Events Leading to the Great Depression

Drought
- 1924-1927
  - No rain = farmers not able to grow as much as normal
  - Led to economic hardships

Boll Weevil
- First appeared around 1915, by 1920 effect was disastrous
  - Destroyed cotton crops = lost crops, money, and land
    - Hurt state economy
  - Cotton crop dropped from 1.75 million bales to 588,000 bales per year (1923)

Great Depression
- 1929 - Stock Market Crash
  - Led to bank failures
  - Reduction of purchasing/buying goods
    - Overproduction of goods