

It didn't take very many years for the farmers of the Big Pasture to learn what a tremendous wheat country they were living in. The wagon wheels no longer roll through the buffalo grass, but through waving fields of wheat. Year after year the land was bringing forth the first wheat in the United States. It was not only the first, but usually the best -- producing yields up to 60 bushel an acre.

The 1920's were truly the roaring '20s in the Big Pasture. In 1926, the Pasture produced the first wheat in the United States for the fifth consecutive year. The railroads played a significant role of the wheat producing operation. Without the huge boxcars rolling in all night and day to haul away such large wheat crops, the wheat growers could not have met with such success.

Even during the dark days of the Depression, the wheat growers tried to keep up their spirits and hopes. In 1933, George Carroll, who farmed near Red River, brought in the year's first load of wheat in the United States. After he had harvested the wheat and had brought it to the elevator, he took it to a local mill located on Highway 70, to be ground into flour. He then took the flour to Grandfield's bakery and had it baked into bread, which he sent to Gov. Bill Murray of Oklahoma and President Franklin D. Roosevelt.