

**Table 41. Land Use Practices: 2017 and 2012**

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Item	Maryland	Allegany	Anne Arundel	Baltimore	Calvert	Caroline
Land drained by tile .....						
farms, 2017	671	8	6	22	3	98
2012	736	16	9	11	3	121
acres, 2017	45,459	122	107	173	(D)	14,556
2012	43,840	331	24	51	(D)	10,433
Average per farm .....	acres, 2017	68	15	18	(D)	149
	2012	60	21	3	(D)	86
Land artificially drained by ditches .....						
farms, 2017	1,651	17	22	30	13	222
2012	1,705	28	12	18	21	266
acres, 2017	262,095	319	401	388	275	29,594
2012	252,992	2,056	469	177	716	35,183
Average per farm .....	acres, 2017	159	19	18	21	133
	2012	148	73	39	10	132
Land under conservation easement .....						
farms, 2017	1,185	19	54	141	30	47
2012	1,628	32	41	133	20	101
acres, 2017	139,910	2,824	2,464	10,301	3,495	6,937
2012	147,413	2,042	3,003	9,188	1,334	13,190
Average per farm .....	acres, 2017	118	149	46	117	148
	2012	91	64	73	69	131
Cropland on which no-till practices were used .....						
farms, 2017	3,358	26	74	137	69	251
2012	3,340	27	81	102	74	309
acres, 2017	826,999	1,804	7,556	33,105	7,046	75,906
2012	767,813	896	8,003	22,185	8,692	72,945
Average per farm .....	acres, 2017	246	69	102	242	302
	2012	230	33	99	218	236
Cropland on which reduced tillage, excluding no-till, practices were used (see text) .....						
farms, 2017	1,166	8	18	51	27	100
2012	1,249	7	31	50	36	117
acres, 2017	192,692	133	724	2,540	1,240	14,157
2012	194,668	171	1,600	11,260	5,648	22,016
Average per farm .....	acres, 2017	165	17	40	50	46
	2012	156	24	52	225	157
Cropland on which intensive tillage practices were used (see text) .....						
farms, 2017	1,296	17	27	43	38	62
2012	2,095	32	50	72	79	152
acres, 2017	97,850	702	813	935	811	11,668
2012	145,531	302	625	1,620	3,752	16,150
Average per farm .....	acres, 2017	76	41	30	22	188
	2012	69	9	13	23	47
Cropland planted to a cover crop (excluding CRP) .....						
farms, 2017	2,556	31	51	104	61	176
2012	2,366	31	62	61	61	173
acres, 2017	410,849	1,454	3,904	7,790	3,033	34,177
2012	327,689	892	4,080	3,694	6,229	27,238
Average per farm .....	acres, 2017	161	47	77	75	194
	2012	138	29	66	61	157

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Item	Carroll	Cecil	Charles	Dorchester	Frederick	Garrett
Land drained by tile .....						
farms, 2017	91	18	6	10	79	110
2012	99	27	2	12	79	136
acres, 2017	3,399	420	94	1,597	5,656	4,548
2012	4,030	938	(D)	2,088	2,780	5,511
Average per farm .....						
acres, 2017	37	23	16	160	72	41
2012	41	35	(D)	174	35	41
Land artificially drained by ditches .....						
farms, 2017	75	27	20	139	75	38
2012	73	23	33	146	58	25
acres, 2017	1,371	895	797	31,867	2,221	444
2012	1,429	1,637	5,768	23,081	3,107	283
Average per farm .....						
acres, 2017	18	33	40	229	30	12
2012	20	71	175	158	54	11
Land under conservation easement .....						
farms, 2017	110	32	28	49	100	10
2012	210	56	26	76	124	33
acres, 2017	10,214	4,828	2,114	16,362	13,530	803
2012	13,088	6,875	1,852	8,987	10,047	2,013
Average per farm .....						
acres, 2017	93	151	76	334	135	80
2012	62	123	71	118	81	61
Cropland on which no-till practices were used .....						
farms, 2017	311	121	79	142	378	120
2012	249	129	67	159	348	107
acres, 2017	65,443	24,368	15,007	58,262	75,748	8,490
2012	56,257	28,027	12,186	51,418	61,785	5,176
Average per farm .....						
acres, 2017	210	201	190	410	200	71
2012	226	217	182	323	178	48
Cropland on which reduced tillage, excluding no-till, practices were used (see text) .....						
farms, 2017	74	72	30	59	105	57
2012	77	78	30	73	106	54
acres, 2017	7,753	8,108	1,516	20,366	13,275	3,548
2012	6,275	8,118	2,892	19,824	9,305	2,776
Average per farm .....						
acres, 2017	105	113	51	345	126	62
2012	81	104	96	272	88	51
Cropland on which intensive tillage practices were used (see text) .....						
farms, 2017	61	65	80	57	72	141
2012	100	84	95	91	173	193
acres, 2017	1,811	5,803	2,695	9,491	2,993	3,632
2012	4,819	7,736	3,209	10,599	12,972	5,311
Average per farm .....						
acres, 2017	30	89	34	167	42	26
2012	48	92	34	116	75	28
Cropland planted to a cover crop (excluding CRP) .....						
farms, 2017	196	103	69	105	279	89
2012	176	109	72	111	231	57
acres, 2017	20,870	14,346	4,572	34,416	35,326	1,795
2012	14,942	22,205	3,516	24,664	25,810	1,573
Average per farm .....						
acres, 2017	106	139	66	328	127	20
2012	85	204	49	222	112	28

