

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	180	2,765	181	2,867
Average per farm	(X)	15	(X)	16
Acres drained:				
1 to 9 acres	116	386	105	(D)
10 to 49 acres	48	810	61	1,124
50 to 99 acres	13	864	12	755
100 to 199 acres	1	(D)	2	(D)
200 to 499 acres	2	(D)	1	(D)
500 to 999 acres	-	-	-	-
1,000 to 1,999 acres	-	-	-	-
2,000 acres or more	-	-	-	-
Land artificially drained by ditches	269	3,451	374	5,017
Average per farm	(X)	13	(X)	13
Acres drained by ditches:				
1 to 9 acres	174	(D)	243	919
10 to 49 acres	78	1,696	117	2,473
50 to 99 acres	12	664	6	420
100 to 199 acres	4	420	5	525
200 to 499 acres	1	(D)	3	680
500 to 999 acres	-	-	-	-
1,000 to 1,999 acres	-	-	-	-
2,000 acres or more	-	-	-	-
Land under conservation easement	620	77,840	664	101,488
Average per farm	(X)	126	(X)	153
Acres under easement:				
1 to 9 acres	54	183	44	179
10 to 49 acres	219	4,757	243	5,898
50 to 99 acres	114	7,886	153	10,770
100 to 199 acres	127	16,788	120	15,977
200 to 499 acres	91	26,273	79	21,776
500 to 999 acres	12	7,850	14	9,422
1,000 to 1,999 acres	2	(D)	8	11,966
2,000 acres or more	1	(D)	3	25,500
Cropland on which no-till practices were used	321	4,714	233	1,908
Average per farm	(X)	15	(X)	8
No-till practices used:				
1 to 9 acres	243	742	203	(D)
10 to 49 acres	60	1,166	18	(D)
50 to 99 acres	9	683	10	640
100 to 199 acres	5	733	1	(D)
200 to 499 acres	4	1,390	1	(D)
500 to 999 acres	-	-	-	-
1,000 to 1,999 acres	-	-	-	-
2,000 acres or more	-	-	-	-
Cropland on which reduced tillage, excluding no-till, practices were used (see text)	188	5,535	130	4,145
Average per farm	(X)	29	(X)	32
Reduced tillage used:				
1 to 9 acres	139	(D)	97	278
10 to 49 acres	21	389	14	305
50 to 99 acres	17	1,264	8	(D)
100 to 199 acres	5	871	6	827
200 to 499 acres	5	1,361	4	1,050
500 to 999 acres	-	-	-	-
1,000 to 1,999 acres	1	(D)	1	(D)
2,000 acres or more	-	-	-	-
Cropland on which intensive tillage practices were used (see text)	330	8,868	611	13,429
Average per farm	(X)	27	(X)	22
Intensive tillage used:				
1 to 9 acres	180	(D)	413	(D)
10 to 49 acres	100	2,219	122	2,507
50 to 99 acres	34	2,252	42	2,939
100 to 199 acres	8	(D)	24	3,271
200 to 499 acres	7	1,845	9	2,756
500 to 999 acres	1	(D)	1	(D)
1,000 to 1,999 acres	-	-	-	-
2,000 acres or more	-	-	-	-
Cropland planted to a cover crop (excluding CRP)	445	8,326	384	5,025
Average per farm	(X)	19	(X)	13
Cover crop acres (excluding CRP):				
1 to 9 acres	329	(D)	288	724
10 to 49 acres	77	1,572	70	1,401
50 to 99 acres	19	1,362	18	1,235
100 to 199 acres	11	1,487	4	465
200 to 499 acres	8	2,555	4	1,200
500 to 999 acres	1	(D)	-	-
1,000 to 1,999 acres	-	-	-	-
2,000 acres or more	-	-	-	-