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A Review of 1930's Dust Bowl

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The Dust bowl was one of the most traumatic environmental events in the Midwest over the past century. It chronicles the worst man-made ecological disaster in American history, in which the frenzied wheat lead to over-farming on the land followed by a decade-long drought caused by high winds and choking dust swept the region from Texas to Nebraska. It dried the farmland and made it unusable in the Southern Plain as tons of topsoil were blown off barren fields and carried in storm clouds for hundreds of miles. In this study, we reviewed historical studies to determine the cause, the environmental impact, and the socio-economic legacy of the Dust Bowl. The land was over farmed because people were under capitalistic pressure to farm and make money. The Dust Bowl killed the land, their farms, and families, and caused the massive migration out west until 1939 when the rain returned. This study highlights the need for society to pay attention to how human actions impact the environment.