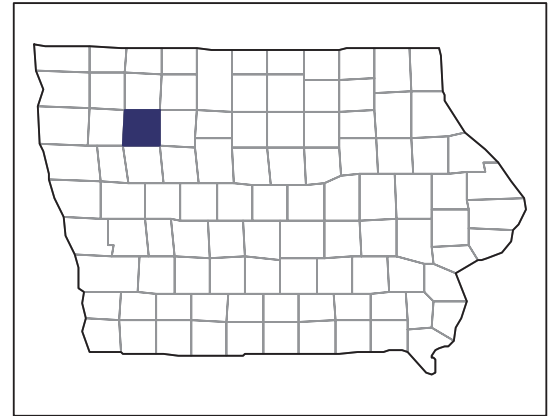


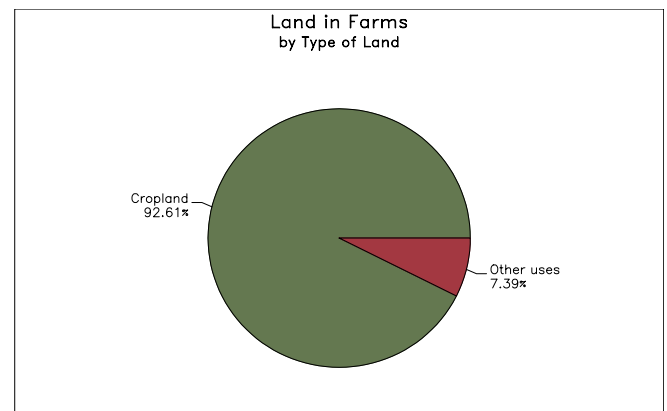
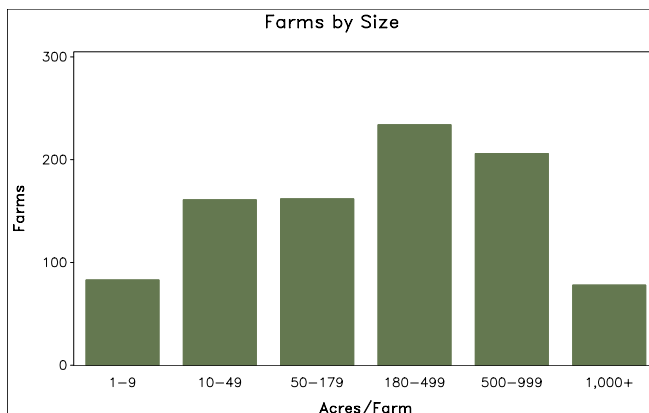
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Buena Vista County Iowa



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	924	825	+ 12
Land in Farms	362,553 acres	341,677 acres	+ 6
Average Size of Farm	392 acres	414 acres	- 5
Market Value of Products Sold	\$355,336,000	\$212,736,000	+ 67
Crop Sales \$141,540,000 (40 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$213,796,000 (60 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$384,563	\$257,862	+ 49
Government Payments	\$8,657,000	\$4,814,000	+ 80
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$11,099	\$7,499	+ 48



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Buena Vista County – Iowa

Ranked items among the 99 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	355,336	10	99	114	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	141,540	23	99	187	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	213,796	11	99	117	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	140,936	22	99	85	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	86	92	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	69	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	449	79	99	2,231	3,054
Poultry and eggs	67,779	2	99	151	3,020
Cattle and calves	32,239	35	99	386	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	111,246	14	99	25	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	2,041	3	99	57	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	20	29	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	6	82	97	2,222	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	187,899	24	99	72	2,634
Soybeans for beans	131,483	12	99	67	2,039
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,489	86	99	2,525	3,060
Corn for silage	1,763	37	99	708	2,263
Popcorn	427	7	32	84	281
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	(D)	2	99	6	3,024
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	3	90	6	2,627
Turkeys	944,926	2	86	31	2,371
Hogs and pigs	445,321	15	99	23	2,958
Cattle and calves	30,105	51	99	1,032	3,060

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	176	Farming	584
\$1,000 to \$2,499	18	Other	340
\$2,500 to \$4,999	10	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	37	Male	840
\$10,000 to \$19,999	24	Female	84
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	42	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	15	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	84	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	219	Black or African American	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999	137	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	156	White	1,302
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	277,747	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	300,591	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	95,636		
Average per farm (\$)	103,502		

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

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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.