

TOPIC 3 – AGRICULTURE

Topic Overview

Topic 3 highlights the agriculture industry in North Dakota throughout the twentieth century. It includes primary sources that will help you understand the significant changes that have taken place in North Dakota agriculture over the years.

Topic Objectives

- As a result of the study of Topic 3, you will be able to
 - Analyze and interpret primary documents.
 - Recognize changes that have taken place in North Dakota agriculture during the course of the twentieth century.

ND Content Standards

- 8.1.1
- 8.1.2
- 8.3.2
- 8.3.4
- 8.5.3

Common Core Standards

- RH 2
- RH 7
- WHST 2
- WHST 9

Topic Activities

- Reading a Map
- Organizing Data 1
- Organizing Data 2



Reading a Map

To access a photo/document/map, refer to the topic reading assignment or use the SEARCH feature to enter its name or number.

With a partner or small group, study the Palmer Z-Index **Drought Maps 1-7 for the 1930s** and **Drought Maps 9-12 for 1984-2011**. Write what you notice about each map in the appropriate box. Discuss with a partner or in a small group what you found out about the 1930s maps compared with the most current ones.

Map 1 - 1930

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Map 2 - 1932

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Map 3 - 1933

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Maps 4 - 1934

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Map 5 - 1935

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Map 6 - 1936

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Map 7 - 1937

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Map 8 - 1934

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Map 9 - 1984

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Map 10 - 1988

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Map 11 - 1991

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Map 12 - 2011

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Organizing Data 1

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Agricultural growth in North Dakota was influenced by each of the following. Write the contributions each made to North Dakota's agricultural growth. NOTE: This activity lends itself well to *Jigsaw* found in *General Activities*.

- Braceras:

- Agricultural Adjustment Act:

- Modernizing Agriculture:

- Sugarbeets:

Which of the above do you think contributed the most to agricultural growth in North Dakota? Explain.

Organizing Data 2

To access a photo/document/map, refer to the topic reading assignment or use the SEARCH feature to enter its name or number.

Topic 3 explains the establishment of the Extension Service. Write the responsibilities required of Extension Agents. **Extension Exhibit 20-38-18**, along with your reading, will assist you.

Responsibilities of Extension Agents

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What did you learn about Extension Agents that you did not know before?

EXTENSION: Contact and interview your local county Extension Agent and complete a presentation to your class. There are several methods of presenting shown in *General Activities*.