

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	429	13,431	422	10,251
Average per farm	(X)	31	(X)	24
Acres drained:				
1 to 9 acres	184	(D)	198	693
10 to 49 acres	187	4,050	168	3,676
50 to 99 acres	24	1,332	31	1,867
100 to 199 acres	23	2,727	16	1,965
200 to 499 acres	10	2,895	9	2,050
500 to 999 acres	-	-	-	-
1,000 to 1,999 acres	1	(D)	-	-
2,000 acres or more	-	-	-	-
Land artificially drained by ditches	673	29,584	804	24,454
Average per farm	(X)	44	(X)	30
Acres drained by ditches:				
1 to 9 acres	328	1,077	347	(D)
10 to 49 acres	239	4,956	317	6,518
50 to 99 acres	46	2,751	69	4,193
100 to 199 acres	34	4,475	49	5,591
200 to 499 acres	17	4,770	19	4,543
500 to 999 acres	4	(D)	2	(D)
1,000 to 1,999 acres	3	3,500	1	(D)
2,000 acres or more	2	(D)	-	-
Land under conservation easement	484	46,690	377	38,852
Average per farm	(X)	96	(X)	103
Acres under easement:				
1 to 9 acres	184	380	81	(D)
10 to 49 acres	104	2,564	140	(D)
50 to 99 acres	74	5,335	58	4,234
100 to 199 acres	72	9,716	58	8,326
200 to 499 acres	36	10,324	29	7,593
500 to 999 acres	10	5,854	7	(D)
1,000 to 1,999 acres	2	(D)	3	5,188
2,000 acres or more	2	(D)	1	(D)
Cropland on which no-till practices were used	645	21,676	387	9,909
Average per farm	(X)	34	(X)	26
No-till practices used:				
1 to 9 acres	428	(D)	275	(D)
10 to 49 acres	141	2,940	62	1,535
50 to 99 acres	32	2,057	25	1,609
100 to 199 acres	19	2,798	16	1,924
200 to 499 acres	13	3,508	7	2,284
500 to 999 acres	10	6,654	1	(D)
1,000 to 1,999 acres	2	(D)	1	(D)
2,000 acres or more	-	-	-	-
Cropland on which reduced tillage, excluding no-till, practices were used (see text)	449	31,953	298	18,994
Average per farm	(X)	71	(X)	64
Reduced tillage used:				
1 to 9 acres	275	(D)	203	586
10 to 49 acres	89	2,167	28	612
50 to 99 acres	27	1,984	18	(D)
100 to 199 acres	20	2,783	15	1,963
200 to 499 acres	28	8,063	25	7,579
500 to 999 acres	4	(D)	7	4,862
1,000 to 1,999 acres	4	6,395	2	(D)
2,000 acres or more	2	(D)	-	-
Cropland on which intensive tillage practices were used (see text)	1,094	99,167	1,477	145,558
Average per farm	(X)	91	(X)	99
Intensive tillage used:				
1 to 9 acres	655	2,004	931	2,461
10 to 49 acres	257	5,768	257	5,542
50 to 99 acres	32	2,164	60	4,114
100 to 199 acres	38	5,306	53	7,306
200 to 499 acres	56	18,402	101	32,697
500 to 999 acres	29	20,675	47	33,360
1,000 to 1,999 acres	20	24,809	19	27,813
2,000 acres or more	7	20,039	9	32,265
Cropland planted to a cover crop (excluding CRP)	1,161	55,462	928	29,379
Average per farm	(X)	48	(X)	32
Cover crop acres (excluding CRP):				
1 to 9 acres	868	1,997	668	(D)
10 to 49 acres	160	2,995	147	3,012
50 to 99 acres	29	1,878	34	2,194
100 to 199 acres	30	4,030	28	3,568
200 to 499 acres	49	14,634	41	12,305
500 to 999 acres	12	7,476	9	5,679
1,000 to 1,999 acres	9	11,969	1	(D)
2,000 acres or more	4	10,483	-	-