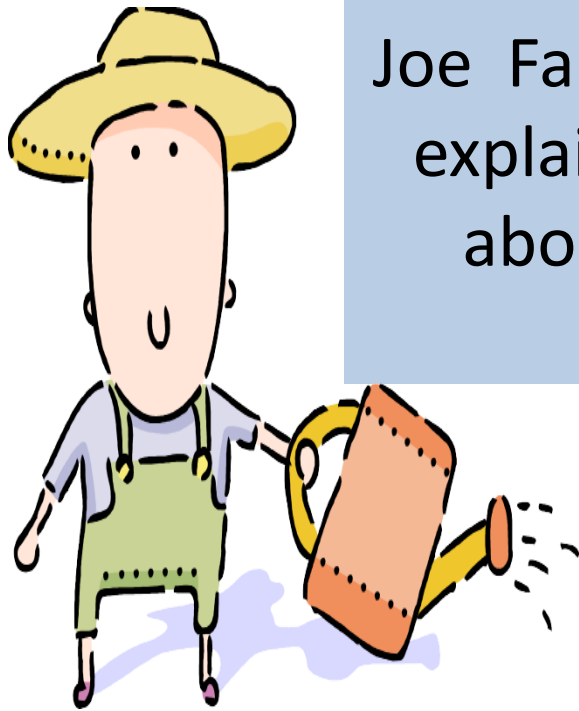


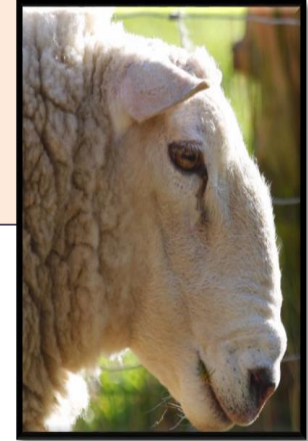
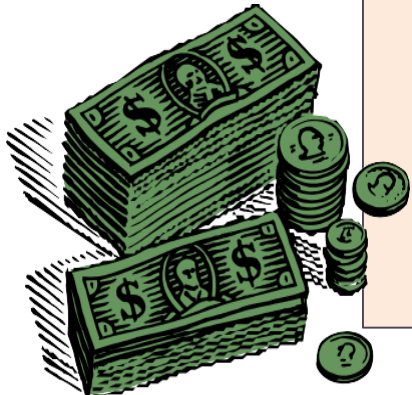
Economic depression is especially hard on **FARMERS!**

Let's use the example of Joe Farmer's situation to explain what we mean about an economic depression.



During the American Revolution – meat, and crops were needed to feed the soldiers. The U.S. had borrowed money other countries and could pay merchants and farmers for what it needed.

Business was VERY GOOD for Joe Farmer!



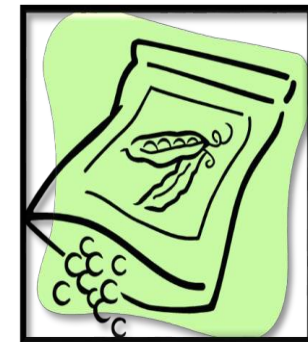
\$\$ LOAN

The local gov't gives Joe a loan so he can buy things needed for his farm.



JOE FARMER

Uses money from his loan to buy more land, seed, and animals because business is good during the war! Joe is making a lot of money!





U.S. government has to pay back what it borrowed, less money is going into the economy, Joe isn't making as much money anymore!
Business is **BAD** for Joe Farmer.

\$\$ LOAN

The local gov't tells Joe if he doesn't pay what he owes, they will take away his farm.

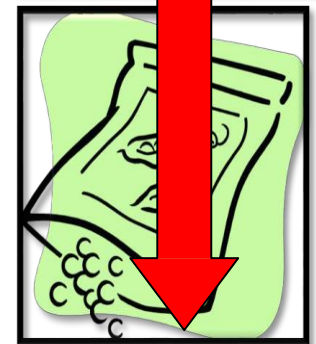


JOE FARMER



Joe isn't making enough money to pay the local gov't back each month.

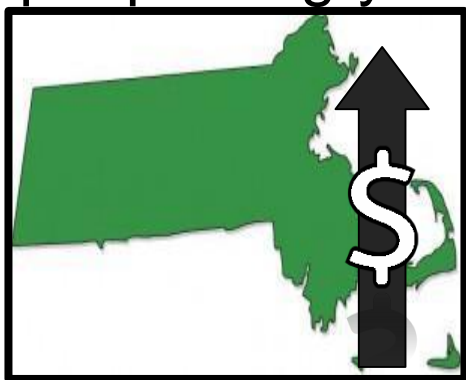
The local gov't doesn't care that Joe isn't selling his crops and livestock. Joe still has to pay back what he owes each month.



