

**Table 47. Land Use Practices by Size of Farm: 2017 and 2012**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Land use practices	2017		2012	
	Farms	Acres	Farms	Acres
Land drained by tile .....	2,485	658,771	2,105	390,572
Average per farm .....	(X)	265	(X)	186
Acres drained:				
1 to 9 acres .....	110	513	123	548
10 to 49 acres .....	486	11,967	626	16,401
50 to 99 acres .....	392	26,665	331	22,381
100 to 199 acres .....	478	62,214	385	50,413
200 to 499 acres .....	606	178,015	432	124,819
500 to 999 acres .....	287	188,343	154	97,397
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	100	127,634	43	52,441
2,000 acres or more .....	26	63,420	11	26,172
Land artificially drained by ditches .....	2,066	694,058	2,506	745,028
Average per farm .....	(X)	336	(X)	297
Acres drained by ditches:				
1 to 9 acres .....	172	699	170	743
10 to 49 acres .....	449	10,848	548	12,596
50 to 99 acres .....	247	16,194	356	23,335
100 to 199 acres .....	354	45,382	449	57,882
200 to 499 acres .....	415	125,300	498	146,222
500 to 999 acres .....	240	156,865	290	182,774
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	127	164,854	140	171,328
2,000 acres or more .....	62	173,916	55	150,148
Land under conservation easement .....	1,721	570,770	2,534	545,992
Average per farm .....	(X)	332	(X)	215
Acres under easement:				
1 to 9 acres .....	105	491	294	1,190
10 to 49 acres .....	320	8,542	643	16,385
50 to 99 acres .....	260	18,507	356	25,337
100 to 199 acres .....	371	53,881	468	66,666
200 to 499 acres .....	393	123,911	524	160,514
500 to 999 acres .....	113	76,122	141	93,079
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	112	148,625	85	105,751
2,000 acres or more .....	47	140,691	23	77,070
Cropland on which no-till practices were used .....	7,774	7,656,188	7,462	7,158,414
Average per farm .....	(X)	985	(X)	959
No-till practices used:				
1 to 9 acres .....	211	964	128	595
10 to 49 acres .....	674	18,503	592	17,888
50 to 99 acres .....	727	51,990	677	49,226
100 to 199 acres .....	890	127,016	977	140,372
200 to 499 acres .....	1,715	562,157	1,702	558,845
500 to 999 acres .....	1,400	988,920	1,360	953,233
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	1,057	1,460,167	1,051	1,464,064
2,000 acres or more .....	1,100	4,446,471	975	3,974,191
Cropland on which reduced tillage, excluding no-till, practices were used (see text) .....	6,185	4,300,330	5,017	3,460,096
Average per farm .....	(X)	695	(X)	690
Reduced tillage used:				
1 to 9 acres .....	178	758	118	439
10 to 49 acres .....	598	16,652	390	11,667
50 to 99 acres .....	539	39,233	445	32,457
100 to 199 acres .....	885	127,475	658	95,313
200 to 499 acres .....	1,604	532,780	1,340	434,596
500 to 999 acres .....	1,104	782,021	1,047	728,542
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	838	1,175,139	673	923,160
2,000 acres or more .....	439	1,626,272	346	1,233,922
Cropland on which intensive tillage practices were used (see text) .....	4,979	2,674,782	8,421	4,012,138
Average per farm .....	(X)	537	(X)	476
Intensive tillage used:				
1 to 9 acres .....	312	1,487	427	1,928
10 to 49 acres .....	745	19,939	1,094	29,974
50 to 99 acres .....	560	40,416	972	69,901
100 to 199 acres .....	735	103,819	1,311	185,342
200 to 499 acres .....	1,181	387,602	2,167	716,969
500 to 999 acres .....	768	536,631	1,468	1,024,229
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	424	584,293	664	882,151
2,000 acres or more .....	254	1,000,595	318	1,101,644
Cropland planted to a cover crop (excluding CRP) .....	2,154	281,649	1,369	149,383
Average per farm .....	(X)	131	(X)	109
Cover crop acres (excluding CRP):				
1 to 9 acres .....	142	577	163	803
10 to 49 acres .....	647	17,635	473	11,907
50 to 99 acres .....	481	32,777	253	16,981
100 to 199 acres .....	472	62,302	234	31,213
200 to 499 acres .....	322	89,449	196	52,524
500 to 999 acres .....	68	45,189	46	31,755
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	17	20,478	4	4,200
2,000 acres or more .....	5	13,242	-	-