

Agriculture—Big Bend Area

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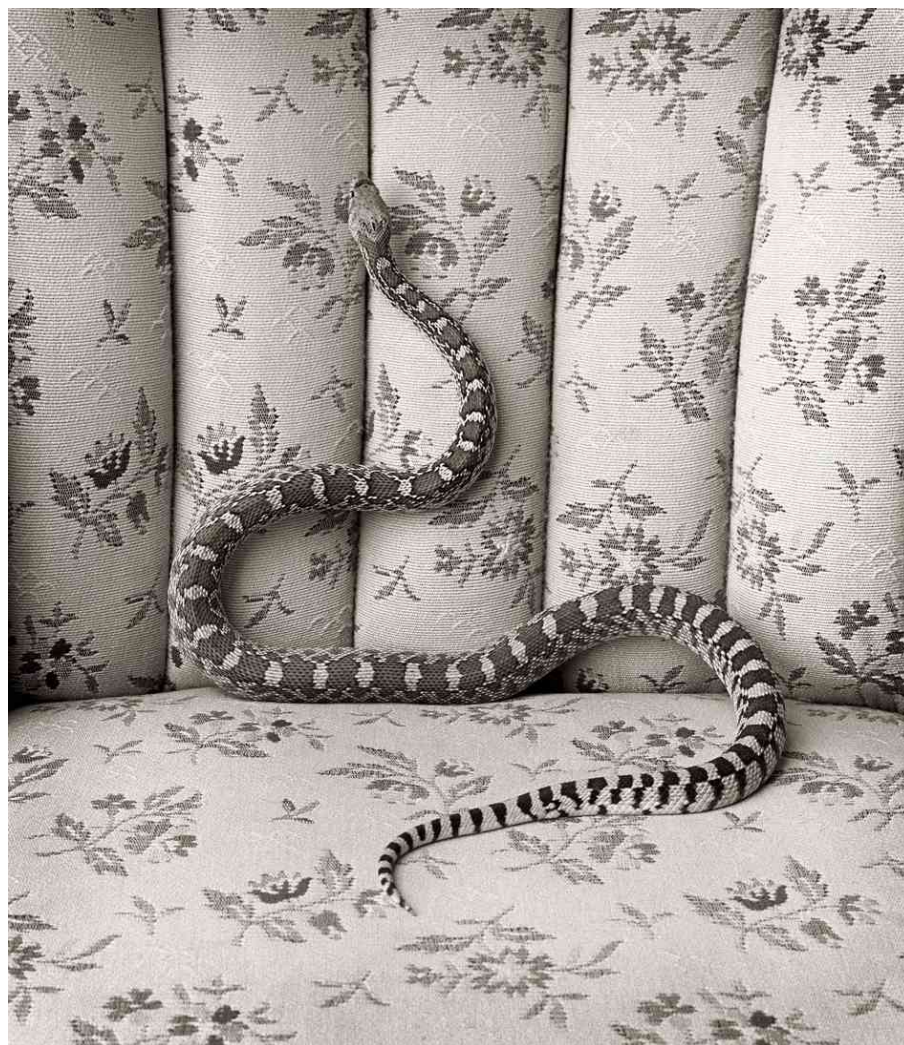
Agave in bloom







Texas Aoudad



Genuine Snakeskin Upholstery



This ain't no camel—this is a ham!!

Demographics–2013

County	Population	Pop. / Sq. Mile	Pop Chg From 2010	Median Income
Brewster	9,286	1.5	+0.6%	\$39K
Jeff Davis	2,253	1.0	-3.8%	\$43K
Presidio	7,201	2.0	-7.9%	\$33K

Snapshot Of Economy–Brewster County

	2004	2013	% Change
	<i>1,000's of \$</i>		<i>%</i>
Crops Total	3.6	0.0	-100%
Tomatoes Total	0.0	0.0	NA
Livestock Total	10,441.5	9,594.0	-8%
Horses Total	300.0	20.0	-93%
Hunting Total	1,500.0	1,625.0	8%
Fishing Total	0.0	0.0	NA
Recreation Total	220.0	1,250.0	468%

Snapshot Of Economy–Jeff Davis County

	2004	2013	% Change
	<u>1,000's of \$</u>		<u>%</u>
Crops Total	23,454.2	25,002.7	7%
Tomatoes Total	21,700.0	25,000.0	15%
Livestock Total	9,993.9	10,165.6	2%
Horses Total	210.0	12.5	-94%
Hunting Total	1,030.0	1,125.0	9%
Fishing Total	0.0	0.0	NA
Recreation Total	35.0	300.0	757%

