

Changes in Agriculture ^[1]

After the Civil War, new technology began to transform American agriculture, while railroads and the growth of cities opened up new markets for cash crops. But farmers faced new economic pressures, and many recently freed Black (as well as some white farmers) were forced to become tenants or sharecroppers, facing endless cycles of debt. In this chapter, we'll consider both improvements in agriculture and the difficulties farmers faced in the late nineteenth century.

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