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As if the economic disaster were not enough, the American Midwest was hit with unprecedented <u>drought</u>. Food supplies were diminished as formerly fertile fields became <u>dust bowls</u>. And in the south, once-productive cotton fields were <u>transformed</u> into eroded wastelands.

Sometimes private parties offered cheap or free food. People stood in "<u>bread lines</u>" that stretched many blocks, only to be disappointed by the time it was "their turn." Food, in increasingly short supplies, was already gone. These were <u>desperate</u> times.

Before he became President, <u>Herbert Hoover</u> was the "United States Food <u>Administrator</u>." Although he tried to distribute food throughout the country, as he <u>had provided</u> wheat to America's allies during World War I, Hoover could not do his job the way he wanted to do it.

There simply wasn't enough to go around.

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# Desperate Times with Desperate People

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# Food Administrator Herbert Hoover

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### Hoover Poster: Food Will Win the War

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