

# The Great Depression

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# The Wall Street Crash

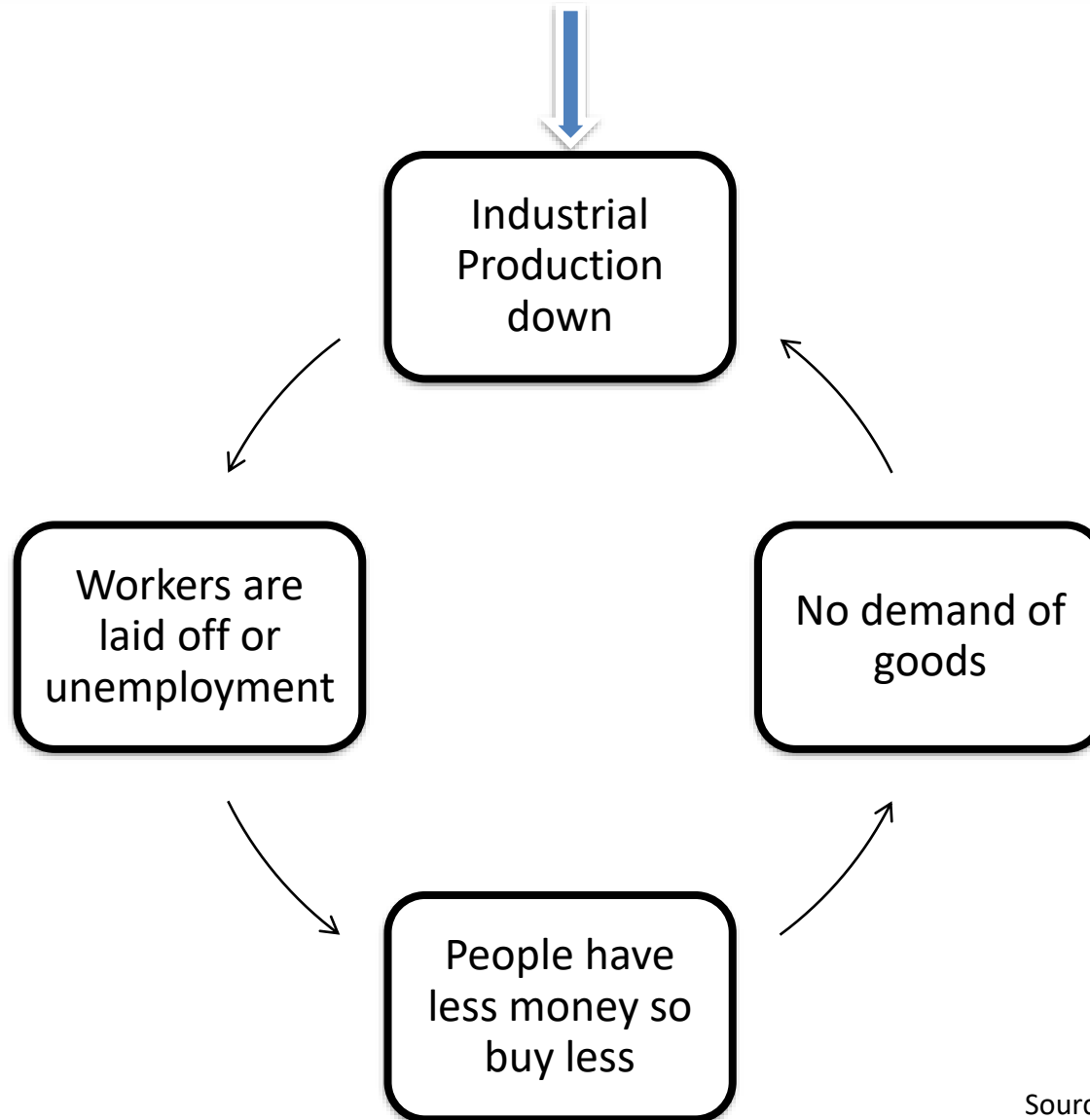
- On 24<sup>th</sup> October, 1929, 13 million shares were sold.
- On 29<sup>th</sup> October, 1929, 16.4 millions shares were sold (Known as Black Tuesday)

