



The U.S. Climate

The climate zones of the United States are representative of all the major regions of the world, except the ice cap (Figure 2-1). Some states encompass as many as five distinct climate types. Because of this broad diversity, describing

the effects of climate change on the United States as either positive or negative overall would be an oversimplification. For example, states with cooler climates may have extended growing seasons and lower heating bills. In the

Figure 2-1

