

TABLE 4.11.1.4-5.—*Last Occupation of the Experienced Unemployed in the Pantex Plant Region of Influence*

OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS BY DESIGNATED AREA	ARMSTRONG COUNTY	CARSON COUNTY	POTTER COUNTY	RANDALL COUNTY	TOTAL ROI	% OF TOTAL
Managerial and Professional	0	5	229	350	584	9.7
Technical and Administrative Support	7	29	925	663	1,624	27.1
Service	7	17	817	417	1,258	21.0
Farming, Forestry, and Fishing	0	8	37	59	104	1.7
Precision Production, Craft, and Repair	4	17	647	361	1,029	17.2
Operators, Fabricators, and Laborers	6	22	861	306	1,195	19.9
Last Worked in 1984 or Earlier, or Unique Military Occupation	0	8	154	45	207	3.4
Total Experienced Unemployed Persons	24	106	3,670	2,201	6,001	100

Source: TX Cen 1993:147

of \$77 million. Nearly 10 percent of area businesses were finance, insurance, and real estate firms, which employed slightly more than 5 percent of the workforce, with a total annual payroll of \$86 million.

There were 200 manufacturing establishments in the ROI that comprised less than 4 percent of area businesses yet employed 10,590 people, or 15.5 percent of the covered workforce, with an annual payroll of \$281 million. Activities at Pantex Plant were included in the manufacturing category. The 3,800 employees at Pantex Plant constituted 36 percent of the ROI's workforce employed in manufacturing. Table 4.11.1.5-1 provides more detail about businesses in the ROI.

According to the 1992 Census of Agriculture, farming and ranching contributed nearly \$300 million to the economy of the ROI. Nearly 1,300 farms and ranches operated in the four-county area, with an average of 1,560 acres, covering more than 86 percent of the total land area in the four counties (TX Cen 1994:1; TX

Cen 1993d:4). Nearly two-thirds of these operations reported cattle and calves in their inventory, with a total of 281,551 cattle and calves counted in the ROI in 1992. The value of the cattle and calves sold by area ranches in 1992 was in excess of \$254 million (TX Cen 1994:14). Livestock raised within the four-county ROI includes dairy operations and beef cattle in feedlots and open range. Dairy operations and milk production consist of approximately 3,000 cows that produce up to 64,000 pounds of milk per day.

The number of beef cattle is difficult to obtain because of inherent characteristics of the industry. The beef cattle industry in the Texas panhandle has the following four distinct aspects:

- Cow-calf operations on open range.
- Grazing of cattle on wheat and native pasture.
- Feedlot operations.
- Slaughter and meat packaging operations.