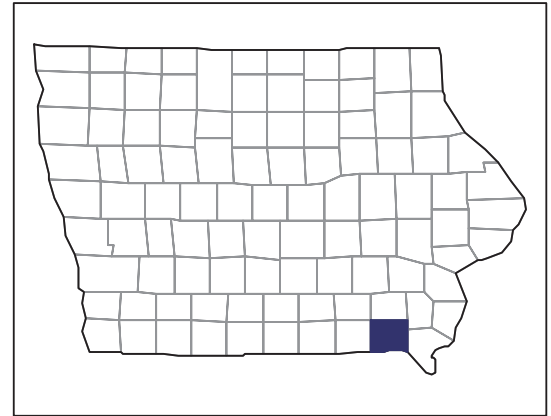


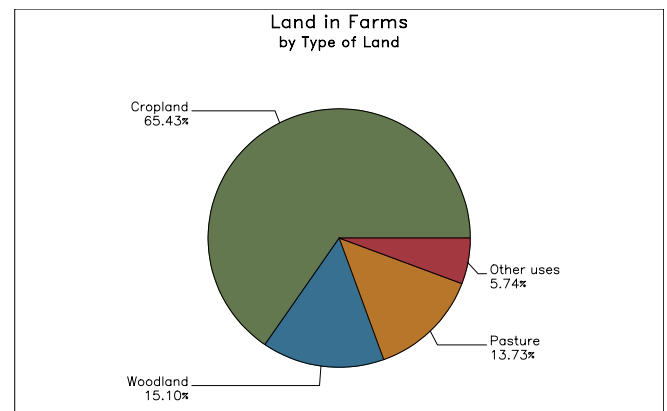
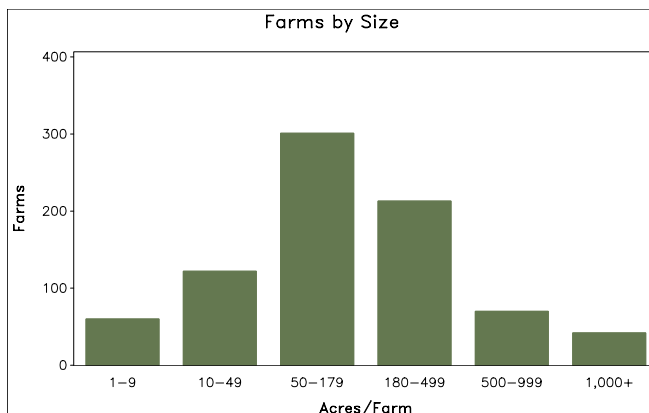
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Van Buren County Iowa



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	808	870	- 7
Land in Farms	221,529 acres	253,255 acres	- 13
Average Size of Farm	274 acres	291 acres	- 6
Market Value of Products Sold	\$89,715,000	\$47,872,000	+ 87
Crop Sales \$39,842,000 (44 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$49,873,000 (56 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$111,034	\$55,026	+ 102
Government Payments	\$4,113,000	\$3,646,000	+ 13
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$6,994	\$6,452	+ 8



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Van Buren 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	89,715	84	99	996	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	39,842	87	99	1,031	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	49,873	65	99	794	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	37,103	88	99	729	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	61	50	96	2,044	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	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	2,590	4	99	667	3,054
Poultry and eggs	34	79	99	1,851	3,020
Cattle and calves	8,456	91	99	1,320	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,730	48	94	1,150	2,493
Hogs and pigs	39,103	39	99	114	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	39	83	99	2,362	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	3	29	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	9	76	97	2,071	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	47,011	91	99	613	2,634
Soybeans for beans	35,490	89	99	643	2,039
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	21,755	17	99	977	3,060
Wheat for grain, all	1,797	3	73	1,399	2,481
Corn for silage	697	79	99	1,192	2,263
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	85,130	61	99	188	2,958
Cattle and calves	19,866	71	99	1,426	3,060
Sheep and lambs	1,674	39	99	589	2,891
Horses and ponies	1,255	8	99	1,087	3,066
Layers	1,162	59	99	1,490	3,024

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	320	Farming	328
\$1,000 to \$2,499	55	Other	480
\$2,500 to \$4,999	56	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	54	Male	716
\$10,000 to \$19,999	56	Female	92
\$20,000 to \$24,999	23	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	43	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	17	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	58	Asian	6
\$100,000 to \$249,999	77	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	26	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	23	White	1,172
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	67,503	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	83,543	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	7
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	30,244		
Average per farm (\$)	37,431		

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.