

**OFFICIAL NOTICE**

Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 441.49, the Director of Revenue of the State of Iowa has notified Buchanan County of the final percentage adjustments to be made to the 2009 valuations of real property in Buchanan County:

CLASS OF PROPERTY	Percentage Adjustment to Reported 2009 Actual Values
Agricultural Land, Outside and Within Incorporated Cities	Increase 59%
Agricultural Structures, Excluding Residential Dwellings on Agricultural Realty, Outside and Within Incorporated Cities	No Adjustment
Residential Realty, Including Residential Dwellings on Agricultural Realty, Outside and Within Incorporated Cities	No Adjustment
Commercial Realty, Excluding Machinery and Equipment Referred to in Chapter 427A, Outside and Within Incorporated Cities	No Adjustment

Said Section 441.49 also provides that the County Auditor, on or before October 15, shall cause to be published in official newspapers of general circulation this final equalization order.

Assessed values are equalized by the Department of Revenue every two years. Local taxing authorities determine the final tax levies and may reduce property tax rates to compensate for any increase in valuation due to equalization.

Taxpayers may appeal said increase ordered by the Department of Revenue, by a petition filed between October 16 and November 4, 2009, to the Local Board of Review. Petitions must be filed with the County Assessor. The Local Board of Review will reconvene in special session to hear appeals between October 15 and November 30, 2009.

Cindy Gosse  
Buchanan County Auditor