

FARMING:

(I'm interested too, in knowing some of the ways the Caddos farmed way back in those days when they got those allotments. What sort of things did they farm and what sort of things did they grow then?) Well, see in early, long before they came to this part of the country while they were still in Louisiana, why the government furnished them such tools as uh--prior to that, why they used the blade of a --I think they said the blade of a--a shoulder blade. Of any beast of where uh, I guess they killed you know, different things. And they used the blade of that to hoe with, but they sharpen it and then they use shells and various things to dig with cause they were right there on the coast and they--that's what they used.

(Did they ever put fertilizer on the crops?)

Yea, they used fish.

(Was there a certain number of fish they'd put in?)

I don't know, but they did cause here a while back, Harvey he said, "Think you can plant Indian Corn?" He was teasing me. Said, "You gonna put fish in each hill?" (laughter) No, they put fish bones and so on. That's what they used for fertilizer. To fertilized their gardens.

(Do you remember of any people ever doing that within your lifetime?)

No. They didn't do that after they came to this part of the country cause there were no fish to be had--so easy as they did over there.

(How did they farm right after they got their land, say about shortly after 1900?)

Well, they had them Georgia stocks and so on because they were issued the impliments to work with and they had their horses. Just like any other farmer.

(What was this Georgia Stock?)

Yeah, that's what you call it, Georgia Stock. It's a little plow that they had with tille handle and then you use it. It's a plow,