

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Van Buren, Tennessee

Number of farms

230 farms in 2002, 272 farms in 1997, down 15 percent.

Land in farms

31,584 acres in 2002, 33,764 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Average size of farm

137 acres in 2002, 124 acres in 1997, up 10 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$2,752,000 in 2002, \$2,943,000 in 1997, down 6 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$418,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$2,334,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

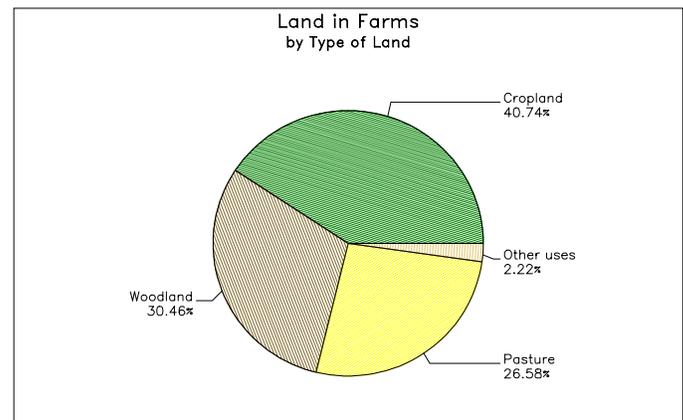
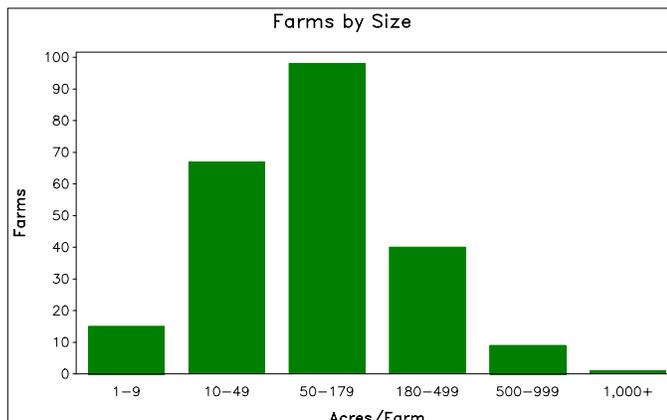
\$11,966 in 2002, \$10,820 in 1997, up 11 percent.

Government Payments

\$102,000 in 2002, \$74,000 in 1997, up 38 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,967 in 2002, \$2,302 in 1997, down 15 percent.



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Ranked items among the 95 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	2,752	93	95	2,900	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	418	94	95	2,917	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,334	80	95	2,659	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	11	90	94	2,730	2,871
Tobacco	23	66	69	467	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	24	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	92	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	245	63	94	1,723	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	50	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	91	93	95	2,807	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,329	88	95	2,417	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	962	45	73	1,386	2,493
Hogs and pigs	-	-	93	-	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	7	77	94	2,436	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	30	92	94	2,608	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	52	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	89	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	7,476	86	95	2,292	3,059
Horses and ponies	360	90	95	2,459	3,065
All Goats	342	72	94	1,361	2,971
Sheep and lambs	51	70	93	2,477	2,867
Rabbits ³	(D)	(D)	71	(D)	1,966
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,432	90	95	2,253	3,059
Corn for silage	189	61	82	1,788	2,307
Corn for grain	83	90	94	2,338	2,592
Nursery stock	78	23	78	737	2,129
Soybeans	(D)	79	81	(D)	2,076

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	64	Farming	95
\$1,000 to \$2,499	42	Other	135
\$2,500 to \$4,999	25	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	37	Male	214
\$10,000 to \$19,999	35	Female	16
\$20,000 to \$24,999	10	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	6	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4	White	324
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	4	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	-	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	2,317	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	9,944	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	497		
Average per farm (\$)	2,134		

(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.