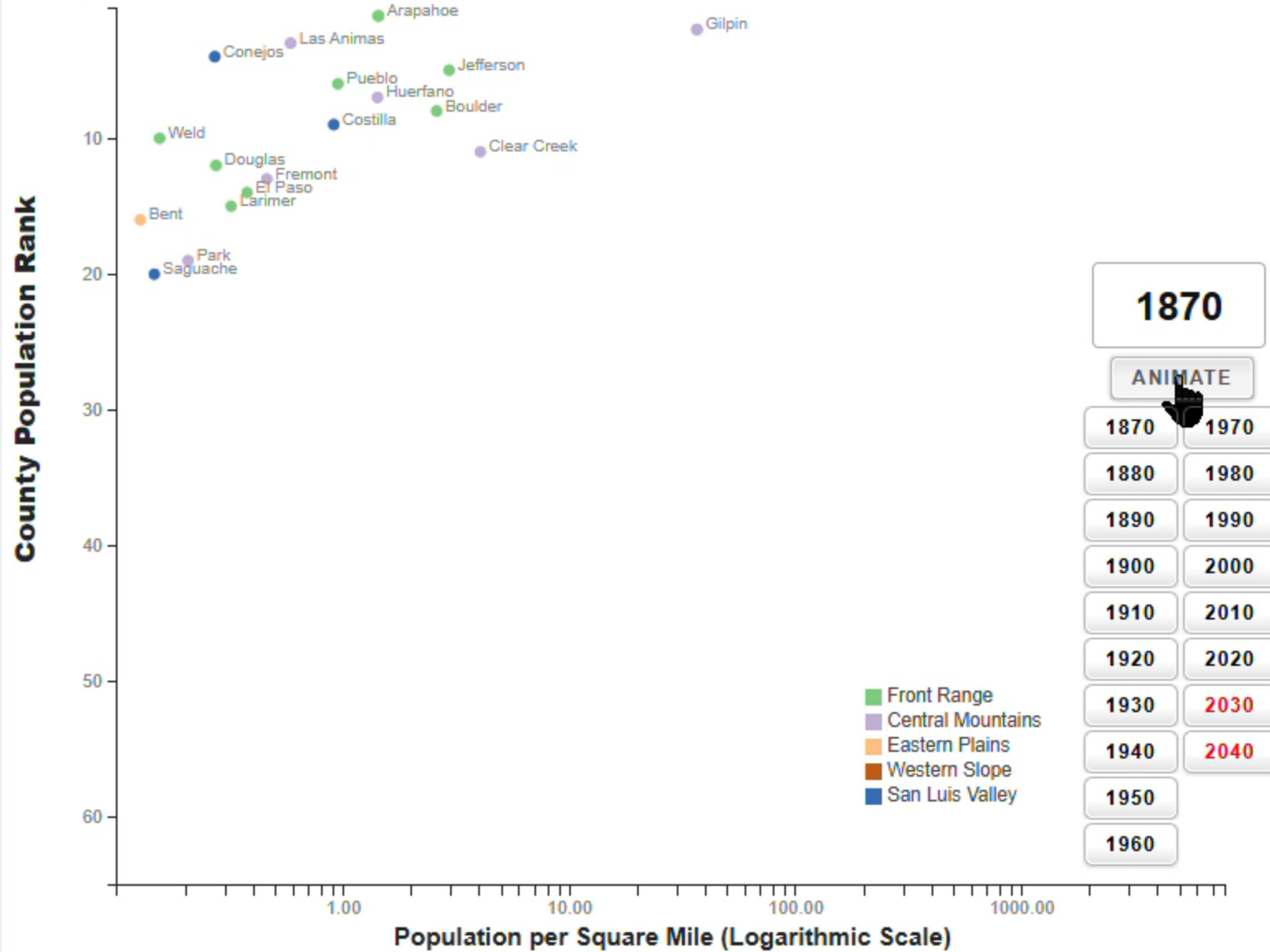
Figure 2.3: Colorado statewide temperature anomaly ($^{\circ}\text{F}$) with respect to the 1971-2000 average of 45.1°F . The 1895-2022 trend (yellow dashed), and 1980-2022 (red dashed) lines are included.



