

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	1,448	110,209	1,397	107,145
Average per farm	(X)	76	(X)	77
Acres drained:				
1 to 9 acres	312	1,210	311	(D)
10 to 49 acres	619	13,685	585	12,544
50 to 99 acres	246	14,923	227	14,147
100 to 199 acres	159	19,339	136	16,604
200 to 499 acres	73	19,958	105	28,161
500 to 999 acres	21	13,219	16	10,908
1,000 to 1,999 acres	15	17,875	15	18,323
2,000 acres or more	3	10,000	2	(D)
Land artificially drained by ditches	3,117	231,146	2,779	221,416
Average per farm	(X)	74	(X)	80
Acres drained by ditches:				
1 to 9 acres	1,002	3,874	700	(D)
10 to 49 acres	1,255	27,256	1,262	27,660
50 to 99 acres	358	22,727	323	20,104
100 to 199 acres	233	29,153	231	28,385
200 to 499 acres	174	48,352	158	42,151
500 to 999 acres	59	37,368	65	40,237
1,000 to 1,999 acres	27	34,143	33	43,439
2,000 acres or more	9	28,273	7	(D)
Land under conservation easement	6,691	990,691	4,966	729,393
Average per farm	(X)	148	(X)	147
Acres under easement:				
1 to 9 acres	382	1,902	334	1,694
10 to 49 acres	2,649	69,167	2,086	53,811
50 to 99 acres	1,364	95,721	1,011	69,936
100 to 199 acres	1,056	145,354	755	102,002
200 to 499 acres	835	255,676	512	150,891
500 to 999 acres	245	162,847	158	104,906
1,000 to 1,999 acres	128	166,016	75	100,244
2,000 acres or more	32	94,008	35	145,909
Cropland on which no-till practices were used	3,019	748,083	2,743	699,406
Average per farm	(X)	248	(X)	255
No-till practices used:				
1 to 9 acres	794	2,649	539	1,999
10 to 49 acres	744	17,643	739	18,131
50 to 99 acres	289	20,399	302	20,141
100 to 199 acres	354	47,779	285	39,277
200 to 499 acres	349	109,268	398	131,785
500 to 999 acres	278	197,142	321	224,382
1,000 to 1,999 acres	164	199,979	117	151,757
2,000 acres or more	47	153,224	42	111,934
Cropland on which reduced tillage, excluding no-till, practices were used (see text)	2,435	1,045,149	2,355	905,147
Average per farm	(X)	429	(X)	384
Reduced tillage used:				
1 to 9 acres	442	1,463	525	1,592
10 to 49 acres	414	9,750	266	6,992
50 to 99 acres	227	15,677	170	11,681
100 to 199 acres	207	28,869	248	36,140
200 to 499 acres	411	140,827	508	171,151
500 to 999 acres	423	295,755	399	282,260
1,000 to 1,999 acres	220	289,066	179	236,700
2,000 acres or more	91	263,742	60	158,631
Cropland on which intensive tillage practices were used (see text)	4,627	1,104,329	6,001	1,346,435
Average per farm	(X)	239	(X)	224
Intensive tillage used:				
1 to 9 acres	1,219	4,122	1,691	5,800
10 to 49 acres	1,288	31,878	1,494	36,035
50 to 99 acres	489	33,638	676	47,274
100 to 199 acres	369	50,970	570	76,737
200 to 499 acres	613	189,016	765	245,274
500 to 999 acres	386	277,178	478	332,497
1,000 to 1,999 acres	179	232,488	238	304,953
2,000 acres or more	84	285,039	89	297,865
Cropland planted to a cover crop (excluding CRP)	3,340	530,888	2,235	370,137
Average per farm	(X)	159	(X)	166
Cover crop acres (excluding CRP):				
1 to 9 acres	970	3,241	550	2,091
10 to 49 acres	1,046	24,071	676	15,233
50 to 99 acres	307	20,413	208	13,946
100 to 199 acres	305	40,109	244	32,261
200 to 499 acres	362	111,349	305	91,108
500 to 999 acres	232	157,042	183	116,855
1,000 to 1,999 acres	92	113,811	58	71,144
2,000 acres or more	26	60,852	11	27,499