Texas Cement Narket

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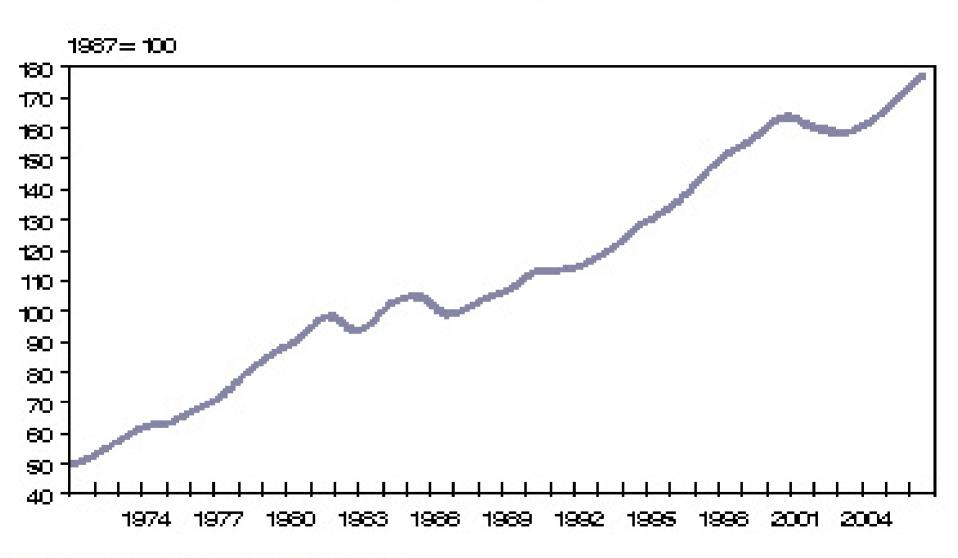
- 2nd Largest State in the country geographically.
- ² 2nd Largest State Gross Domestic Product in the country in 2005.
- ² 2nd Largest Cement Producer in U.S.
 - 10.9% of Total U.S. Cement Grinding Capacity in 2004
- ² 2nd Largest Cement Consumer in U.S.
 - 11.93% of Total U.S. Consumption in 2005

State of Texas Gross Domestic Product -- 2005 \$989.4 Billion

Largest	Current Dollars		
Industries	(\$Billions)		
Manufacturing	122.0		
Government	107.9		
Real Estate	90.7		
Mining	87.3		
Wholesale Trade	65.5		
Retail Trade	65.1		
Professional/Tech Services	63.1		
Finance & Insurance	60.9		

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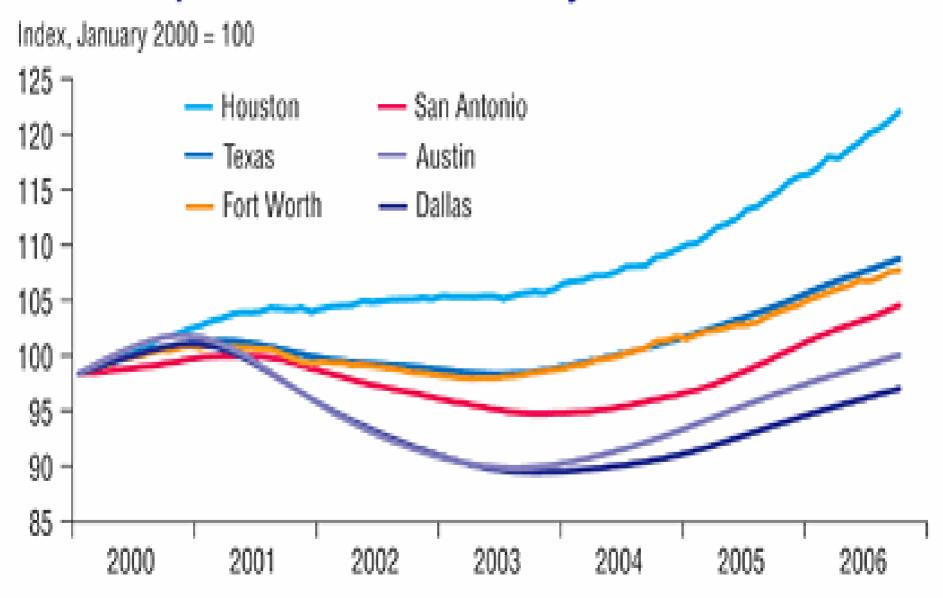
MONTHLY, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, 1987=100



