

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Iowa Agricultural Statistics Service



## VAN BUREN IOWA

### Land in farms

Increased 7 percent from 241,422 acres in 1992 to 257,227 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased slightly from 321 acres in 1992 to 319 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 412 farms in 1992 to 391 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

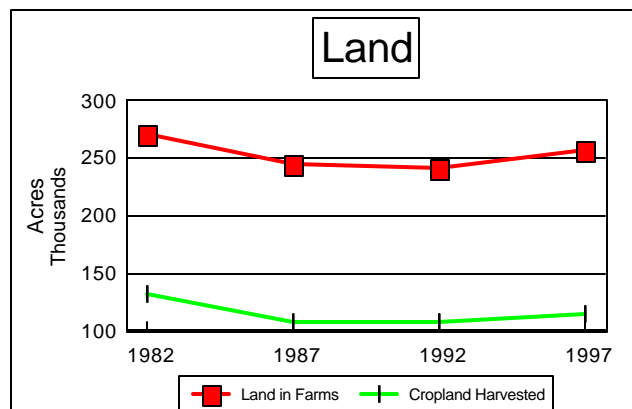
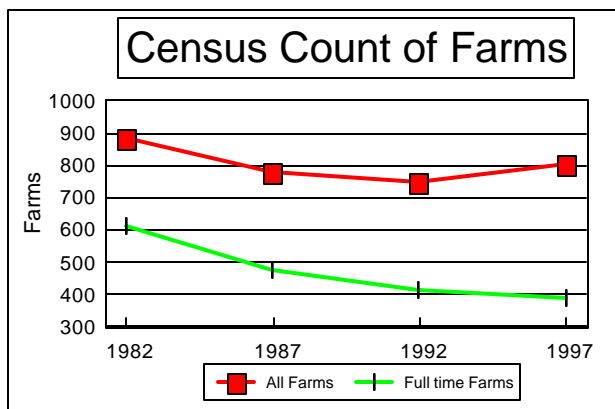
Increased 17 percent to \$43,027,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 57 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 43 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 9 percent from \$48,742 in 1992 to \$53,318 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	43,027	93	99	1,360	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	24,741	89	99	1,104	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	18,287	92	99	1,339	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Soybeans	12,230	87	99	484	2,136
Corn for grain	11,387	90	99	517	2,582
Hogs and pigs	9,338	84	99	351	2,976
Cattle and calves	6,880	85	99	1,205	3,063
Dairy products	1,504	38	97	1,198	2,563
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs sold	90,203	82	99	354	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	16,083	73	99	1,181	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	2,454	36	99	389	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	10	74	681	2,200
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	248	79	97	1,206	1,882
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs inventory	43,971	86	99	337	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	30,669	54	99	1,104	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	3,548	16	99	332	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	975	66	99	1,219	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	817	20	99	960	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	44,647	88	99	557	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	44,270	90	99	551	2,691
Hay crops-acres	25,354	20	99	804	3,061
Oats-acres	1,163	65	99	579	2,332
Corn for silage-acres	966	75	99	1,077	2,473

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	365	272	34
\$10,000 or more .....	442	480	-8
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	31,529	27,163	16
Average per farm .....dollars..	39,167	36,073	9
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	7,163	5,509	30
Average per farm .....dollars..	8,898	7,316	22
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	677	624	8
Partnership or corporation .....	127	127	
Other .....	3	1	200
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	391	412	-5
Other .....	416	340	22
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	771	719	7
Female .....	36	33	9
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	803	751	7
Black and other races .....	4	1	300
Average age of operator .....	55.3	52.8	5

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

\* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.