

**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 .....	2,511	109,142	1,895	87,001
Average per farm .....	(X)	43	(X)	46
Acres drained:				
1 to 9 acres .....	1,020	(D)	661	2,545
10 to 49 acres .....	960	21,142	852	17,991
50 to 99 acres .....	289	18,163	192	12,291
100 to 199 acres .....	146	19,102	118	14,046
200 to 499 acres .....	65	17,062	53	14,968
500 to 999 acres .....	19	12,390	9	6,060
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	10	10,669	6	7,800
2,000 acres or more .....	2	(D)	4	11,300
Land artificially drained by ditches .....	6,479	633,230	5,368	542,958
Average per farm .....	(X)	98	(X)	101
Acres drained by ditches:				
1 to 9 acres .....	1,905	7,441	1,310	5,442
10 to 49 acres .....	2,770	62,124	2,447	54,860
50 to 99 acres .....	745	49,571	733	47,844
100 to 199 acres .....	523	69,313	410	51,847
200 to 499 acres .....	302	87,260	264	74,644
500 to 999 acres .....	108	71,273	102	68,763
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	76	104,702	55	71,555
2,000 acres or more .....	50	181,546	47	168,003
Land under conservation easement .....	848	72,396	1,077	77,156
Average per farm .....	(X)	85	(X)	72
Acres under easement:				
1 to 9 acres .....	216	(D)	230	932
10 to 49 acres .....	316	7,583	502	11,982
50 to 99 acres .....	101	6,818	157	10,652
100 to 199 acres .....	100	12,889	104	13,629
200 to 499 acres .....	100	28,902	59	17,914
500 to 999 acres .....	10	5,946	19	11,597
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	2	(D)	3	3,250
2,000 acres or more .....	3	7,110	3	7,200
Cropland on which no-till practices were used .....	6,361	2,342,696	6,059	2,107,159
Average per farm .....	(X)	368	(X)	348
No-till practices used:				
1 to 9 acres .....	1,472	5,451	1,172	4,256
10 to 49 acres .....	1,803	42,881	1,808	46,349
50 to 99 acres .....	664	44,409	767	53,310
100 to 199 acres .....	588	80,077	559	78,468
200 to 499 acres .....	608	194,035	668	215,120
500 to 999 acres .....	495	351,776	484	344,205
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	413	596,729	333	473,884
2,000 acres or more .....	318	1,027,338	268	891,567
Cropland on which reduced tillage, excluding no-till, practices were used (see text) .....	2,198	384,849	2,136	376,757
Average per farm .....	(X)	175	(X)	176
Reduced tillage used:				
1 to 9 acres .....	707	2,920	552	2,184
10 to 49 acres .....	655	14,240	679	15,915
50 to 99 acres .....	198	13,830	284	19,499
100 to 199 acres .....	170	23,609	204	28,711
200 to 499 acres .....	249	77,588	204	64,116
500 to 999 acres .....	122	84,509	126	85,175
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	69	94,772	64	92,155
2,000 acres or more .....	28	73,381	23	69,002
Cropland on which intensive tillage practices were used (see text) .....	3,721	251,843	5,447	396,725
Average per farm .....	(X)	68	(X)	73
Intensive tillage used:				
1 to 9 acres .....	1,921	6,803	2,660	9,246
10 to 49 acres .....	1,106	23,357	1,612	34,341
50 to 99 acres .....	278	18,830	491	33,721
100 to 199 acres .....	158	20,527	285	37,930
200 to 499 acres .....	174	53,764	241	76,296
500 to 999 acres .....	44	30,221	72	49,909
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	21	27,774	67	87,492
2,000 acres or more .....	19	70,567	19	67,790
Cropland planted to a cover crop (excluding CRP) .....	4,377	340,525	3,385	183,638
Average per farm .....	(X)	78	(X)	54
Cover crop acres (excluding CRP):				
1 to 9 acres .....	1,739	5,856	1,341	5,071
10 to 49 acres .....	1,424	29,764	1,253	27,035
50 to 99 acres .....	427	27,471	352	23,046
100 to 199 acres .....	317	40,666	226	28,407
200 to 499 acres .....	309	89,880	150	43,501
500 to 999 acres .....	117	75,313	46	29,478
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	34	42,689	13	17,100
2,000 acres or more .....	10	28,886	4	10,000