# What was the Great Depression?

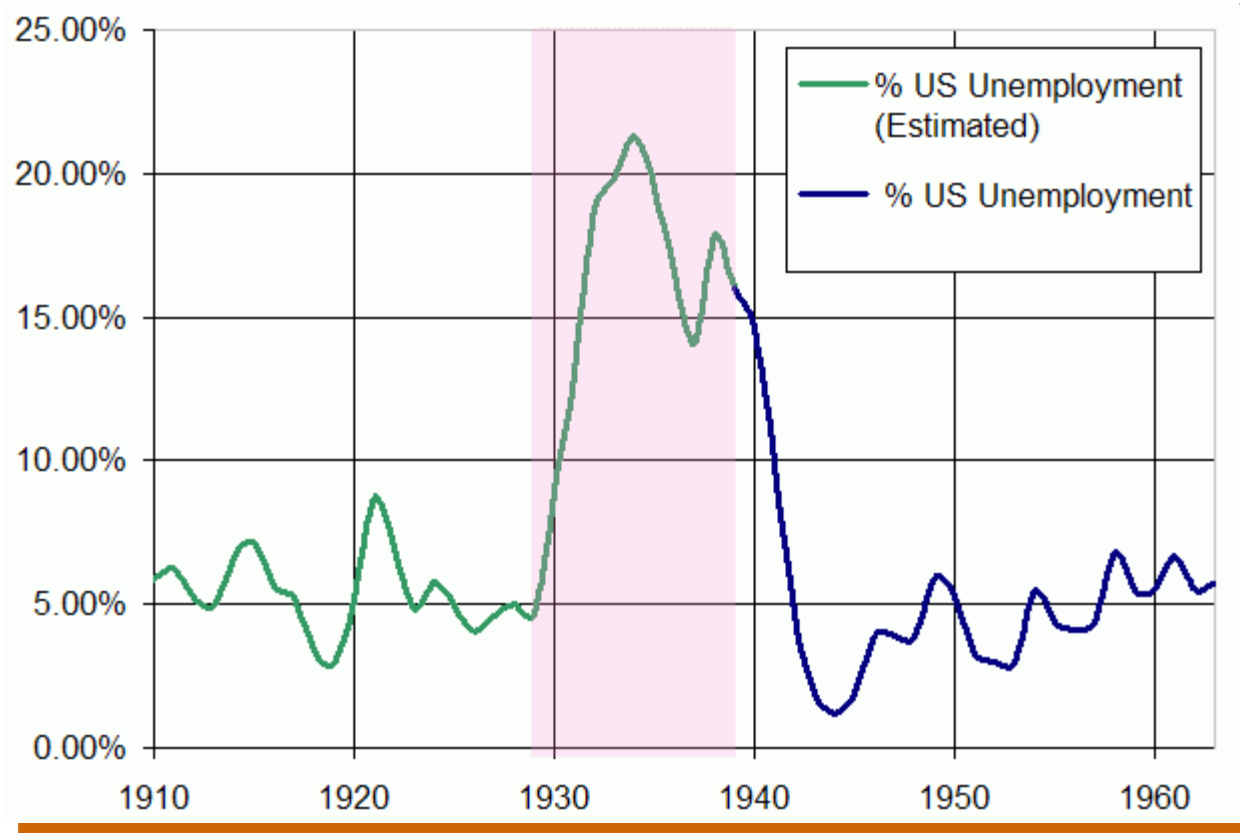
Worldwide economic collapse following the stock market crash in 1929, in which unemployment remained high for an extended period and many businesses failed.

