



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Van Buren, Arkansas



Number of farms

603 farms in 2002, 633 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

Land in farms

131,661 acres in 2002, 138,676 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Average size of farm

218 acres in 2002, 219 acres in 1997, down slightly.

Market Value of Production

\$14,964,000 in 2002, \$21,052,000 in 1997, down 29 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,104,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$13,860,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

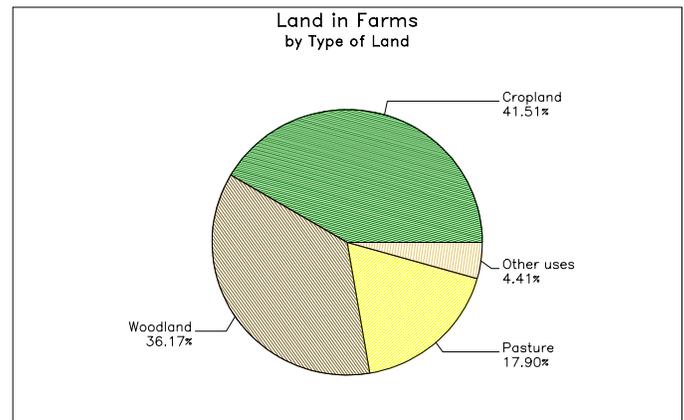
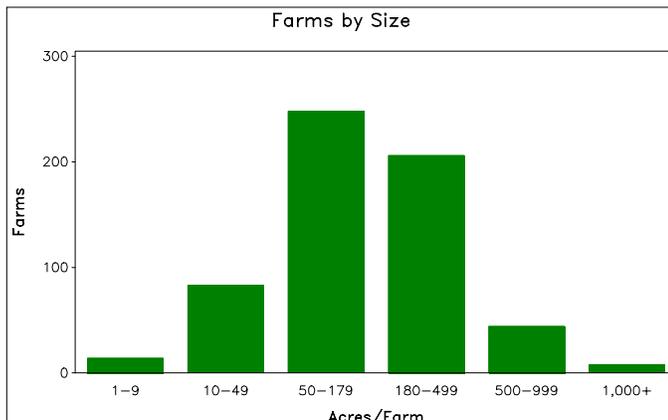
\$24,816 in 2002, \$33,257 in 1997, down 25 percent.

Government Payments

\$248,000 in 2002, \$34,000 in 1997, up 629 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,270 in 2002, \$1,254 in 1997, up 320 percent.



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Ranked items among the 75 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	14,964	64	75	2,273	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,104	53	75	2,694	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	13,860	44	75	1,606	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	-	-	55	-	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	25	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	71	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	70	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	63	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	23	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	710	16	75	1,585	3,046
Poultry and eggs	4,505	45	69	637	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,704	39	75	1,754	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,536	7	48	914	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2,740	13	69	638	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	70	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	304	12	74	725	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	45	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	518,454	40	63	376	2,599
Cattle and calves	21,022	38	75	1,401	3,059
Hogs and pigs	(D)	17	72	(D)	2,926
Horses and ponies	1,155	21	75	1,081	3,065
All Goats	1,141	8	74	404	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	24,002	23	75	935	3,059
Grapes	23	5	41	381	1,830
All Berries	14	12	51	701	2,019
Barley	(D)	1	1	(D)	1,246
Corn for grain ³	(D)	(D)	50	(D)	2,592

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	149	Farming	327
\$1,000 to \$2,499	84	Other	276
\$2,500 to \$4,999	107	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	95	Male	542
\$10,000 to \$19,999	68	Female	61
\$20,000 to \$24,999	22	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.6
\$25,000 to \$39,999	23	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6	White	866
\$50,000 to \$99,999	12	Black or African American	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	21	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$250,000 to \$499,999	13	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	3	Asian	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	13,516	More than one race	11
Average per farm (\$)	22,304	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	12
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,998		
Average per farm (\$)	3,298		

(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.

³ Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.