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Lecture outline

Week 13—The Landscape of Food

“How Food Became Fast, or, Industrial Agriculture in the Twentieth Century”

1. Major trends in the history of agriculture
 - a. Rise of industrial agriculture
 - b. Decline of the family farm

2. Brief history of agriculture in the 20th century
 - a. Pre-WWI “golden age”
 - b. Depression in the 1920s
 - c. Legacy of the 1930s
 - d. Farm crisis of the 1980s

3. A new consciousness
 - a. Michael Pollan, “Naturally”
 - b. Social movements: slow food, community-supported agriculture, mainstream organic
 - c. Popular critiques of consumption and production (*Fast Food Nation*, *Supersize Me*, *King Corn*)