# The Great Depression

No investment in industry after Wall Street Crash



# US Unemployment 1910-1960



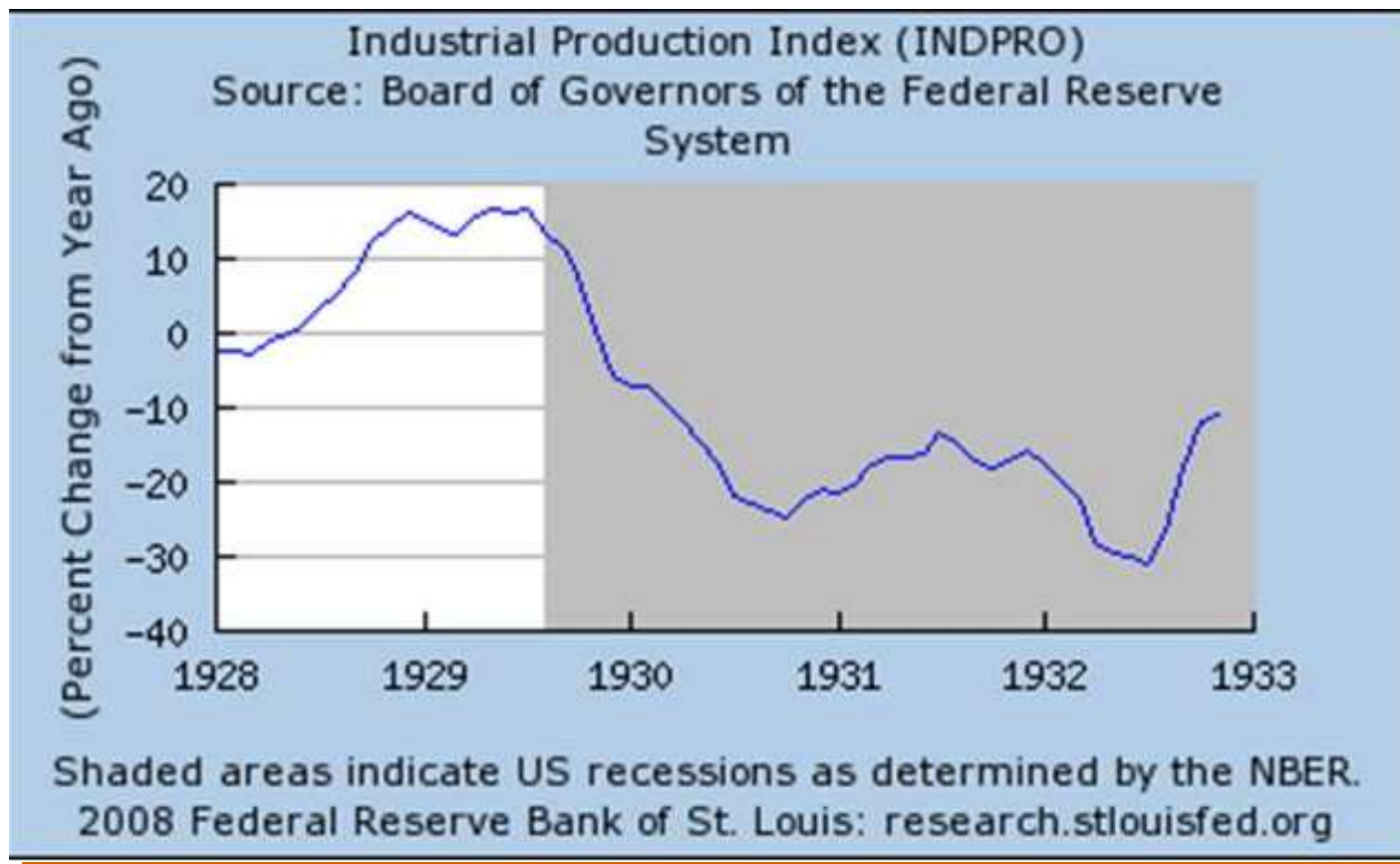
Abstract of the US Department of Labor

# US Farm Prices 1928-1932

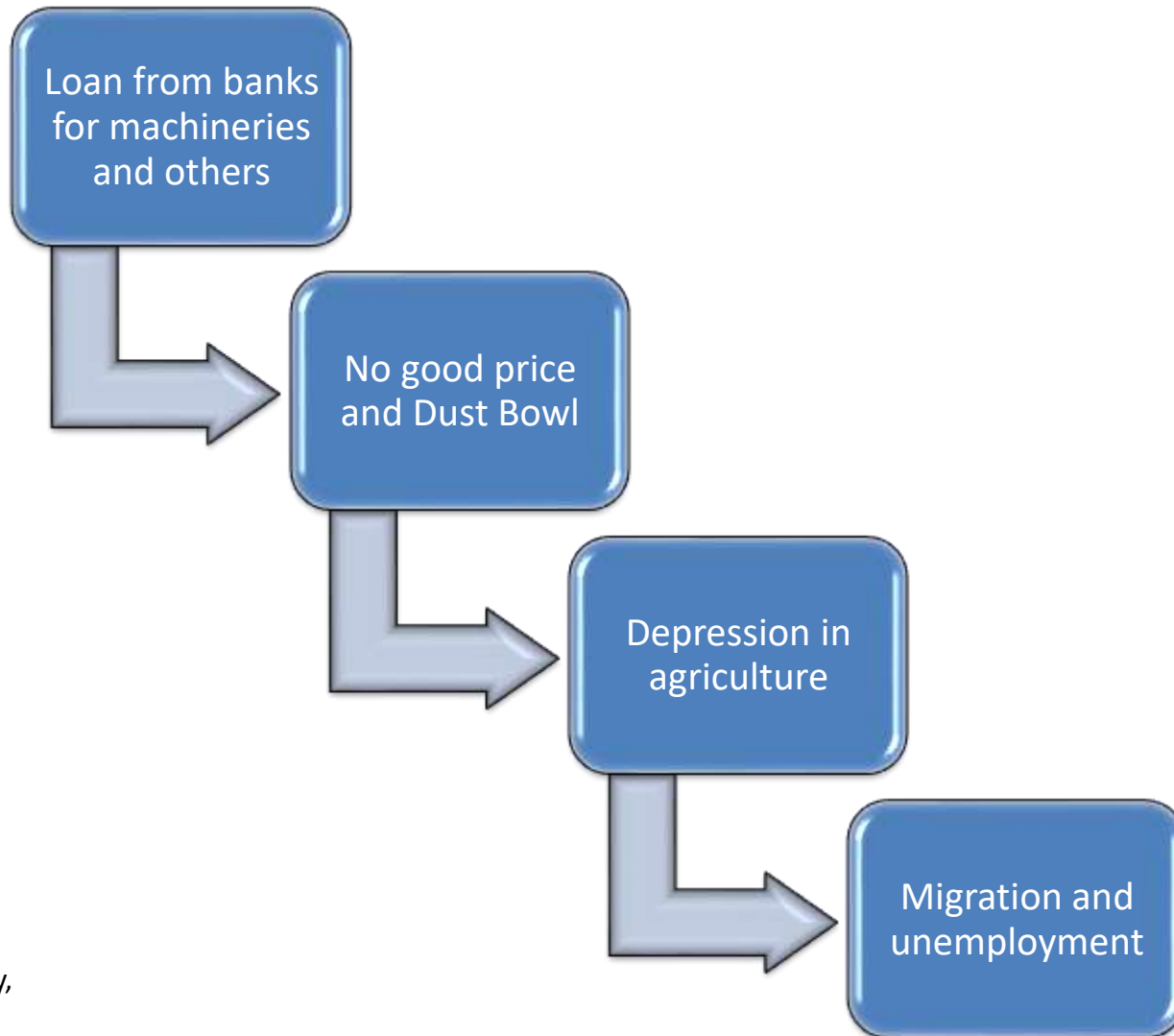


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# US Industrial Production



