

**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 .....	6,789	861,265	7,009	780,996
Average per farm .....	(X)	127	(X)	111
Acres drained:				
1 to 9 acres .....	1,558	6,466	1,432	6,108
10 to 49 acres .....	2,401	55,326	2,675	61,125
50 to 99 acres .....	1,032	67,024	1,110	72,763
100 to 199 acres .....	818	105,645	881	110,328
200 to 499 acres .....	604	168,591	566	160,190
500 to 999 acres .....	205	137,078	206	136,465
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	104	131,647	101	129,143
2,000 acres or more .....	67	189,488	38	104,874
Land artificially drained by ditches .....	5,986	410,643	6,524	447,291
Average per farm .....	(X)	69	(X)	69
Acres drained by ditches:				
1 to 9 acres .....	1,660	6,480	1,510	6,239
10 to 49 acres .....	2,567	57,198	2,966	65,451
50 to 99 acres .....	852	52,200	1,006	62,705
100 to 199 acres .....	482	59,914	570	71,441
200 to 499 acres .....	305	85,364	341	95,447
500 to 999 acres .....	63	40,162	80	49,471
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	39	47,866	32	41,622
2,000 acres or more .....	18	61,459	19	54,915
Land under conservation easement .....	1,224	118,804	1,470	116,708
Average per farm .....	(X)	97	(X)	79
Acres under easement:				
1 to 9 acres .....	201	938	275	(D)
10 to 49 acres .....	443	11,013	600	14,684
50 to 99 acres .....	229	15,812	254	17,270
100 to 199 acres .....	204	28,234	192	25,111
200 to 499 acres .....	100	30,621	120	34,799
500 to 999 acres .....	44	27,386	23	14,627
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	2	(D)	4	4,969
2,000 acres or more .....	1	(D)	2	(D)
Cropland on which no-till practices were used .....	3,517	337,968	2,497	280,214
Average per farm .....	(X)	96	(X)	112
No-till practices used:				
1 to 9 acres .....	1,163	4,260	758	2,645
10 to 49 acres .....	1,283	32,142	819	20,659
50 to 99 acres .....	404	28,130	349	23,997
100 to 199 acres .....	280	38,122	228	31,981
200 to 499 acres .....	226	69,860	207	64,895
500 to 999 acres .....	106	72,694	99	69,741
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	46	59,316	29	41,115
2,000 acres or more .....	9	33,444	8	25,181
Cropland on which reduced tillage, excluding no-till, practices were used (see text) .....	3,759	778,919	2,854	635,595
Average per farm .....	(X)	207	(X)	223
Reduced tillage used:				
1 to 9 acres .....	908	3,714	536	2,090
10 to 49 acres .....	1,079	26,091	842	22,224
50 to 99 acres .....	490	33,805	347	24,445
100 to 199 acres .....	418	58,226	393	54,195
200 to 499 acres .....	466	145,923	379	121,174
500 to 999 acres .....	212	147,106	227	156,533
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	137	193,387	92	127,083
2,000 acres or more .....	49	170,667	38	127,851
Cropland on which intensive tillage practices were used (see text) .....	8,161	798,732	10,602	1,009,389
Average per farm .....	(X)	98	(X)	95
Intensive tillage used:				
1 to 9 acres .....	2,018	7,562	2,926	11,227
10 to 49 acres .....	3,327	82,730	3,894	97,452
50 to 99 acres .....	1,287	88,687	1,553	108,358
100 to 199 acres .....	741	101,873	1,136	155,528
200 to 499 acres .....	480	143,643	728	217,450
500 to 999 acres .....	173	118,369	213	147,995
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	94	127,764	115	152,344
2,000 acres or more .....	41	128,104	37	119,035
Cropland planted to a cover crop (excluding CRP) .....	4,517	295,433	3,912	215,297
Average per farm .....	(X)	65	(X)	55
Cover crop acres (excluding CRP):				
1 to 9 acres .....	1,681	5,831	1,429	5,440
10 to 49 acres .....	1,766	38,834	1,632	35,513
50 to 99 acres .....	430	27,963	395	24,685
100 to 199 acres .....	299	37,330	209	26,721
200 to 499 acres .....	217	64,209	172	49,619
500 to 999 acres .....	78	52,121	56	38,735
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	37	46,445	14	16,500
2,000 acres or more .....	9	22,700	5	18,084