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Rainfall and irrigation! Curiously enough, one million acres of land are irrigated in Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi and Texas, where the annual rainfall is between 40 and 50 inches. In the United States there are over 20 million acres of irrigated land. California and three other states have each more than Utah. Where nature supplies all the elements for successful farming except rain, irrigation, where possible, is resorted to. There are immense areas in this country having good soil and abundant sunshine where water is the one ~~needed~~ element. Irrigation, which simply means the artificial application of water to land, probably had its birth in Egypt, but spread to neighboring countries and to all parts of the world. -----