

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	6	23	2	(D)
Average per farm	(X)	4	(X)	(D)
Acres drained:				
1 to 9 acres	6	23	1	(D)
10 to 49 acres	-	-	1	(D)
50 to 99 acres	-	-	-	-
100 to 199 acres	-	-	-	-
200 to 499 acres	-	-	-	-
500 to 999 acres	-	-	-	-
1,000 to 1,999 acres	-	-	-	-
2,000 acres or more	-	-	-	-
Land artificially drained by ditches	50	796	36	576
Average per farm	(X)	16	(X)	16
Acres drained by ditches:				
1 to 9 acres	40	(D)	25	(D)
10 to 49 acres	6	157	8	147
50 to 99 acres	-	-	-	-
100 to 199 acres	3	(D)	3	(D)
200 to 499 acres	1	(D)	-	-
500 to 999 acres	-	-	-	-
1,000 to 1,999 acres	-	-	-	-
2,000 acres or more	-	-	-	-
Land under conservation easement	19	1,176	15	881
Average per farm	(X)	62	(X)	59
Acres under easement:				
1 to 9 acres	8	(D)	6	17
10 to 49 acres	4	50	4	(D)
50 to 99 acres	3	213	1	(D)
100 to 199 acres	2	(D)	3	455
200 to 499 acres	2	(D)	1	(D)
500 to 999 acres	-	-	-	-
1,000 to 1,999 acres	-	-	-	-
2,000 acres or more	-	-	-	-
Cropland on which no-till practices were used	89	2,001	34	1,280
Average per farm	(X)	22	(X)	38
No-till practices used:				
1 to 9 acres	64	(D)	29	46
10 to 49 acres	21	484	3	(D)
50 to 99 acres	1	(D)	1	(D)
100 to 199 acres	-	-	-	-
200 to 499 acres	2	(D)	-	-
500 to 999 acres	1	(D)	-	-
1,000 to 1,999 acres	-	-	1	(D)
2,000 acres or more	-	-	-	-
Cropland on which reduced tillage, excluding no-till, practices were used (see text)	77	7,088	19	2,464
Average per farm	(X)	92	(X)	130
Reduced tillage used:				
1 to 9 acres	63	(D)	11	45
10 to 49 acres	6	(D)	5	128
50 to 99 acres	5	371	-	-
100 to 199 acres	1	(D)	-	-
200 to 499 acres	-	-	-	-
500 to 999 acres	-	-	3	2,291
1,000 to 1,999 acres	1	(D)	-	-
2,000 acres or more	1	(D)	-	-
Cropland on which intensive tillage practices were used (see text)	156	7,234	178	9,564
Average per farm	(X)	46	(X)	54
Intensive tillage used:				
1 to 9 acres	87	(D)	100	237
10 to 49 acres	38	844	47	1,078
50 to 99 acres	14	939	8	539
100 to 199 acres	12	1,702	12	1,501
200 to 499 acres	3	827	7	1,680
500 to 999 acres	1	(D)	2	(D)
1,000 to 1,999 acres	-	-	1	(D)
2,000 acres or more	1	(D)	1	(D)
Cropland planted to a cover crop (excluding CRP)	98	862	52	3,325
Average per farm	(X)	9	(X)	64
Cover crop acres (excluding CRP):				
1 to 9 acres	80	(D)	34	70
10 to 49 acres	13	301	8	(D)
50 to 99 acres	4	270	1	(D)
100 to 199 acres	1	(D)	5	594
200 to 499 acres	-	-	3	(D)
500 to 999 acres	-	-	-	-
1,000 to 1,999 acres	-	-	1	(D)
2,000 acres or more	-	-	-	-