# Depression in agriculture





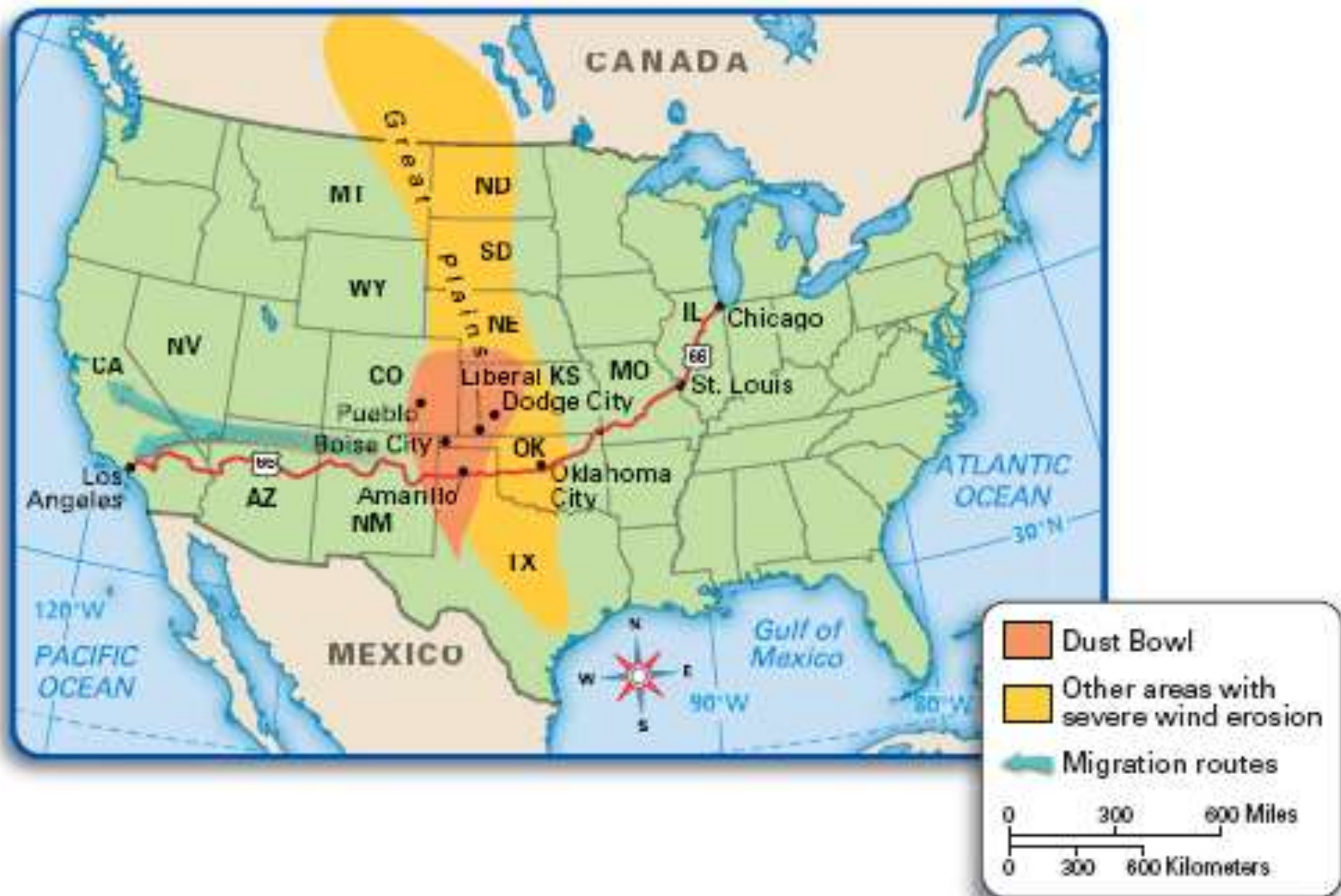
## Dust Bowl



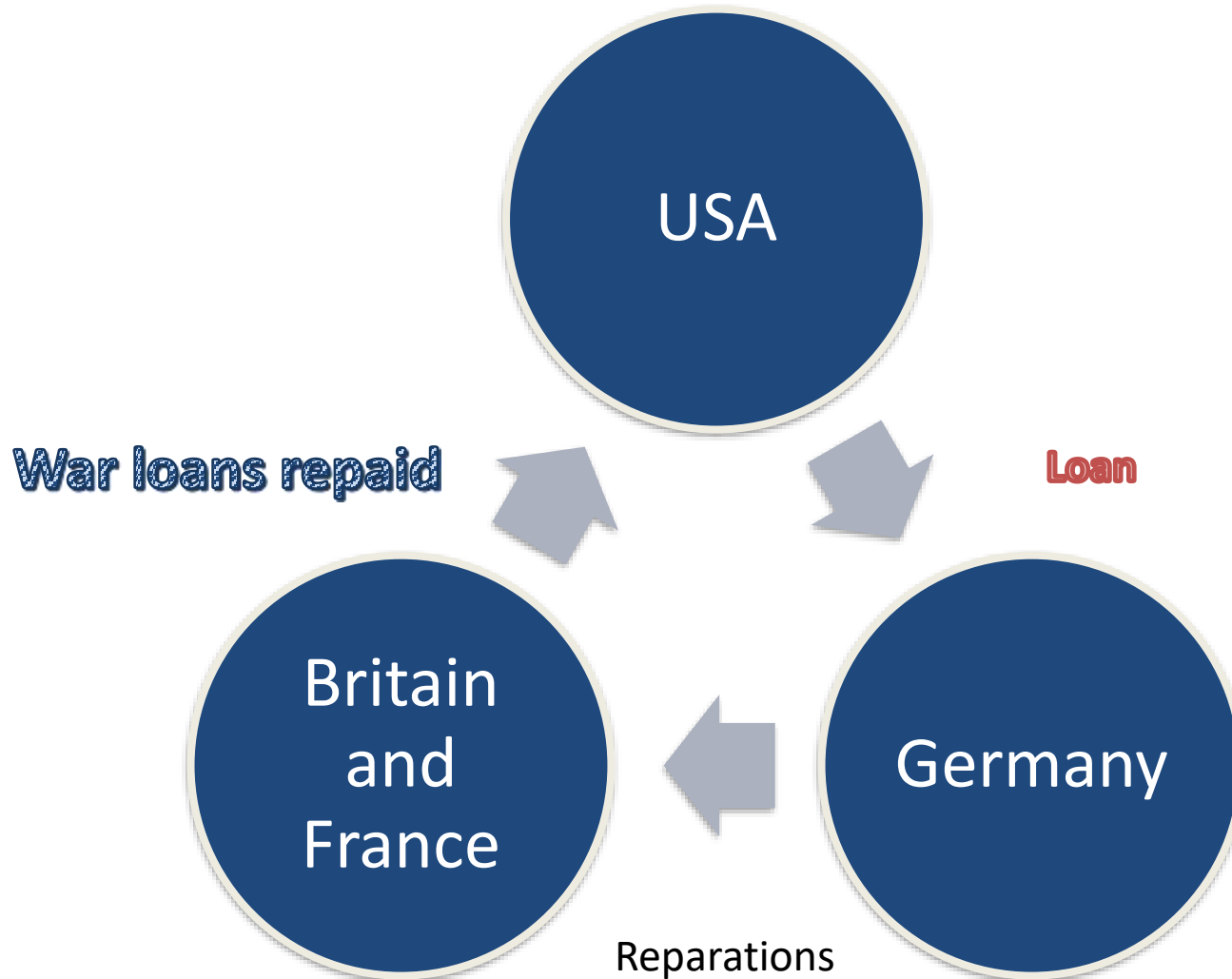
**Dust storm approaching Stratford, Texas – 1934**

[Source: en.wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org)

# The Dust Bowl



# Dawes Plan 1924





# Effects of the Great Depression



**Unemployed men wait in line for food – this particular soup kitchen was sponsored by Al Capone**

**HOOVERVILLES**

# Opposition

Ex-servicemen asked for bonus. President Hoover sent soldiers to remove them.



**Thousands of Bonus Army soldiers protest –  
Spring 1932**

# Purposes of the New Deal

- **Relief:** to provide jobs for the unemployed and to protect farmers from foreclosure.
- **Recovery:** to get the economy back into high gear.
- **Reform:** To regulate banks, to abolish child labor, and to conserve farm lands

# AAA

## Agricultural Adjustment Act

Introduced quota system

limit on supply= increase  
demand on goods i.e.  
price up

Subsidy



Scene in county agent's office, San Augustine, Texas. Farmer is receiving his AAA check. Photo by Russell Lee, April 1939, LOC.



