

Year 4 Geography

Week 5

There is no requirement for written work, unless you wish to. This session is more to inform and discuss the land use in the county we live in.

Cheshire

What can you tell me about Cheshire just by looking at the images on this slide and the next?



Cheshire



Some of the things you might have said...

- Cheshire is in North-West England.
- It borders Wales.
- Chester is the county town of Cheshire.
- Macclesfield is in Cheshire.
- Cheshire has lots of countryside – it is a farming county (agricultural).
- Cheshire has lots of cows.
- It is famous for its cheese.

Land use in Cheshire over the centuries

Cheshire has been a dairy county since the mid-14th Century.



Cheshire had poor arable land, therefore was not very good for growing crops so most fields were used for pasture (lands used to feed grazing animals such as cows).

Cattle farming increased during the 15th and early 16th centuries, with dairy cattle predominating in the south and west of Cheshire, and beef cattle in the north of Cheshire.

Cheese-making was already well established by the early years of the 17th century and was exported out of the county - Cheshire cheese was the most popular cheese on the London market until the mid-19th century, when cheese was imported from other countries.



Early in the 1900's there was a move into [market gardening](#), to produce fruits, vegetables and flowers which were sold directly to consumers and restaurants.

In 2007, agricultural land still represented 70% of Cheshire's total area.



Cows, cows and more cows...



There are many dairy/cow farms and smallholdings in Cheshire. Why not Google some - are there any you know/have visited?

Research the process of milk production – it's a lot more interesting than it sounds!

- How do cows make milk Tesco video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wfV4XI2qM0g>
- Farm to Fork Tesco video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iWctfIP4Gyl>

If that gripped you, and you want more, try...

<http://discovering-our-countryside.co.uk/dairy/>

https://kids.kiddle.co/Dairy_farming

<https://www.foodafactoflife.org.uk/5-7-years/food-commodities/dairy/>