

Ag in the Classroom

San Diego County CowBelles

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Caring for the herd, keeping up with the beef market and legislation, and trying new techniques in the industry are cattlemen's/women's daily routine.



Local cattlemen /women still use the traditions of gathering cattle by horseback. The introduction of drones and 4-wheeler's are new techniques being used as well.



Most of the working ranches today are in the foothills and mountains of eastern part of San Diego County.

Home on the Range in San Diego County

San Diego County was a part of the western history of ranching. Once the rolling coastal hills that became the 3rd largest city in California, were covered with grasslands, brush, and grazing cattle. The now technology center of Sorrento Valley was part of the center of the cattle industry in San Diego County by providing railways to transfer the meat commodity up and down the coast and to and from as far away as Arizona. Allow us to take you back in time and follow the rich history of cattle ranching in San Diego County.

Spanish Land Grants

Once under the control of Spanish Land Owners , the county of San Diego supported grazing cattle on rolling grasslands from its very beginning.

San Diego County 1800's

After the Civil War the western expansion spread to the Pacific Coast . Ship captains and many soldiers made their way to the county and found work on the rails and ranches supporting the booming cattle industry.

Cattle Ranches 2019

Cattle ranching is still a part of our agricultural history in San Diego County today. Many of today's ranchers are 3rd and 4th generation cattlemen and women.

(All Ages) (No Fees)