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Right, Seeding Winter
Wheat, Roy Clark, 1957
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The Changing Faces of Our Land

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*A section of
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**“THE FIRST farmer
was the first man,
and all historic
nobility rests
on possession and
use of the land.”**

Ralph Waldo Emerson

The U. S. Department of Agriculture had its beginning a hundred years ago -- at about the same time that photography was coming into its own as a means of recording history. Today, a hundred years of agriculture documented by a hundred years of photographs add up to a dramatic record of the development of our land and our nation.

This all came about as the result of a detailed search through almost two-thirds of a million photographs and negatives, to find the pictures best suited by quality and subject matter to become a part of a history-making exhibit. This presentation, entitled “The Changing Faces of Our Land” will tour the country as a part of the Department’s Centennial Year observance.

The exhibit consists of 325 photographs taken by many of America’s leading photographers. Together with brief accompanying text, the photos tell the story of America’s growth and development during the past century, with emphasis on agriculture and its importance to the Nation. They are displayed on panels in print sizes ranging from 8 x 10 inches to 7 x 8 feet, arranged in two 24 x 24 foot walk-through sections.

The pictures represent the work of 234 photographers and more than 70 organizations. They came from the photo archives of government agencies, historical depositories, national magazines, professional and amateur photographers, commercial and industrial firms and other sources.

Organizations wishing to publicize the exhibit during its tour of their area may use the above information and may obtain 8x10 photographic prints from the Photography Division, Office of Information, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C.



*Cotton plantation,
c. 1879,
Library of Congress,
Cen 83*

*Mississippi River landing,
1906, Detroit
Photo Company,
Library of Congress,
Cen 62*



*Logging trains,
State Historical Society
of Wisconsin,
Cen 53*



*Cattle after blizzard,
Charles J. Belden,
1915, Cen 397*





*Farm woman telephoning,
C. H. Hanson, 1919,
USDA, Cen 61*

*Threshing,
J. W. McManigal, 1934,
J. W. McManigal Agricultural
Photographs, Cen 32*



*Steel mill,
Anthony Linck, 1953,
U. S. Steel Corporation,
Cen 305*

**THE FACES of the
land are ever
changing as the
soil yields to
the farmer the
things we all
need, but its
stewardship is
in able hands.**



*Supermarket,
Lloyd Richardson, 1961,
USDA, N-39317*

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