

**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 .....	494	31,977	404	33,013
Average per farm .....	(X)	65	(X)	82
Acres drained:				
1 to 9 acres .....	127	(D)	116	(D)
10 to 49 acres .....	226	5,727	164	3,602
50 to 99 acres .....	61	4,047	51	3,179
100 to 199 acres .....	51	6,534	43	5,674
200 to 499 acres .....	21	6,106	18	5,178
500 to 999 acres .....	6	(D)	5	2,966
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	-	-	5	6,353
2,000 acres or more .....	2	(D)	2	(D)
Land artificially drained by ditches .....	4,678	1,797,377	4,827	1,661,892
Average per farm .....	(X)	384	(X)	344
Acres drained by ditches:				
1 to 9 acres .....	835	3,300	685	2,917
10 to 49 acres .....	1,424	35,356	1,559	38,277
50 to 99 acres .....	614	42,088	727	49,164
100 to 199 acres .....	564	75,084	620	81,949
200 to 499 acres .....	480	142,087	495	147,016
500 to 999 acres .....	203	142,428	282	198,027
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	296	399,704	243	332,569
2,000 acres or more .....	262	957,330	216	811,973
Land under conservation easement .....	623	125,456	1,257	187,943
Average per farm .....	(X)	201	(X)	150
Acres under easement:				
1 to 9 acres .....	111	351	150	618
10 to 49 acres .....	170	3,960	489	12,843
50 to 99 acres .....	100	7,089	250	17,937
100 to 199 acres .....	94	12,375	187	25,359
200 to 499 acres .....	86	26,746	112	33,917
500 to 999 acres .....	32	21,729	38	27,066
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	25	33,137	17	23,406
2,000 acres or more .....	5	20,069	14	46,797
Cropland on which no-till practices were used .....	2,044	637,181	1,852	620,535
Average per farm .....	(X)	312	(X)	335
No-till practices used:				
1 to 9 acres .....	527	1,978	393	1,461
10 to 49 acres .....	564	13,134	469	11,035
50 to 99 acres .....	192	13,590	161	11,187
100 to 199 acres .....	126	18,020	162	20,948
200 to 499 acres .....	254	77,436	297	96,780
500 to 999 acres .....	193	131,818	188	126,737
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	121	165,759	126	161,643
2,000 acres or more .....	67	215,446	56	190,744
Cropland on which reduced tillage, excluding no-till, practices were used (see text) .....	1,957	1,364,356	1,510	908,660
Average per farm .....	(X)	697	(X)	602
Reduced tillage used:				
1 to 9 acres .....	325	1,268	285	878
10 to 49 acres .....	329	8,293	279	5,781
50 to 99 acres .....	178	12,636	108	7,435
100 to 199 acres .....	124	16,172	137	19,122
200 to 499 acres .....	270	88,970	234	78,559
500 to 999 acres .....	238	160,924	210	151,563
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	307	420,692	134	181,319
2,000 acres or more .....	186	655,401	123	464,003
Cropland on which intensive tillage practices were used (see text) .....	3,500	1,626,283	4,931	2,157,189
Average per farm .....	(X)	465	(X)	437
Intensive tillage used:				
1 to 9 acres .....	985	3,616	1,398	4,877
10 to 49 acres .....	911	22,327	1,172	27,567
50 to 99 acres .....	288	20,436	346	23,889
100 to 199 acres .....	273	37,733	462	62,711
200 to 499 acres .....	300	92,585	469	150,175
500 to 999 acres .....	233	168,765	415	294,250
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	240	339,626	370	517,979
2,000 acres or more .....	270	941,195	299	1,075,741
Cropland planted to a cover crop (excluding CRP) .....	1,338	139,639	1,019	66,069
Average per farm .....	(X)	104	(X)	65
Cover crop acres (excluding CRP):				
1 to 9 acres .....	399	1,421	307	(D)
10 to 49 acres .....	520	11,505	452	9,890
50 to 99 acres .....	128	8,395	109	6,899
100 to 199 acres .....	125	16,267	65	7,856
200 to 499 acres .....	112	33,576	58	16,746
500 to 999 acres .....	28	18,594	21	13,417
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	20	22,428	6	7,610
2,000 acres or more .....	6	27,453	1	(D)