

**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 .....	954	285,153	503	140,101
Average per farm .....	(X)	299	(X)	279
Acres drained:				
1 to 9 acres .....	17	92	67	213
10 to 49 acres .....	123	3,278	68	1,768
50 to 99 acres .....	170	11,933	83	5,830
100 to 199 acres .....	235	33,133	104	14,883
200 to 499 acres .....	245	74,879	119	36,476
500 to 999 acres .....	94	64,370	32	21,798
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	63	79,916	13	16,340
2,000 acres or more .....	7	17,552	17	42,793
Land artificially drained by ditches .....	2,741	3,397,968	3,169	2,988,764
Average per farm .....	(X)	1,240	(X)	943
Acres drained by ditches:				
1 to 9 acres .....	73	286	144	566
10 to 49 acres .....	229	5,504	294	7,352
50 to 99 acres .....	164	10,778	221	15,255
100 to 199 acres .....	275	37,529	359	47,256
200 to 499 acres .....	455	144,870	608	188,892
500 to 999 acres .....	399	276,614	511	349,253
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	504	687,970	522	709,807
2,000 acres or more .....	642	2,234,417	510	1,670,383
Land under conservation easement .....	1,813	1,004,361	2,787	938,553
Average per farm .....	(X)	554	(X)	337
Acres under easement:				
1 to 9 acres .....	55	228	190	675
10 to 49 acres .....	173	4,876	426	11,311
50 to 99 acres .....	195	14,005	358	25,947
100 to 199 acres .....	335	48,980	644	91,944
200 to 499 acres .....	480	155,910	702	215,522
500 to 999 acres .....	275	193,178	252	171,546
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	175	226,154	140	185,082
2,000 acres or more .....	125	361,030	75	236,526
Cropland on which no-till practices were used .....	5,548	7,778,463	6,097	7,848,203
Average per farm .....	(X)	1,402	(X)	1,287
No-till practices used:				
1 to 9 acres .....	101	491	72	362
10 to 49 acres .....	258	7,598	375	10,481
50 to 99 acres .....	344	24,065	352	25,635
100 to 199 acres .....	591	85,562	640	91,625
200 to 499 acres .....	1,023	343,246	1,154	381,021
500 to 999 acres .....	920	656,729	992	715,516
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	998	1,408,052	1,178	1,640,895
2,000 acres or more .....	1,313	5,252,720	1,334	4,982,668
Cropland on which reduced tillage, excluding no-till, practices were used (see text) .....	6,148	9,052,235	4,908	6,159,886
Average per farm .....	(X)	1,472	(X)	1,255
Reduced tillage used:				
1 to 9 acres .....	83	453	75	294
10 to 49 acres .....	342	9,525	262	7,547
50 to 99 acres .....	294	20,966	291	21,138
100 to 199 acres .....	478	69,742	453	65,032
200 to 499 acres .....	971	322,972	838	283,441
500 to 999 acres .....	987	717,978	922	668,606
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	1,351	1,929,474	1,026	1,450,920
2,000 acres or more .....	1,642	5,981,125	1,041	3,662,908
Cropland on which intensive tillage practices were used (see text) .....	4,601	5,601,446	7,952	8,002,524
Average per farm .....	(X)	1,217	(X)	1,006
Intensive tillage used:				
1 to 9 acres .....	129	576	204	819
10 to 49 acres .....	377	11,000	689	19,060
50 to 99 acres .....	300	21,982	670	48,168
100 to 199 acres .....	551	79,387	959	135,471
200 to 499 acres .....	771	252,237	1,448	483,832
500 to 999 acres .....	704	498,386	1,374	982,965
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	821	1,164,805	1,349	1,900,834
2,000 acres or more .....	948	3,573,073	1,259	4,431,375
Cropland planted to a cover crop (excluding CRP) .....	2,252	404,267	1,302	213,810
Average per farm .....	(X)	180	(X)	164
Cover crop acres (excluding CRP):				
1 to 9 acres .....	109	489	77	333
10 to 49 acres .....	513	14,391	316	8,904
50 to 99 acres .....	432	29,096	271	18,177
100 to 199 acres .....	556	72,116	311	41,769
200 to 499 acres .....	453	127,014	239	66,844
500 to 999 acres .....	131	84,418	63	41,220
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	55	70,346	22	28,563
2,000 acres or more .....	3	6,397	3	8,000