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**Housing for Mexican Field Workers**

*Migrant farm workers, many of them Mexican or Mexican-American, travelled from job to job and received very low pay. As a result, they often had to live in whatever poor, unsanitary housing the growers provided. While working for the Farm Security Administration, Dorothea Lange photographed these conditions and exposed the problem to a national audience.*



Source: Dorothea Lange, "Ditch bank housing for Mexican field workers. Imperial Valley, California." March, 1937. Farm Security Administration - Office of War Information Photograph Collection, Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division.  
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