HIST 38001: History of United States Agriculture

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This course surveys the main developments in North American agricultural history, emphasizing the continental United States. Topics include early American agriculture, the plantation system, land policy, scientific and technological change, agrarian politics, water rights, migrant labor, and agricultural policy. The course goals are to: (1) gain a broad understanding of the major economic, social, political, and scientific and technological developments in the history of American agriculture; and (2) analyze the causes, consequences, and significance of the major events and issues that have influenced the agricultural history of the United States.