PRICES
FALLING

If you can't pay, we
will take your
farm away!

- In Massachusetts, matters got worse when the state raised their taxes on their citizens.
- The courts took the farms of those who could not pay their taxes or loans and threw some farmers in jail. This made people angry!!!!



The state of Massachusetts needs more money, so it tells its citizens they need to pay more taxes!



But Joe Farmer can barely pay what he owes to the state, and has no money left to pay a higher tax to the state!



Joe Farmer loses his farm! He has no way of making ANY money now! He is angry!!!!

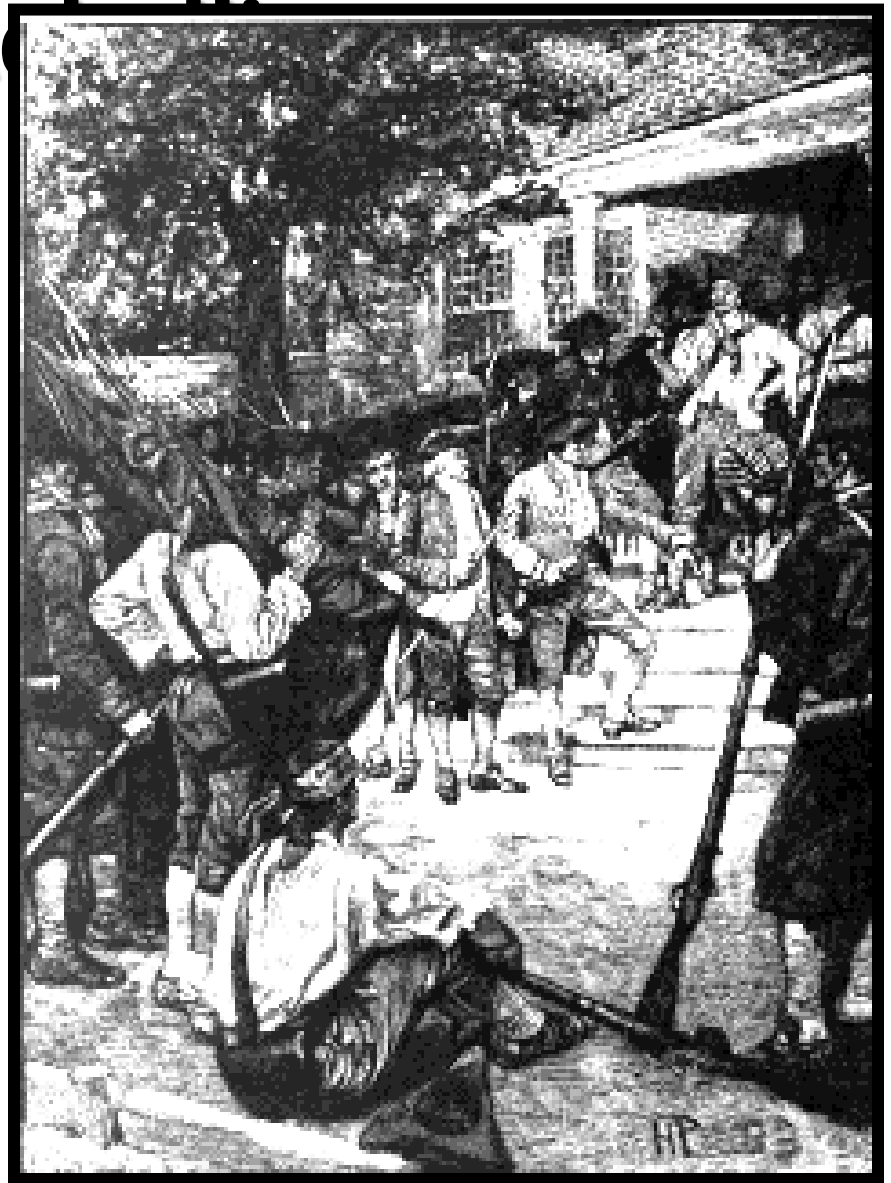


Shays' Rebellion - Massachusetts

- The American Revolution ended in 1783.
- **The money paid to the soldiers who had fought in the Revolution was worthless.** It was literally worth NOTHING!
- Because Congress was not allowed to raise taxes in the Articles of Confederation, they were broke.
- What was happening to farmers and their land was making many people angry. Angry enough to fight....
- **Most of the farmers were soldiers who had fought in the American Revolution – they were insulted and mad.**

