

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Buena Vista, Iowa

Number of farms

825 farms in 2002, 904 farms in 1997, down 9 percent.

Land in farms

341,677 acres in 2002, 366,225 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

Average size of farm

414 acres in 2002, 405 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$212,736,000 in 2002, \$212,862,000 in 1997, down slightly.

Crop sales accounted for \$79,349,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$133,387,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

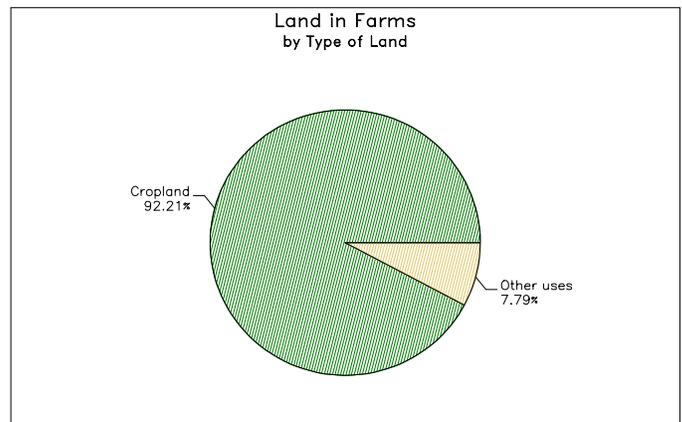
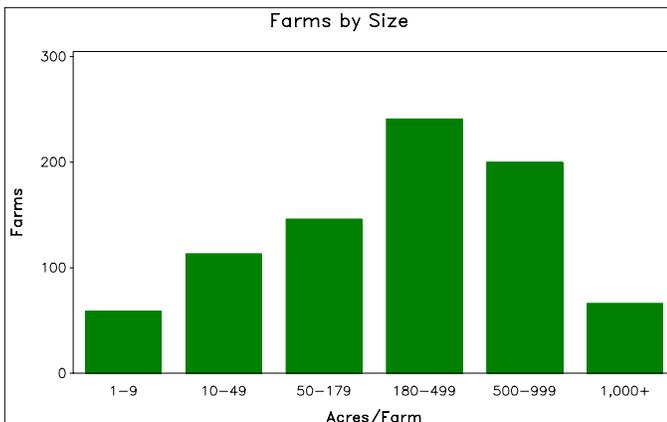
\$257,862 in 2002, \$235,467 in 1997, up 10 percent.

Government Payments

\$4,814,000 in 2002, \$5,509,000 in 1997, down 13 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,499 in 2002, \$7,804 in 1997, down 4 percent.



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United States Department of Agriculture, Iowa Agricultural Statistics Service**

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Ranked items among the 99 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

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	212,736	9	99	130	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	79,349	30	99	220	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	133,387	8	99	122	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	78,661	28	99	75	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	92	-	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	74	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	304	92	99	2,296	3,046
Poultry and eggs	50,910	2	99	130	2,918
Cattle and calves	18,101	37	99	575	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	356	78	96	1,797	2,493
Hogs and pigs	63,842	13	99	29	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	123	57	99	686	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	31	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	6	99	(D)	2,983
Turkeys	1,216,000	1	88	16	2,328
Hogs and pigs	314,097	14	99	28	2,926
Cattle and calves	21,471	65	99	1,383	3,059
Sheep and lambs	1,096	73	99	909	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	155,329	23	99	70	2,592
Soybeans	144,212	19	99	81	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,904	86	99	2,447	3,059
Corn for silage	1,777	46	99	818	2,307
Oats	803	63	99	612	2,215

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	108	Farming	642
\$1,000 to \$2,499	16	Other	183
\$2,500 to \$4,999	23		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	29	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	32	Male	790
\$20,000 to \$24,999	20	Female	35
\$25,000 to \$39,999	54		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	37	Average age of principal operator (years)	52.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	111		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	206	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	101	White	1,118
\$500,000 or more	88	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	159,864	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	193,540	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	65,845	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	79,716	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

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.