



Montana Trail—Breeding stock was moved along this trail to help ranchers in the northern plains following the Indian Wars.

Dodge City—Became known as the Queen of the Kansas Cow Towns.

Abilene—First of the great Kansas cow towns, Abilene was located on the new Kansas Pacific railroad and became the shipping point for Texas cattle coming up the Chisholm Trail in the late 1860s.

The Northern Cattle Drive

Year	No. of cattle	Year	No. of cattle
1866	260,000	1876	321,998
1867	35,000	1877	201,159
1868	75,000	1878	265,646
1869	350,000	1879	257,927
1870	300,000	1880	394,784
1871	600,000	1881	250,000
1872	350,000	1882	250,000
1873	405,000	1883	267,000
1874	166,000	1884	300,000
1875	151,618	1885	220,000

Estimate of cattle driven to Kansas, believed by many to be far too low.

Doan's Crossing—Located where the Western Trail crossed the Red River. C. F. Doan owned and operated a mercantile business on the Texas side of the river. Doan's store was an important supply point for the herds.

Great Western Trail—Sometimes called the Texas Cattle Trail or the Dodge City Trail. Became the primary route for Texas cattle after 1875. Dodge City, Kansas, was the terminal point.

Chisholm Trail—Established in 1866 with terminal point first at Abilene, Kansas. With the extension of the railroad, terminal points included Ellsworth, Newton, Caldwell, and Wichita in Kansas.

Shawnee Trail—This trail was the principal cattle trail for Texas cattle until the establishment of the Chisholm Trail. Baxter Springs and Kansas City in Kansas and Sedalia in Missouri were the terminal points for the trail.

