

Minnesota's Farmers: Then & Now

Name: _____

Immigrant _____

Migrant worker _____

Read the articles and then record information about each group of farmers in Minnesota.

Minnesota's Early Farmers (Source: AgMag) Look at the five photos at the top and then read.

1. What did Dakota women grow? _____
2. What did early immigrants grow on their subsistence farms? _____
3. As Bonanza farms were created, huge teams of _____ were needed.

Migrant Workers (Source: MNopedia) Look at the photos and timeline first. Then read the **first** sentence of each paragraph to complete these sentences.

1. Mexican migrant labor mainly came due to the railroads, _____ and _____ industries.
2. The largest industry to hire Mexican migrants was the _____ companies.
3. Compared to other midwestern states whose migrants were mainly single men, Minnesota had a high concentration of _____.
4. Migrant workers have faced several challenges in Minnesota.
 - a) They work in awful conditions.
 - b) Migrant workers sometimes experience _____ and _____ discrimination (unfair treatment).
5. During WWII, the Bracero Program was created due to a shortage of workers. Millions of workers were brought from _____ to the Midwest, including Minnesota.

New Minnesotan Farmers (Source: Farmaid) Scan the stories and choose ONE.

Check your choice: Abdinasir The Early Birds Naima's Farm

On the back side, describe the push and/or pull factors that caused this person or group of people to farm in Minnesota. What challenges and opportunities have they faced?
