

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	223	3,611	244	4,863
Average per farm	(X)	16	(X)	20
Acres drained:				
1 to 9 acres	123	484	121	459
10 to 49 acres	86	1,638	97	2,159
50 to 99 acres	7	449	20	1,189
100 to 199 acres	5	(D)	3	300
200 to 499 acres	2	(D)	3	756
500 to 999 acres	-	-	-	-
1,000 to 1,999 acres	-	-	-	-
2,000 acres or more	-	-	-	-
Land artificially drained by ditches	735	14,712	832	17,569
Average per farm	(X)	20	(X)	21
Acres drained by ditches:				
1 to 9 acres	380	(D)	432	(D)
10 to 49 acres	292	5,367	319	6,390
50 to 99 acres	44	2,899	53	3,394
100 to 199 acres	13	1,788	20	2,618
200 to 499 acres	5	1,495	7	1,864
500 to 999 acres	-	-	-	-
1,000 to 1,999 acres	1	(D)	1	(D)
2,000 acres or more	-	-	-	-
Land under conservation easement	824	49,897	773	51,619
Average per farm	(X)	61	(X)	67
Acres under easement:				
1 to 9 acres	234	905	193	(D)
10 to 49 acres	299	7,728	308	8,139
50 to 99 acres	143	10,296	139	9,531
100 to 199 acres	94	13,306	81	11,198
200 to 499 acres	48	13,932	48	14,667
500 to 999 acres	6	3,730	1	(D)
1,000 to 1,999 acres	-	-	-	-
2,000 acres or more	-	-	3	6,636
Cropland on which no-till practices were used	679	9,152	406	5,379
Average per farm	(X)	13	(X)	13
No-till practices used:				
1 to 9 acres	506	(D)	312	826
10 to 49 acres	137	2,940	64	1,448
50 to 99 acres	12	776	17	1,075
100 to 199 acres	15	1,903	9	1,168
200 to 499 acres	8	(D)	4	862
500 to 999 acres	1	(D)	-	-
1,000 to 1,999 acres	-	-	-	-
2,000 acres or more	-	-	-	-
Cropland on which reduced tillage, excluding no-till, practices were used (see text)	349	10,481	247	7,815
Average per farm	(X)	30	(X)	32
Reduced tillage used:				
1 to 9 acres	192	(D)	161	(D)
10 to 49 acres	105	2,328	50	1,104
50 to 99 acres	28	1,862	14	1,046
100 to 199 acres	15	1,866	12	1,630
200 to 499 acres	7	2,349	8	2,468
500 to 999 acres	2	(D)	2	(D)
1,000 to 1,999 acres	-	-	-	-
2,000 acres or more	-	-	-	-
Cropland on which intensive tillage practices were used (see text)	928	23,868	1,430	27,417
Average per farm	(X)	26	(X)	19
Intensive tillage used:				
1 to 9 acres	559	1,781	998	2,425
10 to 49 acres	255	6,019	293	6,598
50 to 99 acres	58	4,026	66	4,338
100 to 199 acres	36	5,208	57	7,808
200 to 499 acres	16	4,440	12	3,839
500 to 999 acres	4	2,394	4	2,409
1,000 to 1,999 acres	-	-	-	-
2,000 acres or more	-	-	-	-
Cropland planted to a cover crop (excluding CRP)	907	17,390	973	17,085
Average per farm	(X)	19	(X)	18
Cover crop acres (excluding CRP):				
1 to 9 acres	609	(D)	669	1,887
10 to 49 acres	203	4,424	219	4,527
50 to 99 acres	49	3,276	51	3,283
100 to 199 acres	36	4,736	27	3,787
200 to 499 acres	9	2,472	3	900
500 to 999 acres	1	(D)	4	2,701
1,000 to 1,999 acres	-	-	-	-
2,000 acres or more	-	-	-	-