



Van Buren County Iowa

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	690	-8
Land in farms (acres)	210,319	-1
Average size of farm (acres)	305	+8
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	97,836,000	-11
Government payments	5,276,000	-4
Farm-related income	5,731,000	-32
Total farm production expenses	86,477,000	+1
Net cash farm income	22,366,000	-42
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	141,791	-3
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	13,357	+26
Farm-related income	15,202	-33
Total farm production expenses	125,329	+10
Net cash farm income	32,414	-37

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	40
Livestock, poultry, and products	60

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	66
Pastureland	14
Woodland	14
Other	6

Acres irrigated: 21

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	20
Reduced till	22
Intensive till	14
Cover crop	12

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	296	43
\$2,500 to \$4,999	44	6
\$5,000 to \$9,999	48	7
\$10,000 to \$24,999	73	11
\$25,000 to \$49,999	53	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	47	7
\$100,000 or more	129	19

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	52	8
10 to 49 acres	125	18
50 to 179 acres	250	36
180 to 499 acres	159	23
500 to 999 acres	39	6
1,000 + acres	65	9

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^b	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^b	Counties Producing Item
Total	97,836	92	99	1,163	3,077
Crops	39,525	93	99	1,244	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	38,149	93	99	886	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	75	55	94	1,650	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	89	40	95	1,333	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	105	56	89	1,415	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	53	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,106	36	99	1,780	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	58,311	74	99	852	3,073
Poultry and eggs	16	81	99	1,650	3,007
Cattle and calves	14,656	77	99	996	3,055
Milk from cows	2,383	35	77	781	1,892
Hogs and pigs	40,429	53	99	145	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	474	28	99	354	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	138	32	99	1,233	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	13	27	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c	1,153	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	Soybeans for beans 43,993
Male	722	70	Corn for grain 43,534
Female	431		Forage (hay/haylage), all 19,243
Age		Farm organically	Corn for silage or greenchop 1,708
<35	116	(Z)	Oats for grain 496
35 – 64	614		
65 and older	423		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	3	Broilers and other meat-type chickens 450
Asian	1		Cattle and calves 21,916
Black or African American	-	Hire farm labor	Goats 1,286
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	28	Hogs and pigs 118,233
White	1,149		Horses and ponies 1,010
More than one race	3		Layers 1,126
Other characteristics		Are family farms	Pullets 303
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	13	96	Sheep and lambs 2,148
With military service	117		Turkeys 44
New and beginning farmers	279		

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

^a May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^b Among counties whose rank can be displayed. ^c Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

^d Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^e Position below the line does not indicate rank.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.