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Brief History of Ireland

- 1500s
 - England conquers Ireland
 - Church of England was formed- Irish refused to convert
- 1600s
 - Irish Catholic land seized given to Protestants (couldn't inherit land if Catholic)
- 1700s
 - 14% of Ireland owned by Irish - all else owned by English landlords
 - Irish paid high rent = poverty
- 1750-1830
 - ag farming to pasture farming
 - = 90% of Irish farmers not needed - horrid conditions

- 1815-1845
 - most Irish stayed in Ireland
 - 1 million emigrated to US (1st Wave)
 - The rest ate potatoes
- 1845
 - potato blight
 - by 1855 - one million starved to death
 - thousands evicted from homes
 - British exported from Ireland:
 - 186,483 cattle
 - 6,363 calves
 - 259,257 sheep
 - 180,827 pigs

who could this have fed?

Who came?

- 1.25 million emigrated (2nd Wave)
- poor, unskilled, young (under 30), families

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