

Cosmetic Database Constraints & Forms

DID YOU KNOW . . . you can change the field prefix to include spaces and symbols not allowed in field names and add text after a field?

What Cosmetic Database Constraints & Forms Give You

- More attractive tables
- Field prefixes longer than allowed for field names
- Field prefixes can include spaces and symbols not valid for field names
- Text after (to right of) database field
- Multiple fields on one line with forms
- Labels not attached to fields

Field names would be as shown in the column above left if not altered by constraints or with a database form.

Compare the results that can be achieved using cosmetic database constraints (below, left) and database forms (below, right). Database forms provide headings but do not let the user change viewing units.

Table	Edit	Record	Help
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attached		Record 3809 of 5972 (1/1 attached)	
Agricultural Census 1997 from National Atlas			
COUNTY:	Carlisle County		
Agricultural Census Code:	3810	FIPS:	21039
STATE:	KY	State FIPS:	21
Farms:	323	farms	
Total cropland:	74451	acres	
Harvested cropland:	60550	acres	
Average market value of sales:	77243	per farm	
Market value of crops: \$	16384	x 1,000	
Market value of livestock: \$	8565	x 1,000	
Sales < \$2,500:	104	farms	
Sales \$2,500 to \$4,999:	33	farms	

How to Use Cosmetic Database Constraints & Forms

- Click on the Database Constraints tab in the Edit Definition window.
- Select fields in succession modifying Before and After text fields as desired.
- For forms, click on the Make Table/Form icon and choose New Form, then consult the Database Forms Quick Guide.
- With the Edit Form window open when using a fixed width font, simply drag fields in predefined increments for desired alignment.
- With the Edit Form window open when using a proportional font, you may need to hold the shift key while dragging fields for refinement of alignment.

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