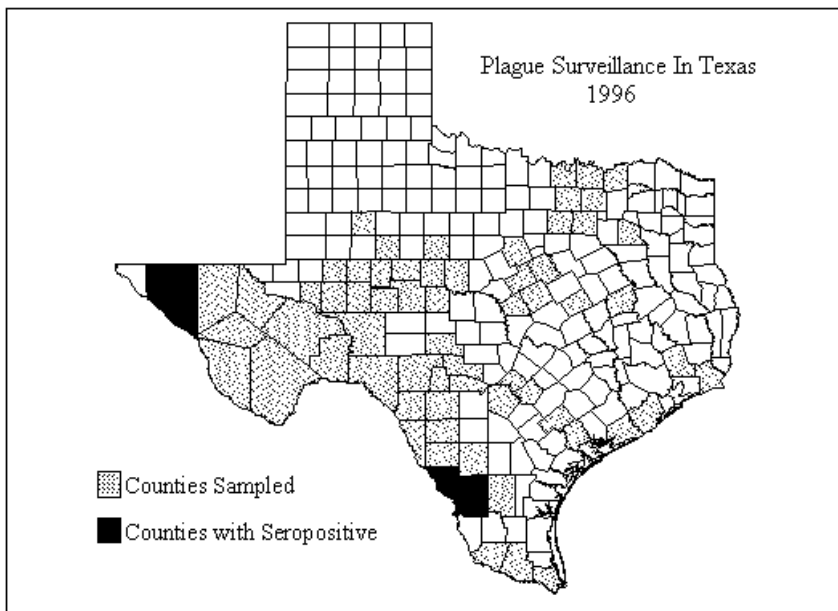


1996 Plague Surveillance In Texas

During calendar year 1996, *sera from 1,671 animals from 67 counties were tested for plague (*Yersinia pestis*) antibodies by the Texas Department of Health Laboratory, Microbiology Division, Serology Branch. Five (0.3%) of the specimens tested were seropositive (titer 1:32) for plague.

In addition to serosurveillance, 7 tissue samples from two counties were submitted to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Plague Laboratory, Fort Collins, Colorado, for examination. None of these samples were positive for plague.

1996 Plague Seropositive Carnivores	
County	Coyote
Hudspeth	4
Webb	1
Total	5



** Sera is extracted from Nobuto strips primarily collected and submitted by U.S.D.A. and Texas Animal Damage Control personnel; other submitters include municipal animal control agencies and private trappers. Because T.D.H. depends upon the interest of individual collectors, some counties are sampled heavily and some not at all.*