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TIDBIT! In the Santee Delta region, rice fields now look quite different than they did during the 18th and 19th centuries. The Santee River, which had been used to flood rice fields along the floodplain, was dammed in 1941 as part of a Works Progress Administration project intended to bring inexpensive electricity to help modernize rural areas of South Carolina. While the dam helped produce needed electricity, it also lowered the flow of water in the Santee River, which caused the river ecosystem below the dam to change from freshwater to more brackish. These changes ensured that marsh grass grows now in these fields intended for rice.



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