LAST DATA ENTRY OCTOBER 2008

Source: Dallas Federal Reserve Bank

Business-Cycle Indexes: Texas and Major Metros



Texas Cement Suppliers (Gray Cement)

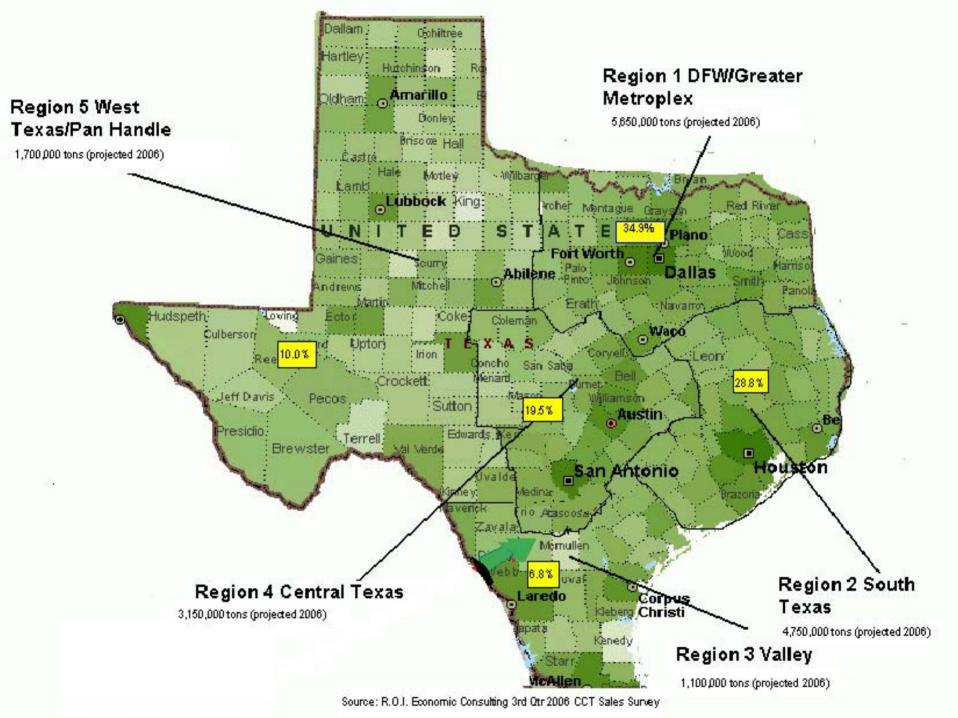
- Eleven (11) Cement Companies
 - Production Capacity Estimated to be 12.8 million st annually (10 Plants)
 - Additional 2.3 million st expanded plant capacity is planned over next three years
 - Seven (7) companies importing in excess of
 3.5 Million st of Foreign Cement annually
 - 130,000 st additional storage capacity for imports is presently under construction

Market Share in Texas Year to Date thru Sept 2005/2006

(Short Tons)

