



# Van Buren County Arkansas

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

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	611	+4
Land in farms (acres)	127,623	+4
Average size of farm (acres)	209	(Z)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	16,347,000	-18
Government payments	172,000	-73
Farm-related income	614,000	-8
Total farm production expenses	18,753,000	-18
Net cash farm income	-1,619,000	+5
<b>Per farm average</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	26,755	-21
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	3,918	-37
Farm-related income	4,949	+27
Total farm production expenses	30,692	-22
Net cash farm income	-2,650	+9

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	7
Livestock, poultry, and products	93

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

Cropland	17
Pastureland	39
Woodland	41
Other	3

Acres irrigated: 130

(Z)% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	3
Reduced till	(Z)
Intensive till	2
Cover crop	1

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	206	34
\$2,500 to \$4,999	76	12
\$5,000 to \$9,999	100	16
\$10,000 to \$24,999	128	21
\$25,000 to \$49,999	45	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	36	6
\$100,000 or more	20	3

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	12	2
10 to 49 acres	124	20
50 to 179 acres	247	40
180 to 499 acres	178	29
500 to 999 acres	37	6
1,000 + acres	13	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>16,347</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>2,486</b>	<b>3,077</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>1,074</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>2,809</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	-	-	50	-	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	23	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	36	45	72	1,845	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	43	72	1,718	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	51	55	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	20	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,009	35	75	1,862	3,040
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>15,273</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>1,844</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Poultry and eggs	4,594	49	72	639	3,007
Cattle and calves	10,463	29	75	1,219	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	21	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	49	62	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	30	70	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	177	12	70	1,062	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	29	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	-	-	65	-	2,878

**Total Producers <sup>c</sup>**

**1,046**

**Sex**

Male	645
Female	401

**Age**

<35	102
35 – 64	619
65 and older	325

**Race**

American Indian/Alaska Native	5
Asian	-
Black or African American	-
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	1,039
More than one race	2

**Other characteristics**

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	10
With military service	130
New and beginning farmers	290

**Percent of farms that:**

Have internet access **77**

Farm organically **-**

Sell directly to consumers **2**

Hire farm labor **13**

Are family farms **100**

**Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup>**

Forage (hay/haylage), all	17,364
Vegetables harvested, all	13
Chestnuts	(D)
Land in berries	4
Grapes	3

**Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)**

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	212,110
Cattle and calves	27,403
Goats	538
Hogs and pigs	166
Horses and ponies	870
Layers	1,561
Pullets	348
Sheep and lambs	32
Turkeys	(D)

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.