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- Poor farmers were protected in the Massachusetts courts and they couldn't get help with their debts.
 - When you don't own land, you can't vote, and you have no rights.
- Daniel Shays, a farmer & soldier from the American Revolution, was angry about this whole mess and **took things into his own hands.**
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OaKgLHy2eBA>



Shays' Rebellion – January 25, 1787

- **Capt. Shays led 1,400 angry farmers toward Springfield, with the plan to steal weapons and head for Boston to overthrow the Massachusetts government.**
- **General Shepard commanded 1,200 men at the Springfield weapons armory. He heard about Shays' angry mob coming in his direction.**



Shays and his men took a stand in front of the weapons armory.

General Shepard had his men fire warning shots above the farmers' heads. The farmers did not budge.

By the end of the stand-off, four (4) of the angry farmers were shot dead, and twenty (20) were wounded.

During the gun battle, Shays and his men fled in different directions.



The Outcome

As the farmers ran away, many were caught by General Shepard's men, and they were arrested.

Shays and several other farmers escaped. They hid in Vermont during the court trials of the farmers who were caught.

Some of the farmers were hanged, while others were pardoned. **Shays lived in Vermont until he was pardoned two years after the rebellion.**

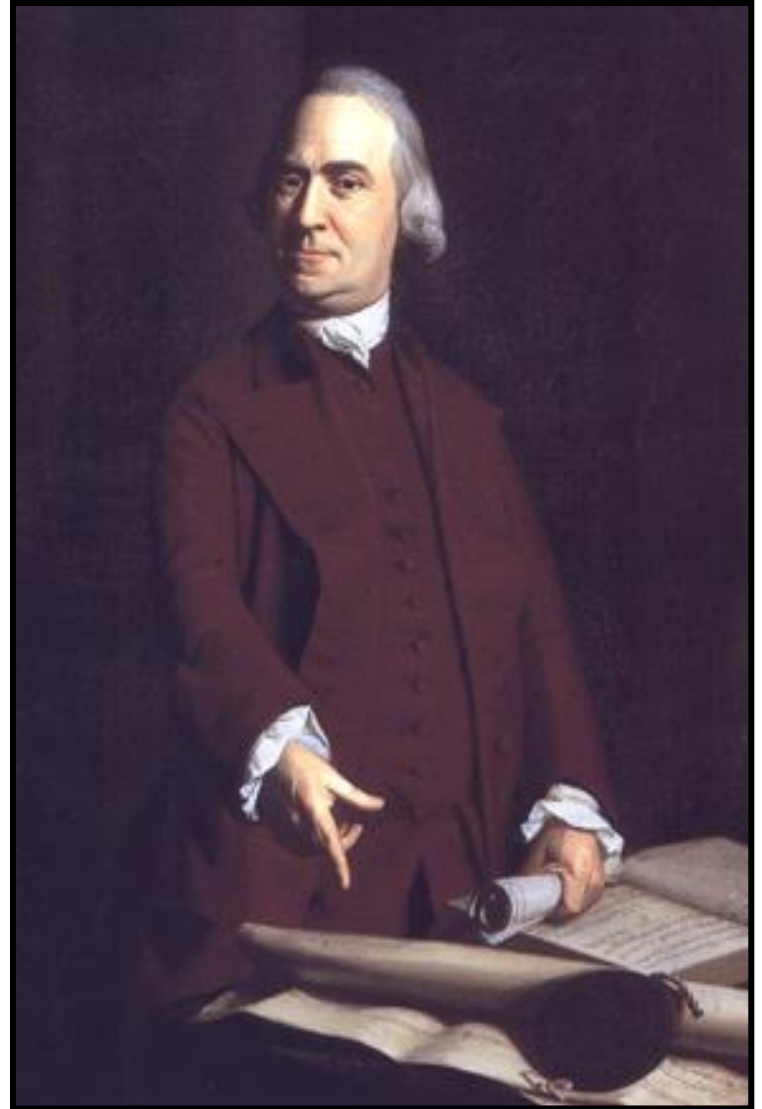
He moved back to Massachusetts where he lived in poverty. Daniel Shays finally received his pension at the age of 77; he died at age 78.



HOME OF CAPTAIN SHAYS.

Samuel Adams Said What?!?

“Rebellion against a king may be pardoned, or lightly punished, but the man who dares to rebel against the laws of a republic ought to suffer death.”



Shays' Rebellion 6-Box Comic (Sequence of Events)

