

Huge Differences

Agribusiness

- huge acreage
- price supported crops
- subsidized water

Family Farmers

- much smaller farms
- specialty "food" crops
- not price supported
- water is expensive (not subsidized)

* Agribusiness split up farm land to qualify for lower water rates

* Family Farmers didn't get to sign contract for lower water rates so pay more for water

— Agribusiness — Cotton is King

- cheap labor
- high quality (Egyptian)
- price supported for water & market price

But issues with growing cotton

- water hog (5 feet/year)
- damages soil (depletes nitrogen)