

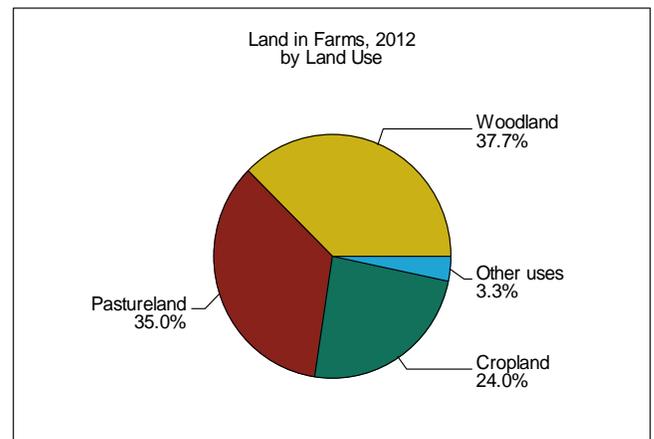
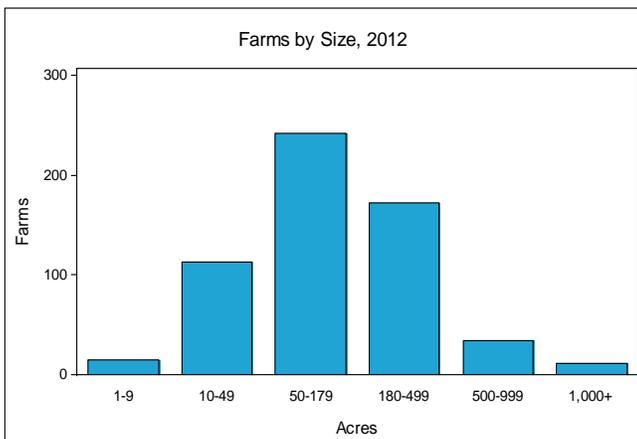
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Van Buren County Arkansas

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	587	566	+ 4
Land in Farms	122,875 acres	114,270 acres	+ 8
Average Size of Farm	209 acres	202 acres	+ 3
Market Value of Products Sold	\$19,947,000	\$15,502,000	+ 29
Crop Sales \$1,067,000 (5 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$18,880,000 (95 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$33,982	\$27,388	+ 24
Government Payments	\$648,000	\$299,000	+ 117
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$6,172	\$3,521	+ 75





Van Buren County – Arkansas

Ranked items among the 75 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	19,947	69	75	2,380	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,067	60	75	2,869	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	18,880	48	75	1,662	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	-	-	57	-	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	22	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	47	41	74	2,189	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	73	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	42	58	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	19	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	976	33	75	1,958	3,049
Poultry and eggs	6,862	49	73	680	3,013
Cattle and calves	9,248	34	75	1,369	3,056
Milk from cows	568	14	27	1,440	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	65	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	74	18	71	1,626	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	73	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	34	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	12	35	70	2,145	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	20,685	25	75	938	3,057
Vegetables harvested, all	14	41	74	2,204	2,801
Grapes	(D)	(D)	43	(D)	2,144
Watermelons	4	26	54	899	1,945
Sweet corn	3	17	60	1,706	2,416
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	489,312	42	65	395	2,723
Cattle and calves	18,736	34	75	1,404	3,063
Hogs and pigs	(D)	8	69	(D)	2,889
Layers	1,031	54	75	1,839	3,040
Horses and ponies	798	33	75	1,489	3,072

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	122	Farming	279
\$1,000 to \$2,499	58	Other	308
\$2,500 to \$4,999	61	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	92	Male	507
\$10,000 to \$19,999	113	Female	80
\$20,000 to \$24,999	29	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	36	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	12	American Indian or Alaska Native	13
\$50,000 to \$99,999	44	Asian	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	7	Black or African American	4
\$250,000 to \$499,999	8	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	5	White	853
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	22,965	More than one race	6
Average per farm (\$)	39,123	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	8
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-1,703		
Average per farm (\$)	-2,902		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. ² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.