

**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 .....	580	74,765	318	39,232
Average per farm .....	(X)	129	(X)	123
Acres drained:				
1 to 9 acres .....	149	629	79	283
10 to 49 acres .....	229	5,357	97	2,474
50 to 99 acres .....	80	5,635	53	3,805
100 to 199 acres .....	39	5,404	39	5,020
200 to 499 acres .....	41	12,623	38	10,922
500 to 999 acres .....	25	18,127	3	1,830
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	10	11,570	5	5,798
2,000 acres or more .....	7	15,420	4	9,100
Land artificially drained by ditches .....	7,949	2,690,199	7,289	2,395,260
Average per farm .....	(X)	338	(X)	329
Acres drained by ditches:				
1 to 9 acres .....	1,484	7,125	1,127	5,147
10 to 49 acres .....	2,547	63,346	2,406	59,304
50 to 99 acres .....	1,077	73,452	1,077	71,999
100 to 199 acres .....	819	108,868	753	99,725
200 to 499 acres .....	729	221,669	759	228,048
500 to 999 acres .....	461	321,190	414	294,002
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	480	681,933	456	623,498
2,000 acres or more .....	352	1,212,616	297	1,013,537
Land under conservation easement .....	462	106,251	753	145,463
Average per farm .....	(X)	230	(X)	193
Acres under easement:				
1 to 9 acres .....	72	245	92	411
10 to 49 acres .....	120	3,540	235	6,579
50 to 99 acres .....	75	5,415	142	10,254
100 to 199 acres .....	73	9,573	108	14,689
200 to 499 acres .....	59	17,738	109	33,615
500 to 999 acres .....	36	24,262	39	28,164
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	21	25,851	22	28,126
2,000 acres or more .....	6	19,627	6	23,625
Cropland on which no-till practices were used .....	1,350	416,807	1,468	479,652
Average per farm .....	(X)	309	(X)	327
No-till practices used:				
1 to 9 acres .....	373	1,188	421	1,266
10 to 49 acres .....	337	8,769	338	8,630
50 to 99 acres .....	131	9,783	101	7,266
100 to 199 acres .....	81	11,568	128	17,364
200 to 499 acres .....	154	46,166	197	62,887
500 to 999 acres .....	128	89,711	124	87,246
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	110	147,609	113	161,672
2,000 acres or more .....	36	102,013	46	133,321
Cropland on which reduced tillage, excluding no-till, practices were used (see text) .....	1,601	1,352,036	1,190	913,285
Average per farm .....	(X)	844	(X)	767
Reduced tillage used:				
1 to 9 acres .....	122	462	99	289
10 to 49 acres .....	172	4,463	123	3,090
50 to 99 acres .....	176	12,518	69	4,943
100 to 199 acres .....	100	14,056	109	15,748
200 to 499 acres .....	216	71,322	243	83,831
500 to 999 acres .....	316	226,722	219	155,071
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	322	453,701	223	307,108
2,000 acres or more .....	177	568,792	105	343,205
Cropland on which intensive tillage practices were used (see text) .....	2,266	1,419,264	3,268	1,734,569
Average per farm .....	(X)	626	(X)	531
Intensive tillage used:				
1 to 9 acres .....	472	1,769	626	1,988
10 to 49 acres .....	428	10,378	634	15,669
50 to 99 acres .....	211	14,564	290	20,032
100 to 199 acres .....	150	20,917	306	42,350
200 to 499 acres .....	277	89,001	408	128,221
500 to 999 acres .....	211	150,472	355	258,897
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	288	402,907	426	593,238
2,000 acres or more .....	229	729,256	223	674,174
Cropland planted to a cover crop (excluding CRP) .....	815	72,646	591	59,206
Average per farm .....	(X)	89	(X)	100
Cover crop acres (excluding CRP):				
1 to 9 acres .....	270	(D)	181	618
10 to 49 acres .....	285	6,775	209	4,864
50 to 99 acres .....	89	5,839	75	4,963
100 to 199 acres .....	70	8,870	53	6,359
200 to 499 acres .....	69	21,456	48	12,815
500 to 999 acres .....	23	14,582	17	11,522
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	7	8,868	5	8,025
2,000 acres or more .....	2	(D)	3	10,040