



# Van Buren County Michigan

## Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	953	-14
Land in farms (acres)	151,784	-13
Average size of farm (acres)	159	+1
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	205,549,000	+6
Government payments	1,602,000	-34
Farm-related income	8,441,000	-34
Total farm production expenses	177,947,000	+10
Net cash farm income	37,644,000	-21
<b>Per farm average</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	215,686	+23
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	11,694	+15
Farm-related income	22,271	-20
Total farm production expenses	186,723	+28
Net cash farm income	39,501	-8

**3** Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	81
Livestock, poultry, and products	19

### Land in Farms by Use (%) <sup>a</sup>

Cropland	78
Pastureland	2
Woodland	12
Other	8

**Acres irrigated: 35,599**

23% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	13
Reduced till	10
Intensive till	12
Cover crop	12

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	359	38
\$2,500 to \$4,999	82	9
\$5,000 to \$9,999	80	8
\$10,000 to \$24,999	105	11
\$25,000 to \$49,999	71	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	66	7
\$100,000 or more	190	20

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	109	11
10 to 49 acres	388	41
50 to 179 acres	327	34
180 to 499 acres	82	9
500 to 999 acres	25	3
1,000 + acres	22	2

**Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item
<b>Total</b>	<b>205,549</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>3,077</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>167,450</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	37,020	30	81	900	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	30,909	5	82	99	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	87,120	1	81	48	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	14	80	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	4	76	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,720	37	82	1,361	3,040
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>38,099</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Poultry and eggs	148	26	82	950	3,007
Cattle and calves	2,378	40	82	2,085	3,055
Milk from cows	25,213	23	72	281	1,892
Hogs and pigs	7,453	16	82	421	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	97	43	78	1,460	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	2	30	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,878

<b>Total Producers <sup>c</sup></b>	<b>1,617</b>	<b>Percent of farms that:</b>	<b>Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup></b>
<b>Sex</b>		Have internet access	Corn for grain 40,307
Male	1,007	<b>75</b>	Soybeans for beans 28,063
Female	610		Land in berries 9,939
<b>Age</b>		Farm organically	Blueberries, all 9,769
<35	122	<b>1</b>	Forage (hay/haylage), all 9,249
35 – 64	949		
65 and older	546		
<b>Race</b>		Sell directly to consumers	<b>Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)</b>
American Indian/Alaska Native	2	<b>15</b>	Broilers and other meat-type chickens 1,150
Asian	16		Cattle and calves 11,325
Black or African American	59	Hire farm labor	Goats 863
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	<b>36</b>	Hogs and pigs 10,509
White	1,524		Horses and ponies 830
More than one race	16		Layers 7,105
<b>Other characteristics</b>		Are family farms	Pullets 2,229
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	128	<b>96</b>	Sheep and lambs 964
With military service	197		Turkeys 208
New and beginning farmers	377		

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

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

<sup>d</sup> Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at [www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf). <sup>e</sup> 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.