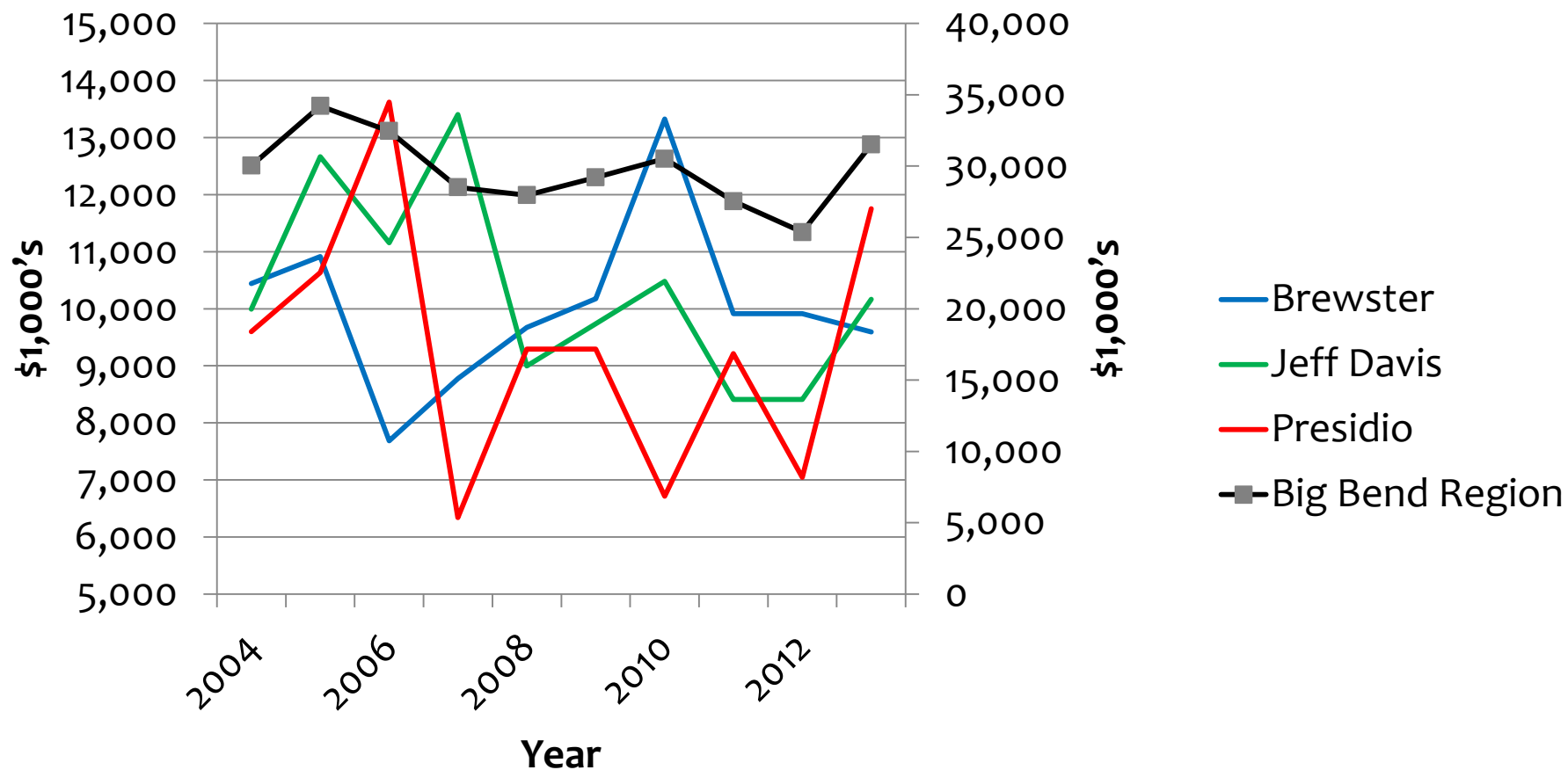
Snapshot Of Economy—Presidio County

	2004	2013	% Change
	<u>1,000's of \$</u>		<u>%</u>
Crops Total	58,500.9	57,369.2	-2%
Tomatoes Total	58,125.0	57,000.0	-2%
Livestock Total	9,599.1	11,753.5	22%
Horses Total	70.0	25.0	-64%
Hunting Total	525.0	1,500.0	186%
Fishing Total	0.0	0.0	NA
Recreation Total	0.0	1,560.0	NA

Snapshot Of Economy—Big Bend Region

	2004	2013	% Change
	<i>1,000's of \$</i>		<i>%</i>
Crops Total	81,958.7	82,371.9	1%
Tomatoes Total	79,825.0	82,000.0	3%
Livestock Total	30,034.5	31,513.0	5%
Horses Total	580.0	57.5	-90%
Hunting Total	3,055.0	4,250.0	39%
Fishing Total	0.0	0.0	—
Recreation Total	255.0	3,110.0	1,120%

Livestock Production



Price Of Beef Cattle—2012 - 2014

Year		\$/cwt	% chg 2 yr.	% chg 3 yr.		\$/cwt	%chg 2 yr.	% chg 3 yr.		\$/cwt	% chg 2 yr.	% chg 3 yr.
		350-400 lb.				550-600 lb.				750-800 lb.		
2011		147.52				136.61				132.96		
2012		189.26	+28%			149.85	+10%			143.73	+8%	
2013		205.58	+9%	+39%		164.15	+10%	+20%		157.06	+9%	+18%
2014		331.57	+61%	+75%		252.68	+54%	+69%		228.80	+46%	+59%

Price Of Beef Cows—2012 - 2014

Year		\$/hd	% chg 2 yr.	% chg 3 yr.		\$/hd	%chg 2 yr.	% chg 3 yr.
		<i>Bred Heifer Lg. # 1 1,000-1,100 lb.</i>				<i>Bred Cow Lg. # 1 1,100-1,200 lb.</i>		
2011		900.00				903.00		
2012		1,240.00	+38%			1,100.00	+22%	
2013		1,500.00	+21%	+67%		1,308.00	+19%	+45%
2014		2,500.00	+67%	+74%		2,506.00	+92%	+128%

Cost To Raise Various Classes Of Cattle

Description	Annual Cow/Calf	Summer Stocker	Winter Stocker
	<i>\$ / Year</i>	<i>\$ / Head</i>	<i>\$ / Head</i>
Total Direct Costs	204.91	953.55	870.66
Total Fixed Costs	356.75	14.73	14.73
Total Costs	\$561.66	\$968.28	\$885.39

Summary

- ⦿ Short term outlook of cattle prices—very bullish!
- ⦿ This could give some economic stimulus for ag. growth.
- ⦿ Hunting enterprises—showing real strength.
- ⦿ Cost of producing cows/calves, stockers, and feeder cattle is greatly increased.
- ⦿ Much uncertainty—much risk.

Risk & Uncertainty



Thank You — Comments? Questions?

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