

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	703	84,083	719	66,950
Average per farm	(X)	120	(X)	93
Acres drained:				
1 to 9 acres	215	(D)	201	(D)
10 to 49 acres	229	5,302	220	5,351
50 to 99 acres	89	6,041	109	7,093
100 to 199 acres	74	9,824	89	11,567
200 to 499 acres	59	15,964	74	20,272
500 to 999 acres	23	14,763	19	12,718
1,000 to 1,999 acres	12	16,257	6	7,159
2,000 acres or more	2	(D)	1	(D)
Land artificially drained by ditches	3,737	278,220	3,064	234,802
Average per farm	(X)	74	(X)	77
Acres drained by ditches:				
1 to 9 acres	1,535	6,940	1,057	4,890
10 to 49 acres	1,374	31,180	1,181	27,268
50 to 99 acres	274	18,627	300	20,518
100 to 199 acres	247	32,745	225	29,851
200 to 499 acres	197	59,633	201	58,017
500 to 999 acres	62	43,834	73	47,892
1,000 to 1,999 acres	40	47,621	18	22,063
2,000 acres or more	8	37,640	9	24,303
Land under conservation easement	1,774	1,556,598	1,704	1,396,407
Average per farm	(X)	877	(X)	819
Acres under easement:				
1 to 9 acres	173	677	153	588
10 to 49 acres	327	8,820	307	8,397
50 to 99 acres	190	13,604	221	16,228
100 to 199 acres	258	35,564	284	39,714
200 to 499 acres	317	98,168	332	104,880
500 to 999 acres	256	176,218	157	107,549
1,000 to 1,999 acres	100	133,128	113	151,025
2,000 acres or more	153	1,090,419	137	968,026
Cropland on which no-till practices were used	3,521	2,899,356	3,159	2,760,309
Average per farm	(X)	823	(X)	874
No-till practices used:				
1 to 9 acres	795	2,447	435	1,420
10 to 49 acres	833	19,900	579	14,313
50 to 99 acres	258	18,843	299	21,343
100 to 199 acres	289	40,998	283	39,691
200 to 499 acres	368	117,850	448	150,708
500 to 999 acres	278	200,139	366	265,222
1,000 to 1,999 acres	271	386,894	344	504,854
2,000 acres or more	429	2,112,285	405	1,762,758
Cropland on which reduced tillage, excluding no-till, practices were used (see text)	3,083	2,613,722	2,413	1,888,607
Average per farm	(X)	848	(X)	783
Reduced tillage used:				
1 to 9 acres	312	1,164	181	526
10 to 49 acres	423	11,550	252	6,790
50 to 99 acres	243	17,166	246	17,084
100 to 199 acres	395	56,918	327	47,008
200 to 499 acres	531	176,326	470	153,220
500 to 999 acres	450	319,489	391	279,208
1,000 to 1,999 acres	360	504,116	337	474,798
2,000 acres or more	369	1,526,993	209	909,973
Cropland on which intensive tillage practices were used (see text)	3,679	1,437,566	5,218	1,826,497
Average per farm	(X)	391	(X)	350
Intensive tillage used:				
1 to 9 acres	525	2,227	795	2,539
10 to 49 acres	884	23,392	1,101	30,053
50 to 99 acres	450	31,943	728	51,485
100 to 199 acres	473	65,783	751	106,280
200 to 499 acres	654	213,477	867	276,963
500 to 999 acres	314	214,883	490	343,392
1,000 to 1,999 acres	207	287,935	309	427,371
2,000 acres or more	172	597,926	177	588,414
Cropland planted to a cover crop (excluding CRP)	1,751	129,820	1,270	126,293
Average per farm	(X)	74	(X)	99
Cover crop acres (excluding CRP):				
1 to 9 acres	739	(D)	347	(D)
10 to 49 acres	523	12,754	430	10,067
50 to 99 acres	161	11,054	172	11,778
100 to 199 acres	146	19,607	157	21,833
200 to 499 acres	122	37,568	116	35,842
500 to 999 acres	50	32,247	32	20,787
1,000 to 1,999 acres	9	12,231	14	19,646
2,000 acres or more	1	(D)	2	(D)