YTD 2005	%	YTD 2006	%
2,610,704	20.91%	2,511,192	19.46%
2,083,989	16.69%	2,382,708	18.47%
1,885,253	15.10%	1,814,010	14.06%
1,754,219	14.05%	1,848,817	14.33%
1,079,880	8.65%	1,174,397	9.10%
915,303	7.33%	900,780	6.98%
718,663	5.76%	691,733	5.36%
613,156	4.91%	570,662	4.42%
302,475	2.42%	289,163	2.24%
174,555	1.40%	205,640	1.59%
0	0.00%	154,137	1.19%
163,038	1.31%	154,641	1.20%
186,225	1.49%	204,535	1.59%
12,487,460	thru Sept	12,902,415	thru Sept
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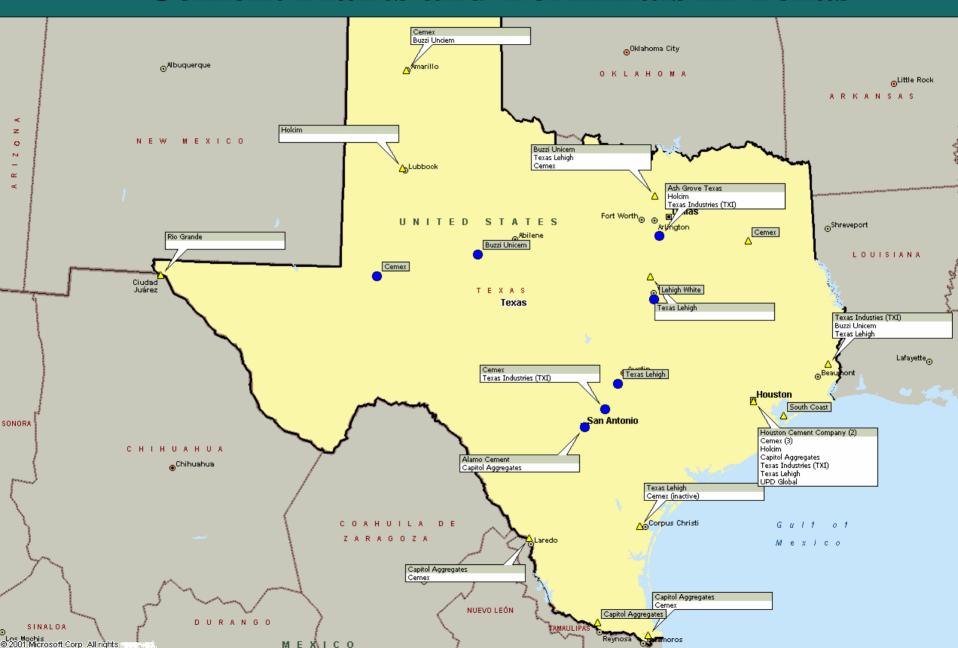
(Others = Lehigh White, Federal White, Savannah Cement, Latarge Calcium, Able Supply, Tejas Cement, AHI Supply)



Cement Usage by Category

- ◆ Ready Mix -- 63.2%
- ◆ Contractor Sales 10.9%
- ◆ Soil Stabilization 5.6%
- ◆ Concrete Products 6.9%
- → Masonry Cement 2.6%
- ◆ Other 10.8%

Cement Plants and Terminals in Texas



South Texas Region

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- Consumed in excess of 5 million st of cement in 2005
- ◆ Ten (10) of eleven (11) Texas cement suppliers participate in the South Texas Market
- Region imported in excess of 2.8 million st in 2005 through Houston/Galveston Customs District

Houston Metro Market

- Consumes in excess of 4 million st of South Texas Region usage
- ◆ 100% of cement consumed in the Houston market is supplied by ship, barge, rail or truck.
- 75% of the cement is used in Ready Mix Concrete
- Six (6) largest ready mix producers service over 70% of the R/M concrete market
- Four (4) of the six are owned by cement companies

In Summary

- Texas market consumes in excess of 16 million tons of cement annually
- Approximately 75 % produced in state, with the remaining 25% imported from foreign sources
- South Texas Region consumes almost 30% of the state total
- ◆ 80% of South Texas Region is consumed in Houston Metro Area, supplied by ten (10) of the eleven(11) cement companies in the state, making it one of the most competitive areas in the country

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