

**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 .....	258	35,391	362	35,942
Average per farm .....	(X)	137	(X)	99
Acres drained:				
1 to 9 acres .....	133	542	192	(D)
10 to 49 acres .....	68	1,464	82	1,589
50 to 99 acres .....	14	888	38	2,725
100 to 199 acres .....	20	2,849	15	2,015
200 to 499 acres .....	12	3,448	30	10,216
500 to 999 acres .....	-	-	2	(D)
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	-	-	-	-
2,000 acres or more .....	11	26,200	3	17,338
Land artificially drained by ditches .....	1,684	55,346	1,908	124,180
Average per farm .....	(X)	33	(X)	65
Acres drained by ditches:				
1 to 9 acres .....	990	3,796	1,026	4,125
10 to 49 acres .....	506	9,849	639	12,490
50 to 99 acres .....	103	7,088	102	6,986
100 to 199 acres .....	35	4,182	68	8,361
200 to 499 acres .....	32	7,940	44	12,160
500 to 999 acres .....	12	7,355	14	8,109
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	3	3,650	5	7,549
2,000 acres or more .....	3	11,486	10	64,400
Land under conservation easement .....	377	500,203	430	184,973
Average per farm .....	(X)	1,327	(X)	430
Acres under easement:				
1 to 9 acres .....	157	599	194	601
10 to 49 acres .....	48	1,233	94	1,942
50 to 99 acres .....	26	2,021	27	2,010
100 to 199 acres .....	29	4,403	36	5,040
200 to 499 acres .....	21	7,429	36	12,073
500 to 999 acres .....	33	27,447	15	9,446
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	9	13,034	11	15,580
2,000 acres or more .....	54	444,037	17	138,281
Cropland on which no-till practices were used .....	1,338	138,401	1,311	135,476
Average per farm .....	(X)	103	(X)	103
No-till practices used:				
1 to 9 acres .....	819	2,260	880	2,207
10 to 49 acres .....	314	8,198	192	4,240
50 to 99 acres .....	54	3,807	41	2,780
100 to 199 acres .....	32	4,429	48	6,769
200 to 499 acres .....	58	18,869	69	20,684
500 to 999 acres .....	29	21,146	55	37,661
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	16	23,894	14	18,328
2,000 acres or more .....	16	55,798	12	42,807
Cropland on which reduced tillage, excluding no-till, practices were used (see text) .....	868	218,922	811	152,747
Average per farm .....	(X)	252	(X)	188
Reduced tillage used:				
1 to 9 acres .....	371	1,172	413	1,115
10 to 49 acres .....	189	4,250	153	3,527
50 to 99 acres .....	51	3,772	59	4,138
100 to 199 acres .....	59	7,751	29	4,103
200 to 499 acres .....	84	28,725	65	20,996
500 to 999 acres .....	49	36,453	48	34,660
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	41	55,822	32	43,656
2,000 acres or more .....	24	80,977	12	40,552
Cropland on which intensive tillage practices were used (see text) .....	1,718	374,685	2,859	445,721
Average per farm .....	(X)	218	(X)	156
Intensive tillage used:				
1 to 9 acres .....	793	2,357	1,627	3,904
10 to 49 acres .....	392	8,598	521	11,500
50 to 99 acres .....	107	7,438	170	11,032
100 to 199 acres .....	125	17,502	152	21,323
200 to 499 acres .....	128	41,779	175	55,666
500 to 999 acres .....	91	59,606	121	85,487
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	56	74,016	47	68,656
2,000 acres or more .....	26	163,389	46	188,153
Cropland planted to a cover crop (excluding CRP) .....	1,177	53,617	1,012	72,241
Average per farm .....	(X)	46	(X)	71
Cover crop acres (excluding CRP):				
1 to 9 acres .....	802	2,119	647	2,055
10 to 49 acres .....	244	5,301	213	3,922
50 to 99 acres .....	46	3,123	42	2,873
100 to 199 acres .....	45	6,015	39	4,822
200 to 499 acres .....	15	4,200	41	13,807
500 to 999 acres .....	17	11,125	17	12,003
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	4	4,570	8	9,861
2,000 acres or more .....	4	17,164	5	22,898