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Item	Harford	Howard	Kent	Montgomery	Prince George's	Queen Anne's
Land drained by tile .....						
farms, 2017	17	11	11	16	15	45
2012	11	13	13	4	13	58
acres, 2017	324	379	826	826	1,398	4,362
2012	167	1,076	482	190	(D)	6,957
Average per farm .....	acres, 2017	19	34	75	52	97
	2012	15	83	37	48	(D)
Land artificially drained by ditches .....						
farms, 2017	34	24	52	24	18	137
2012	17	12	63	31	20	154
acres, 2017	700	837	7,511	524	288	41,388
2012	629	305	6,008	1,512	419	33,932
Average per farm .....	acres, 2017	21	35	144	22	302
	2012	37	25	95	49	21
Land under conservation easement .....						
farms, 2017	73	58	37	74	37	50
2012	86	45	84	71	19	92
acres, 2017	8,579	3,416	11,695	3,869	1,522	11,114
2012	7,100	2,470	14,721	5,189	1,516	12,029
Average per farm .....	acres, 2017	118	59	316	52	41
	2012	83	55	175	73	80
Cropland on which no-till practices were used .....						
farms, 2017	173	53	151	77	69	188
2012	129	49	172	76	59	216
acres, 2017	28,978	8,297	57,973	31,683	9,293	84,705
2012	18,278	13,115	52,399	27,802	7,345	76,609
Average per farm .....	acres, 2017	168	157	384	411	451
	2012	142	268	305	366	124
Cropland on which reduced tillage, excluding no-till, practices were used (see text) .....						
farms, 2017	53	19	69	22	17	87
2012	50	7	88	13	31	72
acres, 2017	4,751	1,148	28,145	2,271	569	29,337
2012	3,928	704	24,244	3,272	709	23,283
Average per farm .....	acres, 2017	90	60	408	103	33
	2012	79	101	276	252	23
Cropland on which intensive tillage practices were used (see text) .....						
farms, 2017	36	10	51	17	53	75
2012	54	34	97	34	94	94
acres, 2017	2,112	90	11,189	520	1,080	13,171
2012	6,501	1,319	16,937	1,199	1,752	17,035
Average per farm .....	acres, 2017	59	9	219	31	20
	2012	120	39	175	35	19
Cropland planted to a cover crop (excluding CRP) .....						
farms, 2017	126	31	135	75	57	148
2012	87	22	132	47	67	123
acres, 2017	13,700	2,219	54,928	15,711	5,344	47,323
2012	8,560	1,225	34,057	7,722	3,472	29,803
Average per farm .....	acres, 2017	109	72	407	209	94
	2012	98	56	258	164	52

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Item	St. Mary's	Somerset	Talbot	Washington	Wicomico	Worcester
Land drained by tile .....						
farms, 2017	3	29	12	14	23	24
2012	7	22	17	23	23	17
acres, 2017	(D)	3,722	706	170	829	1,179
2012	63	2,365	1,244	472	1,343	1,476
Average per farm .....	acres, 2017		128	59	12	36
	2012	(D)	108	73	21	58
9						87
Land artificially drained by ditches .....	farms, 2017	60	125	105	16	225
	2012	80	129	127	27	204
acres, 2017		2,659	31,653	35,238	517	27,321
	2012	2,462	26,788	39,289	911	25,587
Average per farm .....	acres, 2017	44	253	336	32	121
	2012	31	208	309	34	125
31						299
Land under conservation easement .....	farms, 2017	22	23	45	68	37
	2012	52	48	75	78	70
acres, 2017		1,753	3,172	6,735	4,371	3,566
	2012	3,148	3,453	10,656	5,361	4,358
Average per farm .....	acres, 2017	80	138	150	64	96
	2012	61	72	142	69	62
Cropland on which no-till practices were used .....	farms, 2017	190	62	145	300	137
	2012	208	71	174	307	134
acres, 2017		20,533	21,825	63,558	42,663	41,300
	2012	20,640	20,350	82,095	45,106	34,979
Average per farm .....	acres, 2017	108	352	438	142	301
	2012	99	287	472	147	261
Cropland on which reduced tillage, excluding no-till, practices were used (see text) .....	farms, 2017	67	31	41	89	44
	2012	77	23	44	115	43
acres, 2017		4,899	9,106	10,784	4,988	9,565
	2012	5,857	8,921	6,981	5,600	8,283
Average per farm .....	acres, 2017	73	294	263	56	217
	2012	76	388	159	49	193
Cropland on which intensive tillage practices were used (see text) .....	farms, 2017	156	28	20	94	67
	2012	240	19	25	152	79
acres, 2017		3,455	3,694	2,505	3,048	7,557
	2012	6,352	3,460	3,459	5,458	4,285
Average per farm .....	acres, 2017	22	132	125	32	113
	2012	26	182	138	36	54
Cropland planted to a cover crop (excluding CRP) .....	farms, 2017	207	47	118	181	97
	2012	194	55	128	199	109
acres, 2017		8,503	13,133	39,864	11,070	18,457
	2012	7,216	13,505	40,087	14,034	14,292
Average per farm .....	acres, 2017	41	279	338	61	190
	2012	37	246	313	71	131
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