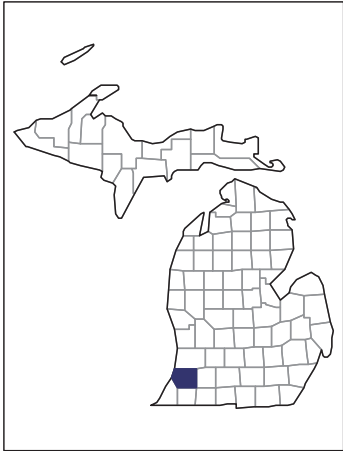


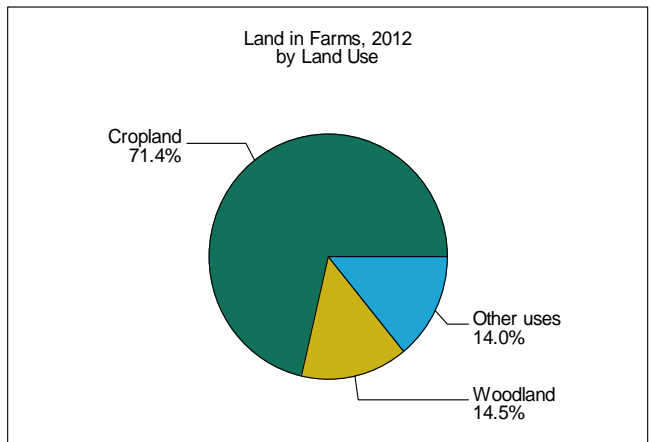
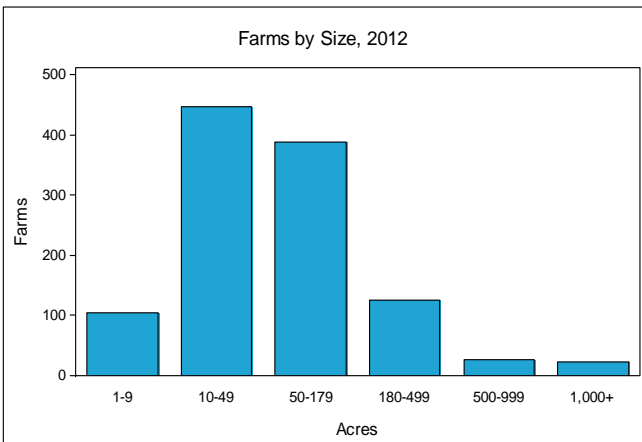
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Van Buren County Michigan

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,113	1,232	- 10
Land in Farms	175,121 acres	185,343 acres	- 6
Average Size of Farm	157 acres	150 acres	+ 5
Market Value of Products Sold	\$194,664,000	\$173,472,000	+ 12
Crop Sales \$161,414,000 (83 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$33,251,000 (17 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$174,900	\$140,805	+ 24
Government Payments	\$2,425,000	\$1,436,000	+ 69
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$10,144	\$5,319	+ 91





Van Buren County – Michigan

Ranked items among the 83 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	194,664	15	83	559	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	161,414	12	82	346	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	33,251	25	83	1,217	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	58,345	26	82	746	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	28,671	5	82	93	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	60,033	1	79	59	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	12,395	12	81	227	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	6	78	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	82	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	82	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	3,178	37	82	2,081	3,056
Milk from cows	25,491	19	73	280	2,038
Hogs and pigs	3,180	20	80	661	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	268	14	79	627	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	222	38	81	1,156	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	5	37	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	20	65	82	1,921	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	55,362	22	80	578	2,638
Soybeans for beans	18,730	35	71	944	2,162
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,527	46	82	1,585	3,057
Land in Berries	8,761	1	78	7	2,339
Blueberries, tame	8,497	1	65	1	1,680
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	12,519	28	83	1,762	3,063
Turkeys	(D)	8	76	284	2,416
Hogs and pigs	4,655	28	81	782	2,889
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	3,567	8	81	690	2,723
Layers	2,740	31	82	1,089	3,040

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	342	Farming	592
\$1,000 to \$2,499	72	Other	521
\$2,500 to \$4,999	81	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	99	Male	938
\$10,000 to \$19,999	95	Female	175
\$20,000 to \$24,999	43	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	68	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	25	American Indian or Alaska Native	10
\$50,000 to \$99,999	105	Asian	5
\$100,000 to \$249,999	77	Black or African American	59
\$250,000 to \$499,999	48	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
\$500,000 or more	58	White	1,614
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	162,152	More than one race	10
Average per farm (\$)	145,689	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	124
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	47,665		
Average per farm (\$)	42,826		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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.