

# Basic Detail Report



**Title: Power farming displaces tenants from the land in the western dry cotton area. Childress County, Texas Panhandle**

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Description: This photograph illustrates the impact of the Great Depression, and subsequent agrarian reform, on tenant farmers and sharecroppers across the US in the 1930s. The Federal government's efforts to exercise greater control over agricultural production only benefited farmers with large land holdings, as a large amount of resources was needed to keep up with technological developments. This image shows a deserted farmhouse surrounded by the mechanically plowed fields that drove the former tenants from their home. Human labor was no longer needed with the increasing use of tractors and other machinery, so those who had made their living plowing fields and sowing crops by hand were forced to abandon their homes and land and go elsewhere in search of work.

Dimensions: 6 5/16 x 9 in. (16 x 22.9 cm)