

**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 .....	28,071	5,394,931	27,772	4,997,908
Average per farm .....	(X)	192	(X)	180
Acres drained:				
1 to 9 acres .....	5,164	22,991	4,156	19,041
10 to 49 acres .....	8,433	203,624	8,910	213,793
50 to 99 acres .....	3,940	272,931	4,434	302,920
100 to 199 acres .....	3,534	486,412	3,684	504,111
200 to 499 acres .....	4,025	1,250,189	3,969	1,205,143
500 to 999 acres .....	1,868	1,269,860	1,633	1,091,011
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	846	1,131,062	755	994,637
2,000 acres or more .....	261	757,862	231	667,252
Land artificially drained by ditches .....	11,923	1,204,556	11,912	1,278,406
Average per farm .....	(X)	101	(X)	107
Acres drained by ditches:				
1 to 9 acres .....	3,705	14,906	2,847	12,171
10 to 49 acres .....	4,617	102,927	4,913	109,711
50 to 99 acres .....	1,242	82,498	1,557	104,256
100 to 199 acres .....	928	124,112	1,119	143,948
200 to 499 acres .....	871	255,208	904	270,366
500 to 999 acres .....	342	230,343	339	225,395
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	155	215,359	176	237,641
2,000 acres or more .....	63	179,203	57	174,918
Land under conservation easement .....	1,806	126,231	3,985	193,993
Average per farm .....	(X)	70	(X)	49
Acres under easement:				
1 to 9 acres .....	660	2,513	1,700	6,295
10 to 49 acres .....	636	14,245	1,531	33,842
50 to 99 acres .....	221	15,000	351	23,528
100 to 199 acres .....	139	18,784	211	27,696
200 to 499 acres .....	104	28,922	119	33,893
500 to 999 acres .....	32	20,771	47	31,193
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	10	12,233	22	25,846
2,000 acres or more .....	4	13,763	4	11,700
Cropland on which no-till practices were used .....	20,537	4,268,627	20,712	4,278,556
Average per farm .....	(X)	208	(X)	207
No-till practices used:				
1 to 9 acres .....	2,636	12,148	2,122	9,976
10 to 49 acres .....	6,006	152,679	6,109	157,555
50 to 99 acres .....	3,259	231,582	3,423	242,210
100 to 199 acres .....	2,951	412,744	3,233	454,697
200 to 499 acres .....	3,388	1,068,864	3,561	1,118,143
500 to 999 acres .....	1,474	1,006,172	1,480	1,008,432
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	656	879,278	639	848,699
2,000 acres or more .....	167	505,160	145	438,844
Cropland on which reduced tillage, excluding no-till, practices were used (see text) .....	12,754	3,104,619	11,276	2,374,494
Average per farm .....	(X)	243	(X)	211
Reduced tillage used:				
1 to 9 acres .....	1,360	6,056	1,376	5,963
10 to 49 acres .....	3,264	88,998	3,179	83,524
50 to 99 acres .....	2,080	146,252	1,908	136,093
100 to 199 acres .....	2,058	288,858	1,808	252,675
200 to 499 acres .....	2,277	721,492	1,747	544,401
500 to 999 acres .....	1,067	737,513	783	544,877
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	491	655,711	368	500,034
2,000 acres or more .....	157	459,739	107	306,927
Cropland on which intensive tillage practices were used (see text) .....	13,882	1,782,034	19,919	2,421,563
Average per farm .....	(X)	128	(X)	122
Intensive tillage used:				
1 to 9 acres .....	2,998	13,021	4,056	17,551
10 to 49 acres .....	4,864	121,817	7,211	182,633
50 to 99 acres .....	2,115	149,738	3,274	230,060
100 to 199 acres .....	1,711	240,150	2,505	347,928
200 to 499 acres .....	1,455	445,854	1,923	584,763
500 to 999 acres .....	501	338,619	657	440,332
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	173	229,681	215	279,453
2,000 acres or more .....	65	243,154	78	338,843
Cropland planted to a cover crop (excluding CRP) .....	8,567	717,759	6,565	357,292
Average per farm .....	(X)	84	(X)	54
Cover crop acres (excluding CRP):				
1 to 9 acres .....	2,431	9,204	1,960	8,497
10 to 49 acres .....	3,119	73,030	2,816	63,264
50 to 99 acres .....	1,176	77,924	863	57,058
100 to 199 acres .....	833	108,569	518	65,414
200 to 499 acres .....	722	204,206	320	88,950
500 to 999 acres .....	209	133,701	67	41,248
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	67	83,941	16	20,652
2,000 acres or more .....	10	27,184	5	12,209