

**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 .....	986	63,718	873	61,821
Average per farm .....	(X)	65	(X)	71
Acres drained:				
1 to 9 acres .....	269	1,071	232	(D)
10 to 49 acres .....	438	9,790	377	8,865
50 to 99 acres .....	128	8,356	117	7,189
100 to 199 acres .....	80	10,500	75	9,963
200 to 499 acres .....	53	15,149	49	13,835
500 to 999 acres .....	12	7,052	18	11,924
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	3	3,300	2	(D)
2,000 acres or more .....	3	8,500	3	6,000
Land artificially drained by ditches .....	3,858	354,169	4,168	336,939
Average per farm .....	(X)	92	(X)	81
Acres drained by ditches:				
1 to 9 acres .....	999	3,852	973	3,799
10 to 49 acres .....	1,540	35,323	1,849	43,200
50 to 99 acres .....	549	36,097	629	41,539
100 to 199 acres .....	381	48,707	340	43,028
200 to 499 acres .....	239	67,717	245	70,619
500 to 999 acres .....	98	63,901	89	55,752
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	37	47,034	28	35,061
2,000 acres or more .....	15	51,538	15	43,941
Land under conservation easement .....	395	72,003	746	114,049
Average per farm .....	(X)	182	(X)	153
Acres under easement:				
1 to 9 acres .....	75	311	135	470
10 to 49 acres .....	138	3,686	319	8,155
50 to 99 acres .....	58	4,047	115	7,745
100 to 199 acres .....	42	6,217	75	10,990
200 to 499 acres .....	47	13,084	59	17,606
500 to 999 acres .....	26	16,391	29	20,789
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	4	5,650	4	5,420
2,000 acres or more .....	5	22,617	10	42,874
Cropland on which no-till practices were used .....	2,709	765,356	2,656	709,853
Average per farm .....	(X)	283	(X)	267
No-till practices used:				
1 to 9 acres .....	623	2,551	451	1,764
10 to 49 acres .....	790	18,718	765	18,351
50 to 99 acres .....	313	21,621	425	29,573
100 to 199 acres .....	249	33,791	297	40,542
200 to 499 acres .....	307	96,057	340	106,274
500 to 999 acres .....	200	135,755	179	124,800
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	152	202,452	131	173,971
2,000 acres or more .....	75	254,411	68	214,578
Cropland on which reduced tillage, excluding no-till, practices were used (see text) .....	1,290	413,298	1,441	311,942
Average per farm .....	(X)	320	(X)	216
Reduced tillage used:				
1 to 9 acres .....	337	1,284	418	1,549
10 to 49 acres .....	335	8,457	422	9,540
50 to 99 acres .....	104	6,980	125	8,690
100 to 199 acres .....	85	12,044	115	16,627
200 to 499 acres .....	155	49,856	195	63,988
500 to 999 acres .....	155	106,989	95	68,118
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	80	108,532	39	55,647
2,000 acres or more .....	39	119,156	32	87,783
Cropland on which intensive tillage practices were used (see text) .....	2,708	258,752	3,909	379,522
Average per farm .....	(X)	96	(X)	97
Intensive tillage used:				
1 to 9 acres .....	1,158	3,890	1,709	5,971
10 to 49 acres .....	904	19,035	1,218	25,737
50 to 99 acres .....	206	14,338	282	19,178
100 to 199 acres .....	155	21,697	260	36,456
200 to 499 acres .....	146	48,018	239	76,533
500 to 999 acres .....	81	55,536	114	79,706
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	46	63,182	75	98,362
2,000 acres or more .....	12	33,056	12	37,579
Cropland planted to a cover crop (excluding CRP) .....	2,040	229,097	1,798	199,215
Average per farm .....	(X)	112	(X)	111
Cover crop acres (excluding CRP):				
1 to 9 acres .....	636	2,091	452	1,831
10 to 49 acres .....	758	15,986	731	15,894
50 to 99 acres .....	217	13,793	196	13,054
100 to 199 acres .....	145	18,549	162	21,659
200 to 499 acres .....	156	46,398	144	41,591
500 to 999 acres .....	85	56,163	80	52,187
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	27	33,600	23	30,236
2,000 acres or more .....	16	42,517	10	22,763