# NIRA (National Industrial recovery Act)



WPA worked for school, libraries , roads etc.  
under NIRA



NRA-It encouraged workers  
and employers to follow a  
code of fair condition;  
minimum wages, maximum  
hours, and product standard.





# FERA (Federal Emergency Relief Administration)

- Soup kitchen
- Nursery school
- Scheme to provide employment

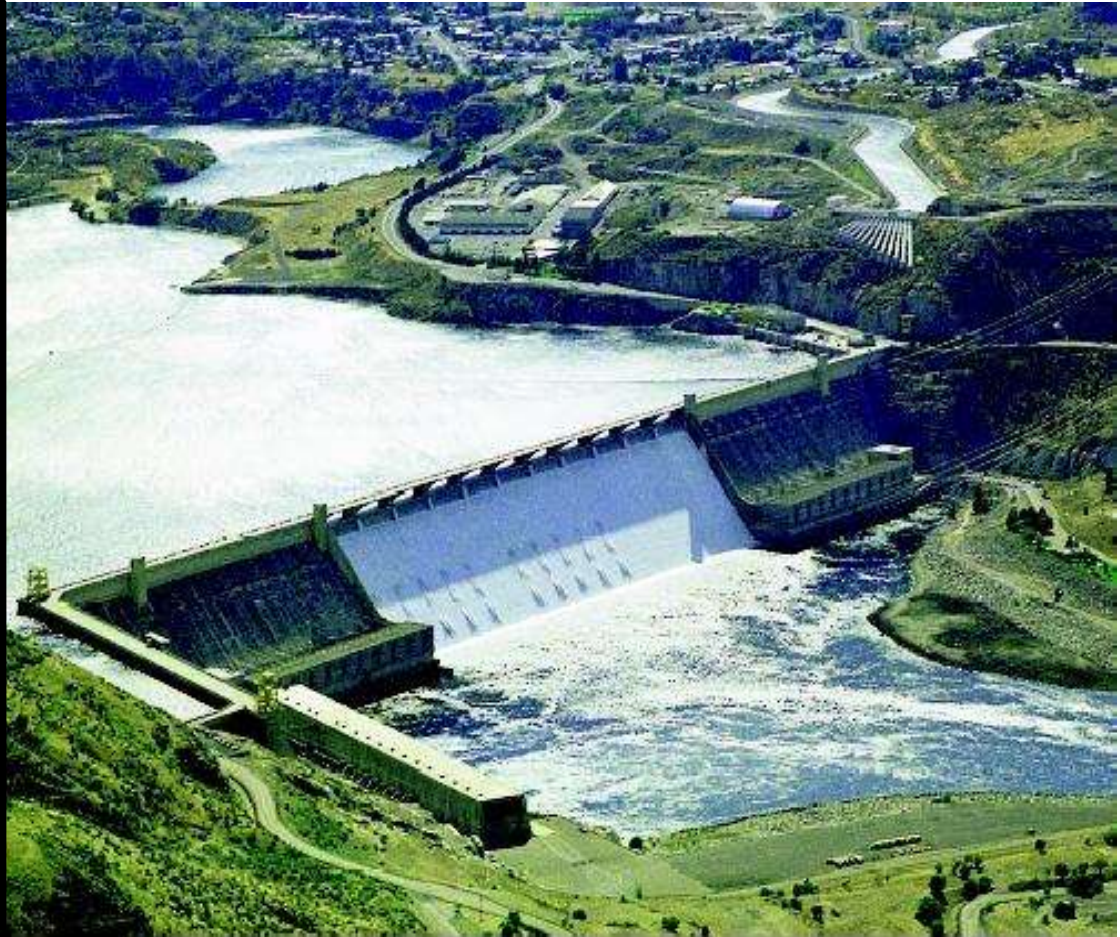


Soup kitchen and bread lines

# TVA (Tennessee Valley Authority)

Numbers of dams  
were built

- prevented flooding,
- provided water for hydraulic power
- and irrigation for dry areas.



# Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC)

Employment for young men in country side.

Worked for national park, forest etc.

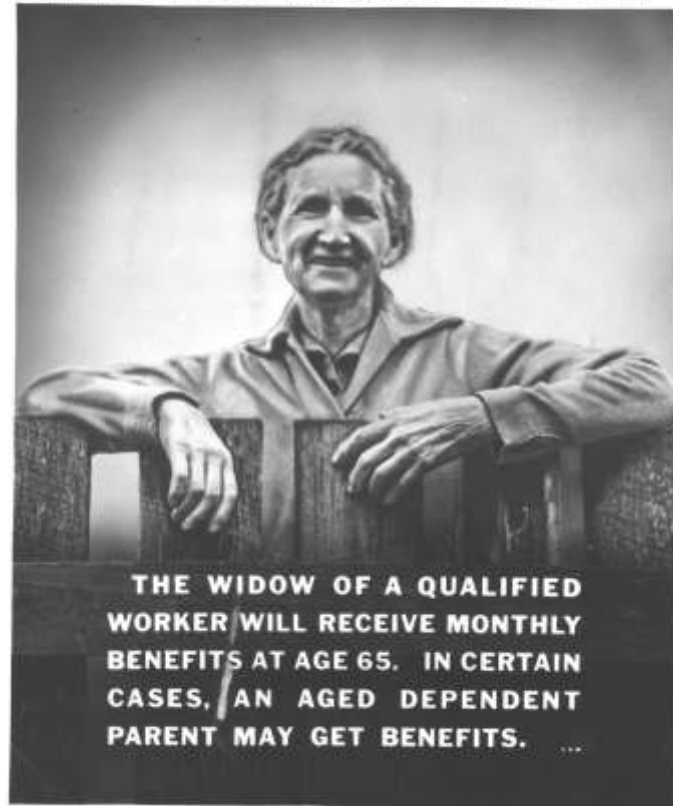


# Social Security Act & HOLC

- Pension for old widows and disabled
- Insurance scheme for unemployed



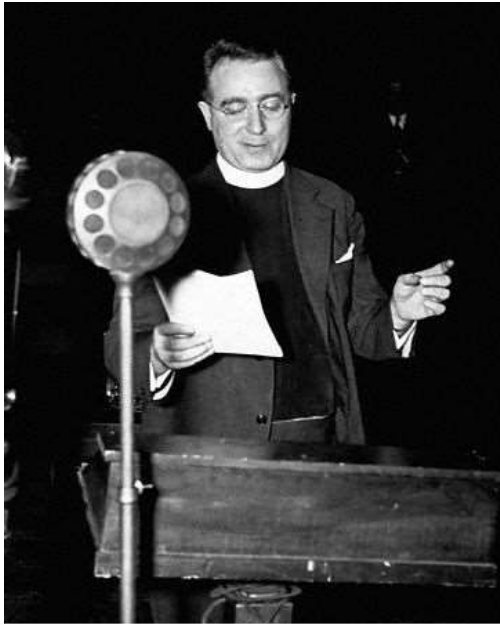
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THE WIDOW OF A QUALIFIED  
WORKER WILL RECEIVE MONTHLY  
BENEFITS AT AGE 65. IN CERTAIN  
CASES, AN AGED DEPENDENT  
PARENT MAY GET BENEFITS. ...

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# Opposition to New Deal



Father Charles E. Coughlin

In 1935, the American Supreme Court declared that NIRA unconstitutional.

Conservative parties opposes high taxes and trade unions

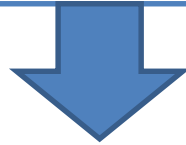
Proposed Fascism  
Attacking Jews and  
Trade Unions

# Was the New Deal a failure?

- Higher food price helped the farmer but hit the poor.
- Quality standard code (Blue Eagle) might protect consumer, but they made business less profitable.
- FDR gave the Federal government a job to do, to look after the weaker members of the society.
- Unemployment and poverty remained high level.



# Government spends money



Jobs for  
workers

Money to  
spend

Demand from  
goods from  
factories

**Thank You**