

**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 .....	634	32,361	595	23,552
Average per farm .....	(X)	51	(X)	40
Acres drained:				
1 to 9 acres .....	225	892	206	(D)
10 to 49 acres .....	262	5,689	234	4,670
50 to 99 acres .....	72	4,607	84	5,247
100 to 199 acres .....	39	4,806	49	6,215
200 to 499 acres .....	23	5,772	20	4,978
500 to 999 acres .....	10	6,415	2	(D)
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	3	4,180	-	-
2,000 acres or more .....	-	-	-	-
Land artificially drained by ditches .....	970	51,932	936	48,612
Average per farm .....	(X)	54	(X)	52
Acres drained by ditches:				
1 to 9 acres .....	406	1,409	372	(D)
10 to 49 acres .....	384	8,432	353	7,691
50 to 99 acres .....	75	4,724	100	6,123
100 to 199 acres .....	41	(D)	54	6,271
200 to 499 acres .....	45	13,130	42	11,495
500 to 999 acres .....	11	7,036	9	6,788
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	7	8,961	5	6,865
2,000 acres or more .....	1	(D)	1	(D)
Land under conservation easement .....	812	144,313	901	137,559
Average per farm .....	(X)	178	(X)	153
Acres under easement:				
1 to 9 acres .....	73	(D)	79	334
10 to 49 acres .....	174	4,638	196	5,312
50 to 99 acres .....	154	10,578	199	14,375
100 to 199 acres .....	191	26,142	221	30,512
200 to 499 acres .....	162	49,838	154	46,272
500 to 999 acres .....	48	32,183	40	25,874
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	8	10,537	12	14,880
2,000 acres or more .....	2	(D)	-	-
Cropland on which no-till practices were used .....	502	28,290	322	10,336
Average per farm .....	(X)	56	(X)	32
No-till practices used:				
1 to 9 acres .....	263	(D)	181	476
10 to 49 acres .....	144	3,437	85	1,714
50 to 99 acres .....	28	1,918	23	1,584
100 to 199 acres .....	34	4,706	19	2,664
200 to 499 acres .....	22	7,010	14	3,898
500 to 999 acres .....	8	5,594	-	-
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	2	(D)	-	-
2,000 acres or more .....	1	(D)	-	-
Cropland on which reduced tillage, excluding no-till, practices were used (see text) .....	446	33,840	288	15,116
Average per farm .....	(X)	76	(X)	52
Reduced tillage used:				
1 to 9 acres .....	195	(D)	159	423
10 to 49 acres .....	120	2,960	52	1,417
50 to 99 acres .....	47	3,260	27	(D)
100 to 199 acres .....	36	5,164	34	4,270
200 to 499 acres .....	26	7,371	13	3,791
500 to 999 acres .....	20	12,012	2	(D)
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	2	(D)	-	-
2,000 acres or more .....	-	-	1	(D)
Cropland on which intensive tillage practices were used (see text) .....	669	53,646	1,210	88,150
Average per farm .....	(X)	80	(X)	73
Intensive tillage used:				
1 to 9 acres .....	249	712	528	1,455
10 to 49 acres .....	196	4,606	317	7,948
50 to 99 acres .....	94	6,443	136	9,660
100 to 199 acres .....	71	9,566	110	14,259
200 to 499 acres .....	37	11,298	86	26,004
500 to 999 acres .....	18	11,980	22	14,813
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	2	(D)	11	14,011
2,000 acres or more .....	2	(D)	-	-
Cropland planted to a cover crop (excluding CRP) .....	808	40,555	686	20,120
Average per farm .....	(X)	50	(X)	29
Cover crop acres (excluding CRP):				
1 to 9 acres .....	447	1,036	398	(D)
10 to 49 acres .....	184	4,198	173	3,833
50 to 99 acres .....	67	4,498	55	3,607
100 to 199 acres .....	55	7,065	40	5,490
200 to 499 acres .....	39	10,663	19	5,241
500 to 999 acres .....	12	8,295	1	(D)
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	4	4,800	-	-
2,000 acres or more .....	-	-	-	-