

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Van Buren, Iowa

### Number of farms

870 farms in 2002, 875 farms in 1997, down 1 percent.

### Land in farms

253,255 acres in 2002, 269,100 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

### Average size of farm

291 acres in 2002, 308 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$47,872,000 in 2002, \$43,154,000 in 1997, up 11 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$20,361,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$27,511,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

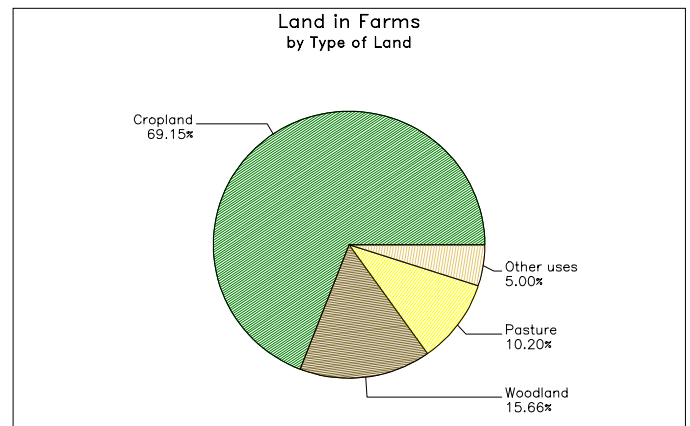
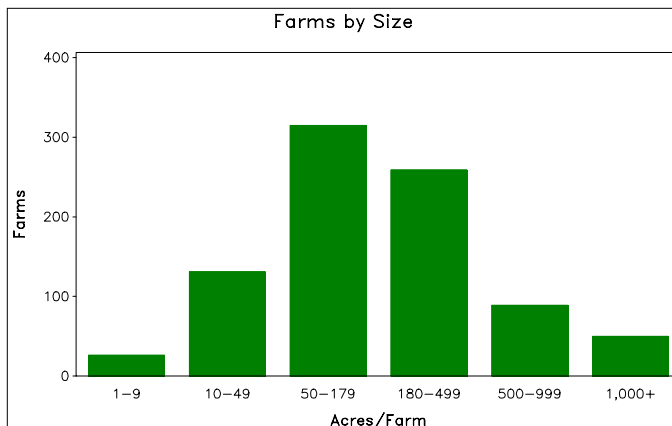
\$55,026 in 2002, \$49,319 in 1997, up 12 percent.

### Government Payments

\$3,646,000 in 2002, \$3,613,000 in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,452 in 2002, \$5,855 in 1997, up 10 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 99 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	47,872	91	99	1,220	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	20,361	93	99	1,152	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	27,511	79	99	1,007	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	19,080	92	99	699	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	62	50	92	1,952	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	65	68	95	2,197	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	74	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,134	37	99	1,126	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	9,352	79	99	1,037	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,890	34	96	1,055	2,493
Hogs and pigs	15,730	61	99	195	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	162	40	99	536	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	155	32	99	1,361	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	31	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	176	14	94	650	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs	64,424	69	99	231	2,926
Cattle and calves	29,662	53	99	1,074	3,059
Sheep and lambs	3,664	17	99	299	2,867
Horses and ponies	1,214	11	99	1,020	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	714	67	99	1,645	2,983
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans	45,817	88	99	583	2,076
Corn for grain	44,222	92	99	541	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	28,429	16	99	775	3,059
Corn for silage	1,954	39	99	766	2,307
Oats	1,130	45	99	461	2,215

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	273
\$1,000 to \$2,499	54
\$2,500 to \$4,999	60
\$5,000 to \$9,999	95
\$10,000 to \$19,999	78
\$20,000 to \$24,999	37
\$25,000 to \$39,999	84
\$40,000 to \$49,999	28
\$50,000 to \$99,999	66
\$100,000 to \$249,999	64
\$250,000 to \$499,999	18
\$500,000 or more	13
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	45,898
Average per farm (\$)	52,817
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	6,368
Average per farm (\$)	7,328

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	495
Other	375
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	796
Female	74
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.1
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	1,172
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	2
More than one race	-
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	5

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.