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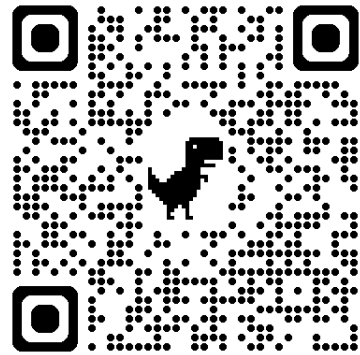
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10 STRATEGIES TO PROTECT IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE

COLORADO WATER PLAN – ACTION 2.6

Assess the economic opportunities of avoided buy and dry to communities, ecosystems, and recreation.



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WATER PLAN



Photography by Eric Whyte

1. Minimize Buy and Dry
2. Promote the Ecosystem Benefits of Agriculture
3. Implement Conservation Easements to Protect Agricultural Land
4. Recognize Irrigated Agriculture and Energy Nexus
5. Expand Market Pathways for Producers
6. Elevate Agriculture in Urban Planning
7. Invest in Agriculture Career and Learning Opportunities
8. Promote Drought Resiliency
9. Invest in Innovative Infrastructure and Technology
10. Explore Funding Opportunities

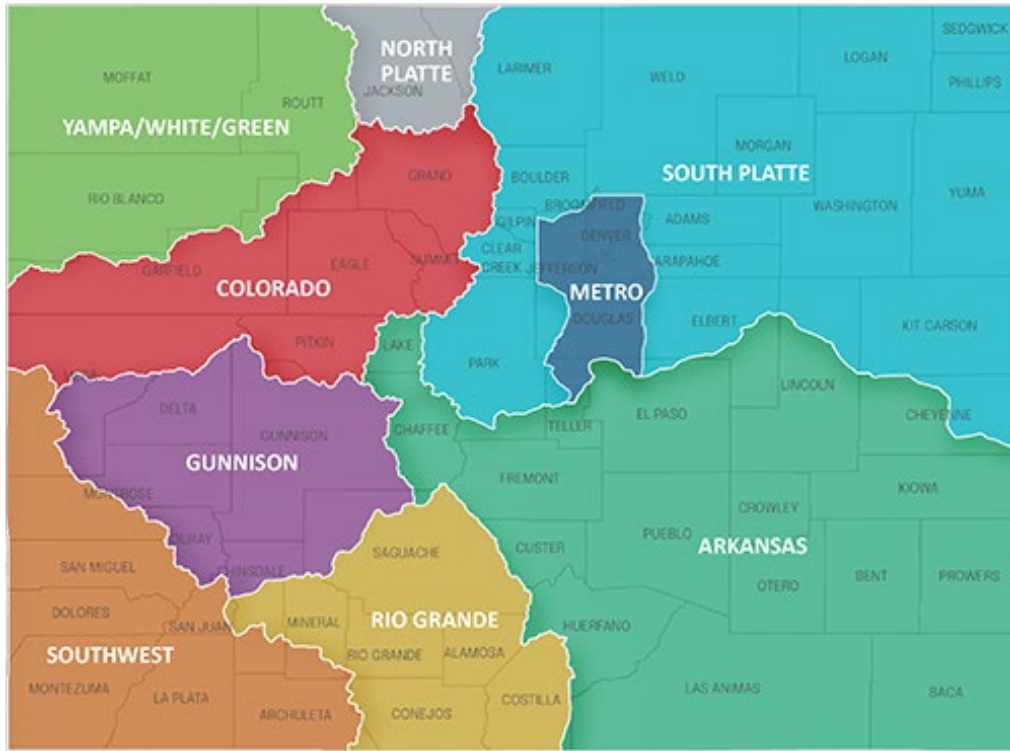


Water Sharing

Graphic: Christine Daniloff



Revegetation



Key take aways

1. Use the Basin Roundtables
2. Use Districts as a resource
3. Help us make good policy



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Northern Water



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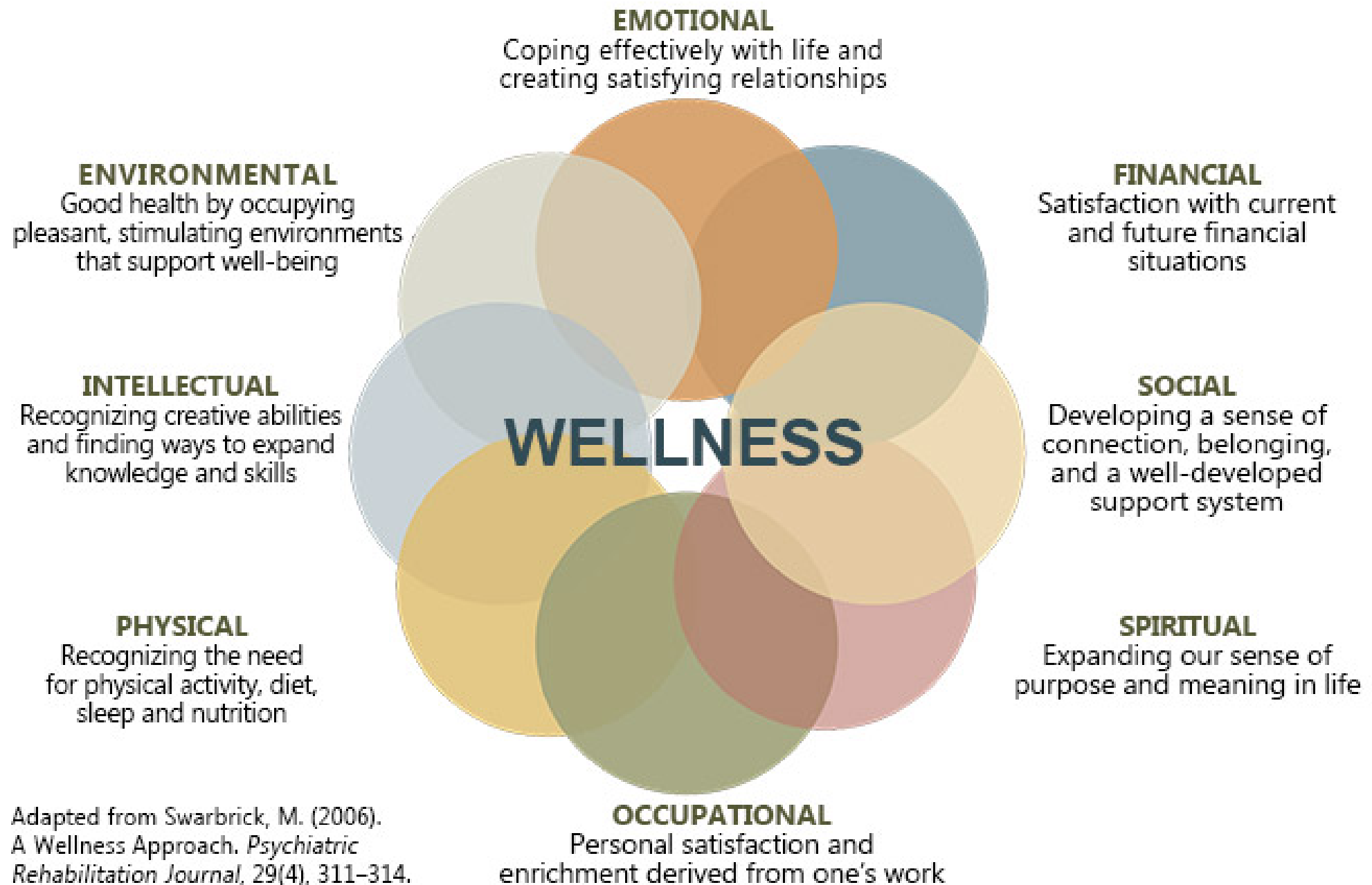


More than 50,000 Americans took their own lives in 2023, the nation's highest yearly rate of suicide on record. Farmers are 3.5 times more likely to die by suicide than the general population, according to the National Rural Health Association. Special correspondent Megan Thompson reports from Wisconsin on the burden farmers often deal with and what's being done to help them.

PBS News



<https://ag.colorado.gov/home/ag-behavioral-health-work-group>





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