

# Trading Posts

1st 1871 -

in 1880

1,100,000 lbs of wool were marketed  
100,000 " retained for home use.

old bank system was altered to <sup>develop</sup> ~~produce~~  
credit system by which goods were advanced  
against future wool, lamb crops.

Range a

The first active trading was with the Mormons for Utah - the Navaho bringing blankets & silver to the Mormon settlements situated on the west banks of the Colorado River at Lee's Ferry. The Mormons would trade horses & some food staples for blankets & silver.

Gradually trading posts were established in other parts of the reservation, and exchange of goods became the custom.

There were years of drought and years of plentiful rain, and the Navaho prospered accordingly. A government agent in 1879 sent in the following report to the Indian Office in Washington.

" Quote

All accounts of this early period in the reservation relate of fine pastures - good springs - plenty of grazing land. -

The great increase in sheep raising and a period of prolonged drought

Bent's fort - 1831-1834

1846  
Letter from Charles Bent to William Medill, Indian Commissioner  
speaking of hawaho as "industrious, intelligent - house-like who  
farmed & own large flocks." Speaks also of excellent  
blankets & coarse woollen goods for wearing apparel.

William Boggan, who worked at Bent's fort 844-45 found  
that hawaho blankets were coveted by young Cheyennes  
These seemed to be black & white striped blankets

After return from Bogue Redondo the first appointed <sup>trading</sup> ~~license~~  
~~trader~~ license issued by Major Dodd after his appointment  
as 1st Dist Agent - at Ft. Defiance - To Lehman Spiegelberg  
of Santa Fe Aug 28 - 1868

2nd license

Cole F. Ludlow - To trade at Ft Defiance followed by  
John Ayers.

Strong penalties for anyone trading without a license

Bow & arrows still in use in 1861. Only a relatively  
small no of muskets seen by hawahos but this changed  
quickly.

Jan. 1889-

30 having pots surrounded reservation  
only 9 on reservation