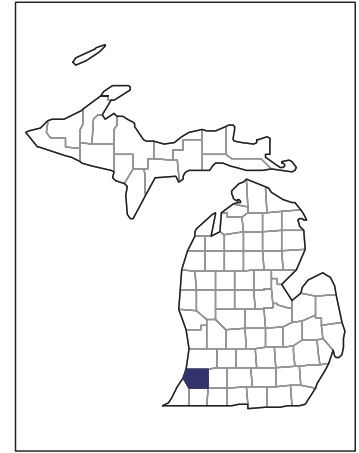


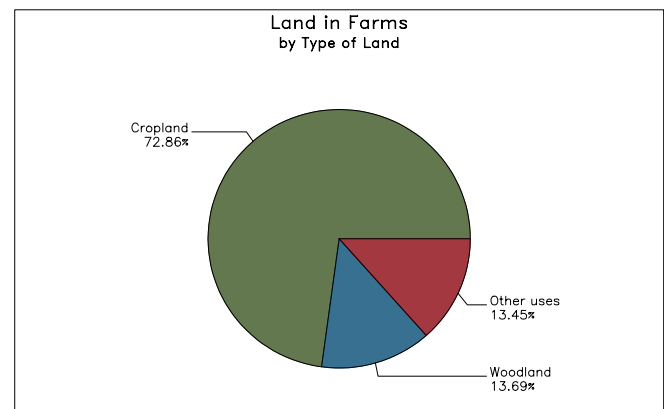
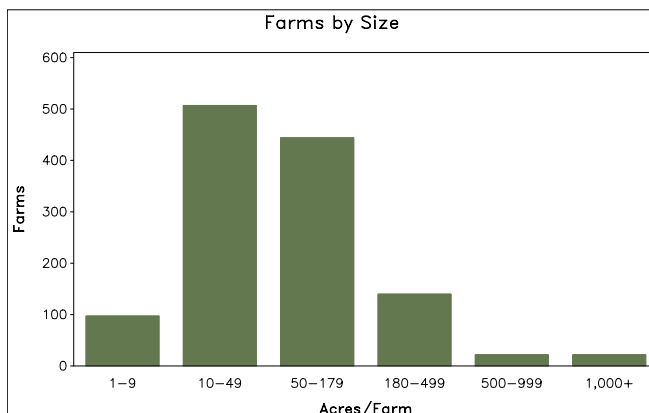
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County Profile

Van Buren County Michigan



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	1,232	1,160	+ 6
Land in Farms	185,343 acres	176,260 acres	+ 5
Average Size of Farm	150 acres	152 acres	- 1
Market Value of Products Sold	\$173,472,000	\$96,724,000	+ 79
Crop Sales \$142,654,000 (82 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$30,818,000 (18 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$140,805	\$83,382	+ 69
Government Payments	\$1,436,000	\$2,092,000	- 31
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,319	\$7,473	- 29



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County Profile

Van Buren County – Michigan

Ranked items among the 83 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	173,472	9	83	426	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	142,654	4	83	182	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	30,818	26	83	1,169	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	23,944	29	82	914	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	20,119	3	81	108	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	81,485	1	81	47	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	14,794	11	80	215	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	7	81	(D)	1,710
Other crops and hay	(D)	37	83	(D)	3,054
Poultry and eggs	587	15	82	1,089	3,020
Cattle and calves	3,047	38	83	2,055	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	20,036	24	77	298	2,493
Hogs and pigs	6,515	15	82	471	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	173	41	82	1,239	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	6	41	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	14	78	82	1,923	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	44,259	25	78	642	2,634
Soybeans for beans	26,843	28	65	734	2,039
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,704	42	83	1,472	3,060
Land in berries	8,800	1	78	7	2,237
Vegetables harvested for sale	8,509	4	81	110	2,794
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	20,075	15	81	522	2,958
Cattle and calves	10,855	31	83	1,930	3,060
Pheasants	(D)	10	66	(D)	1,544
Turkeys	(D)	9	77	309	2,371
Layers	2,420	32	82	1,035	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	358	Farming	576
\$1,000 to \$2,499	113	Other	656
\$2,500 to \$4,999	120		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	112	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	75	Male	1,059
\$20,000 to \$24,999	36	Female	173
\$25,000 to \$39,999	74		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	36	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	110		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	82	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	45	American Indian or Alaska Native	29
\$500,000 or more	71	Asian	10
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	129,967	Black or African American	74
Average per farm (\$)	105,493	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3
		White	1,705
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	51,251	More than one race	23
Average per farm (\$)	41,600	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	163

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.