

Impact of the Transcontinental Railroad

What was shipped to the East? Why?

Wheat from Plains and cattle from Texas. Food and clothing for the large population of the East.

Increased
Economic
and city
growth.

Decreased
Reliance
on foreign
aid.

West

East



Increased
Population
growth.

Decreased
Native American
movement and
way of life.

What went West? Why?

People from eastern cities and lumber from Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.