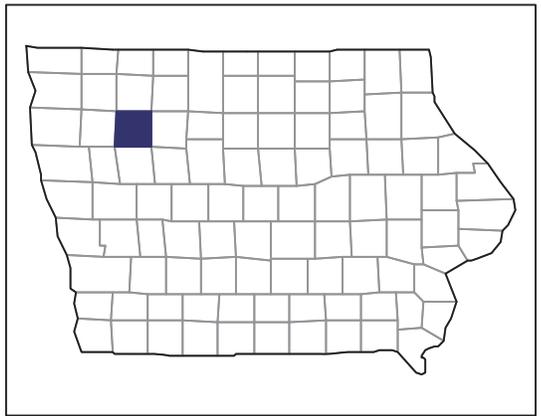


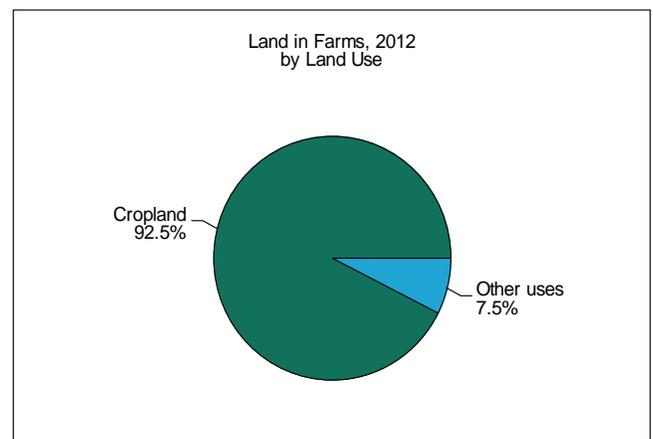
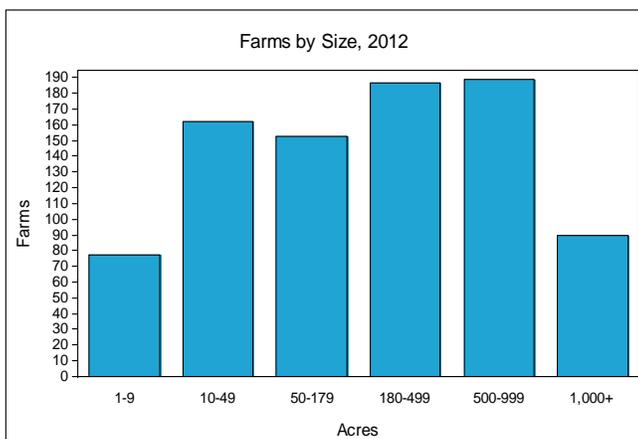
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Buena Vista County Iowa

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	858	924	- 7
<b>Land in Farms</b>	360,849 acres	362,553 acres	0
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	421 acres	392 acres	+ 7
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$577,060,000	\$355,336,000	+ 62
Crop Sales \$256,952,000 (45 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$320,109,000 (55 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$672,565	\$384,563	+ 75
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$8,715,000	\$8,657,000	+ 1
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$12,172	\$11,099	+ 10





## Buena Vista County – Iowa

### Ranked items among the 99 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	577,060	5	99	78	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	256,952	14	99	129	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	320,109	6	99	81	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	256,378	15	99	63	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	23	73	97	2,412	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	89	-	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	131	56	93	1,936	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	62	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	419	77	99	2,504	3,049
Poultry and eggs	115,188	2	99	102	3,013
Cattle and calves	39,891	31	99	379	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	(D)	80	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	164,069	9	99	17	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	36	85	99	2,452	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	29	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	58	35	98	1,340	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	176,744	28	99	84	2,638
Soybeans for beans	141,285	7	99	78	2,162
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,332	80	99	2,464	3,057
Corn for silage	2,520	46	99	666	2,237
Popcorn	370	5	26	96	286
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers	(D)	7	99	(D)	3,040
Turkeys	926,700	1	87	32	2,416
Pullets for laying flock replacement	516,000	6	88	51	2,637
Hogs and pigs	438,072	13	99	22	2,889
Cattle and calves	33,499	36	99	861	3,063

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	159	Farming	560
\$1,000 to \$2,499	16	Other	298
\$2,500 to \$4,999	17	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	35	Male	804
\$10,000 to \$19,999	17	Female	54
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	24	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	60	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	103	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	137	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	276	White	1,233
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	386,529	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	450,500	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	4
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	221,139		
Average per farm (\$)	257,738		

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.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. <sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.