

**Table 47. Land Use Practices: 2022 and 2017**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Land use practices                                                                                         | 2022  |         | 2017  |         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------|-------|---------|
|                                                                                                            | Farms | Acres   | Farms | Acres   |
| Land drained by tile .....                                                                                 | 309   | 19,981  | 258   | 35,391  |
| Average per farm .....                                                                                     | (X)   | 65      | (X)   | 137     |
| Acres drained:                                                                                             |       |         |       |         |
| 1 to 9 acres .....                                                                                         | 196   | (D)     | 133   | 542     |
| 10 to 49 acres .....                                                                                       | 71    | 1,359   | 68    | 1,464   |
| 50 to 99 acres .....                                                                                       | 15    | 1,180   | 14    | 888     |
| 100 to 199 acres .....                                                                                     | 20    | 2,671   | 20    | 2,849   |
| 200 to 499 acres .....                                                                                     | -     | -       | 12    | 3,448   |
| 500 to 999 acres .....                                                                                     | -     | -       | -     | -       |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres .....                                                                                 | 5     | 6,160   | -     | -       |
| 2,000 acres or more .....                                                                                  | 2     | (D)     | 11    | 26,200  |
| Land artificially drained by ditches .....                                                                 | 1,496 | 54,251  | 1,684 | 55,346  |
| Average per farm .....                                                                                     | (X)   | 36      | (X)   | 33      |
| Acres drained by ditches:                                                                                  |       |         |       |         |
| 1 to 9 acres .....                                                                                         | 874   | (D)     | 990   | 3,796   |
| 10 to 49 acres .....                                                                                       | 450   | 8,741   | 506   | 9,849   |
| 50 to 99 acres .....                                                                                       | 78    | 4,946   | 103   | 7,088   |
| 100 to 199 acres .....                                                                                     | 46    | 5,493   | 35    | 4,182   |
| 200 to 499 acres .....                                                                                     | 27    | 7,336   | 32    | 7,940   |
| 500 to 999 acres .....                                                                                     | 7     | 3,527   | 12    | 7,355   |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres .....                                                                                 | 12    | 16,313  | 3     | 3,650   |
| 2,000 acres or more .....                                                                                  | 2     | (D)     | 3     | 11,486  |
| Land under conservation easement .....                                                                     | 369   | 504,467 | 377   | 500,203 |
| Average per farm .....                                                                                     | (X)   | 1,367   | (X)   | 1,327   |
| Acres under easement:                                                                                      |       |         |       |         |
| 1 to 9 acres .....                                                                                         | 139   | 499     | 157   | 599     |
| 10 to 49 acres .....                                                                                       | 57    | 1,128   | 48    | 1,233   |
| 50 to 99 acres .....                                                                                       | 10    | 735     | 26    | 2,021   |
| 100 to 199 acres .....                                                                                     | 50    | 6,909   | 29    | 4,403   |
| 200 to 499 acres .....                                                                                     | 33    | 9,474   | 21    | 7,429   |
| 500 to 999 acres .....                                                                                     | 26    | 18,264  | 33    | 27,447  |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres .....                                                                                 | 8     | 12,928  | 9     | 13,034  |
| 2,000 acres or more .....                                                                                  | 46    | 454,530 | 54    | 444,037 |
| Cropland on which no-till practices were used .....                                                        | 1,917 | 158,821 | 1,338 | 138,401 |
| Average per farm .....                                                                                     | (X)   | 83      | (X)   | 103     |
| No-till practices used:                                                                                    |       |         |       |         |
| 1 to 9 acres .....                                                                                         | 1,176 | 3,754   | 819   | 2,260   |
| 10 to 49 acres .....                                                                                       | 466   | 10,277  | 314   | 8,198   |
| 50 to 99 acres .....                                                                                       | 85    | 5,944   | 54    | 3,807   |
| 100 to 199 acres .....                                                                                     | 49    | 6,514   | 32    | 4,429   |
| 200 to 499 acres .....                                                                                     | 63    | 18,722  | 58    | 18,869  |
| 500 to 999 acres .....                                                                                     | 46    | 34,516  | 29    | 21,146  |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres .....                                                                                 | 13    | 16,323  | 16    | 23,894  |
| 2,000 acres or more .....                                                                                  | 19    | 62,771  | 16    | 55,798  |
| Cropland on which conservation or reduced tillage, excluding no-till, practices were used (see text) ..... | 1,229 | 236,967 | 868   | 218,922 |
| Average per farm .....                                                                                     | (X)   | 193     | (X)   | 252     |
| Conservation or reduced tillage used (see text):                                                           |       |         |       |         |
| 1 to 9 acres .....                                                                                         | 613   | 1,993   | 371   | 1,172   |
| 10 to 49 acres .....                                                                                       | 255   | 5,123   | 189   | 4,250   |
| 50 to 99 acres .....                                                                                       | 108   | 7,479   | 51    | 3,772   |
| 100 to 199 acres .....                                                                                     | 47    | 6,707   | 59    | 7,751   |
| 200 to 499 acres .....                                                                                     | 77    | 22,902  | 84    | 28,725  |
| 500 to 999 acres .....                                                                                     | 62    | 42,248  | 49    | 36,453  |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres .....                                                                                 | 42    | 57,762  | 41    | 55,822  |
| 2,000 acres or more .....                                                                                  | 25    | 92,753  | 24    | 80,977  |
| Cropland on which intensive or conventional tillage practices were used (see text) .....                   | 1,934 | 335,271 | 1,718 | 374,685 |
| Average per farm .....                                                                                     | (X)   | 173     | (X)   | 218     |
| Intensive or conventional tillage used (see text):                                                         |       |         |       |         |
| 1 to 9 acres .....                                                                                         | 908   | 3,520   | 793   | 2,357   |
| 10 to 49 acres .....                                                                                       | 504   | 10,210  | 392   | 8,598   |
| 50 to 99 acres .....                                                                                       | 135   | 9,300   | 107   | 7,438   |
| 100 to 199 acres .....                                                                                     | 139   | 20,726  | 125   | 17,502  |
| 200 to 499 acres .....                                                                                     | 134   | 42,143  | 128   | 41,779  |
| 500 to 999 acres .....                                                                                     | 55    | 38,004  | 91    | 59,606  |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres .....                                                                                 | 30    | 42,294  | 56    | 74,016  |
| 2,000 acres or more .....                                                                                  | 29    | 169,074 | 26    | 163,389 |
| Cropland planted to a cover crop (excluding CRP) .....                                                     | 1,075 | 47,479  | 1,177 | 53,617  |
| Average per farm .....                                                                                     | (X)   | 44      | (X)   | 46      |
| Cover crop acres (excluding CRP):                                                                          |       |         |       |         |
| 1 to 9 acres .....                                                                                         | 709   | 2,034   | 802   | 2,119   |
| 10 to 49 acres .....                                                                                       | 238   | 4,566   | 244   | 5,301   |
| 50 to 99 acres .....                                                                                       | 43    | 3,128   | 46    | 3,123   |
| 100 to 199 acres .....                                                                                     | 40    | 5,198   | 45    | 6,015   |
| 200 to 499 acres .....                                                                                     | 24    | 6,921   | 15    | 4,200   |
| 500 to 999 acres .....                                                                                     | 11    | 6,842   | 17    | 11,125  |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres .....                                                                                 | 7     | 8,468   | 4     | 4,570   |
| 2,000 acres or more .....                                                                                  | 3     | 10,322  | 4     | 17,164  |
| Use of precision agriculture practices (see text) .....                                                    | 803   | (X)     | (NA)  | (X)     |