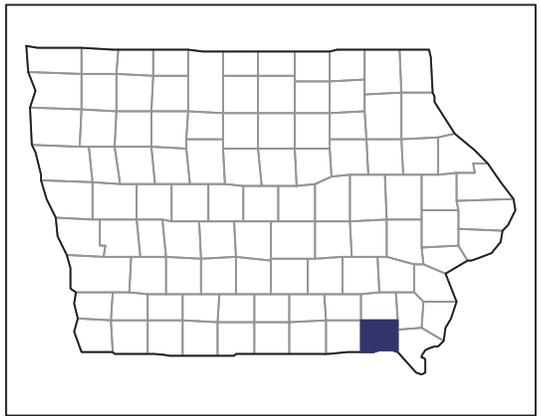


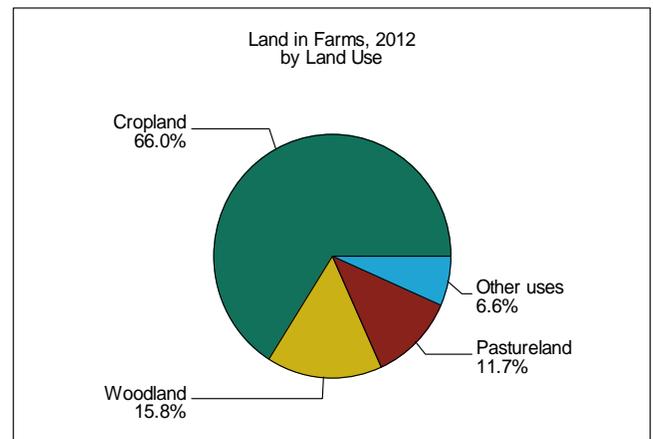
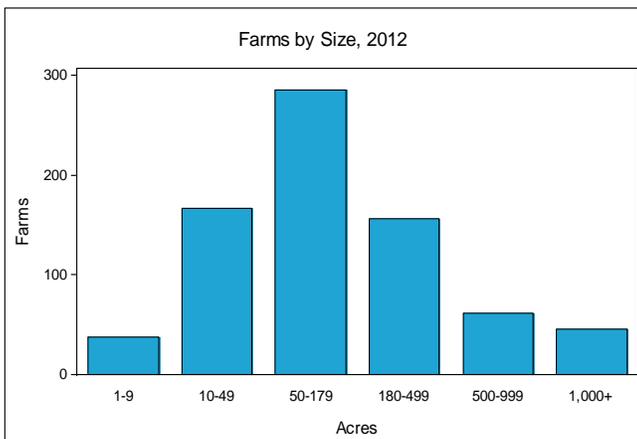
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Van Buren County Iowa

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	753	808	- 7
Land in Farms	213,358 acres	221,529 acres	- 4
Average Size of Farm	283 acres	274 acres	+ 3
Market Value of Products Sold	\$110,123,000	\$89,715,000	+ 23
Crop Sales \$57,965,000 (53 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$52,158,000 (47 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$146,245	\$111,034	+ 32
Government Payments	\$5,497,000	\$4,113,000	+ 34
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$10,633	\$6,994	+ 52





Van Buren County – Iowa

Ranked items among the 99 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	110,123	89	99	1,074	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	57,965	90	99	1,056	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	52,158	77	99	874	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	56,167	90	99	767	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	89	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	163	53	93	1,841	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	62	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	1,499	20	99	1,589	3,049
Poultry and eggs	17	84	99	2,139	3,013
Cattle and calves	11,759	86	99	1,196	3,056
Milk from cows	2,807	37	80	908	2,038
Hogs and pigs	36,506	57	99	163	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	525	21	99	319	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	7	29	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	6	80	98	2,383	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans for beans	48,555	90	99	615	2,162
Corn for grain	47,038	93	99	644	2,638
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	18,340	18	99	1,063	3,057
Corn for silage	1,892	59	99	811	2,237
Wheat for grain, all	747	4	65	1,757	2,537
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	89,639	63	99	188	2,889
Cattle and calves	20,816	72	99	1,320	3,063
Sheep and lambs	1,921	24	99	480	2,897
Layers	1,285	61	99	1,658	3,040
Goats, all	1,175	11	99	454	2,996

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	275	Farming	363
\$1,000 to \$2,499	40	Other	390
\$2,500 to \$4,999	49	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	59	Male	674
\$10,000 to \$19,999	64	Female	79
\$20,000 to \$24,999	24	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	29	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	32	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	46	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	58	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	33	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	44	White	1,099
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	85,510	More than one race	6
Average per farm (\$)	113,559	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	5
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	38,506		
Average per farm (\$)	51,136		

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.