

18.2 Ranchers and Farmers (pp. 534-541)

READING CHECKS: Answer each question as you read the text.

- Why did the value of cattle increase in the mid-1860s?
- Who were the vaqueros?
- Why was the Homestead Act important to settlers?

KEY TERMS: Define each term's meaning or significance in terms of the text.

- open range
- brand
- vaquero
- homestead
- sodbuster
- dry farming