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Range rovers

Much of the 8,600-acre Konza Prairie Biological Station was at one time part of the Dewey Ranch, a working cattle operation. These photos, courtesy of the Konza Environmental Education Program, show what life was like on the range in the late 1930s to 1950. Top left: In this photo from 1938, steers brought up from the Paloma Ranch in Eagle Pass, Texas, graze on the rich and nutritious tallgrass prairie before being sold. Bottom left: This photo taken in 1950 is of Orville Burtis Sr., manager of the Dewey Ranch, in a Jeep feed wagon. The photo was taken in what now is the present-day headquarters area of Konza. Right: Not much is known about this photo other than it was taken in 1947, probably along the Konza's main road.