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History and geography blessed Texas with a rich confluence of cultures.

—Floyd B. Hoelting



Dutch descendants harvesting grain crops in the Winnie-Hamshire area

The Bounty of Texas

Both blessed and challenged with amazing resources, Texas is certainly a land of plenty—although sometimes that includes plenty of water, wind, heat, and cold. Texans' relationships with the land and the waters of the state have been a study in contrasts as we celebrated great harvests and then watched the topsoil blow away with dustbowl winds; cursed drought and struggled through hurricanes; punched dry holes and gushers; and fought everything from screwworms to fire ants. Taking the good with the bad, Texans keep rising to the next challenge.



Belgian Texans Peet and Mary Persyn on the way to market, Bexar County, 1917

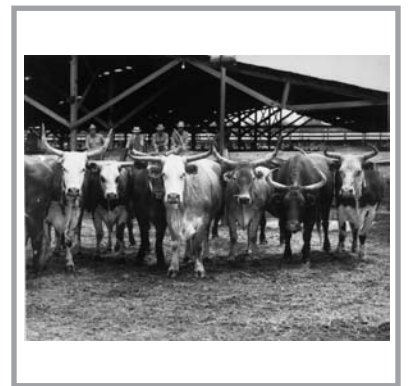


Onion harvest, Cotulla, early 1900s

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*Tejano sheep-shearing crew
with bags of wool bound for
Galveston, Cotulla, c. 1890*



*Longhorn steers in a pen at the
Union Stock Yards, San Antonio,
1949*



Cotton gin at Yancey, c. 1914

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F.C. Tyson with a 48-pound catfish he caught in the Medina River, San Antonio, September 8, 1936



Night scene of oil derricks in Wortham during the 1920s



Part of the "Italian Fleet" of shrimp boats tied up at Pier 9, Galveston, October 6, 1954