

**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 .....	1,202	415,738	954	285,153
Average per farm .....	(X)	346	(X)	299
Acres drained:				
1 to 9 acres .....	32	99	17	92
10 to 49 acres .....	162	4,593	123	3,278
50 to 99 acres .....	181	12,946	170	11,933
100 to 199 acres .....	255	36,546	235	33,133
200 to 499 acres .....	355	109,235	245	74,879
500 to 999 acres .....	113	75,609	94	64,370
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	78	104,665	63	79,916
2,000 acres or more .....	26	72,045	7	17,552
Land artificially drained by ditches .....	2,702	3,272,185	2,741	3,397,968
Average per farm .....	(X)	1,211	(X)	1,240
Acres drained by ditches:				
1 to 9 acres .....	74	267	73	286
10 to 49 acres .....	242	6,428	229	5,504
50 to 99 acres .....	227	15,590	164	10,778
100 to 199 acres .....	286	38,792	275	37,529
200 to 499 acres .....	440	136,745	455	144,870
500 to 999 acres .....	428	291,600	399	276,614
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	451	611,359	504	687,970
2,000 acres or more .....	554	2,171,404	642	2,234,417
Land under conservation easement .....	2,191	813,759	1,813	1,004,361
Average per farm .....	(X)	371	(X)	554
Acres under easement:				
1 to 9 acres .....	123	554	55	228
10 to 49 acres .....	424	11,576	173	4,876
50 to 99 acres .....	296	20,342	195	14,005
100 to 199 acres .....	409	57,821	335	48,980
200 to 499 acres .....	493	159,009	480	155,910
500 to 999 acres .....	235	158,685	275	193,178
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	127	173,775	175	226,154
2,000 acres or more .....	84	231,997	125	361,030
Cropland on which no-till practices were used .....	5,723	7,804,831	5,548	7,778,463
Average per farm .....	(X)	1,364	(X)	1,402
No-till practices used:				
1 to 9 acres .....	112	422	101	491
10 to 49 acres .....	348	10,358	258	7,598
50 to 99 acres .....	349	24,685	344	24,065
100 to 199 acres .....	543	76,092	591	85,562
200 to 499 acres .....	1,088	352,046	1,023	343,246
500 to 999 acres .....	934	661,135	920	656,729
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	1,038	1,448,726	998	1,408,052
2,000 acres or more .....	1,311	5,231,367	1,313	5,252,720
Cropland on which conservation or reduced tillage, excluding no-till, practices were used (see text) .....	5,988	8,256,972	6,148	9,052,235
Average per farm .....	(X)	1,379	(X)	1,472
Conservation or reduced tillage used (see text):				
1 to 9 acres .....	64	279	83	453
10 to 49 acres .....	354	10,340	342	9,525
50 to 99 acres .....	470	33,432	294	20,966
100 to 199 acres .....	578	82,309	478	69,742
200 to 499 acres .....	1,029	341,022	971	322,972
500 to 999 acres .....	909	664,653	987	717,978
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	1,173	1,684,098	1,351	1,929,474
2,000 acres or more .....	1,411	5,440,839	1,642	5,981,125
Cropland on which intensive or conventional tillage practices were used (see text) .....	4,593	4,699,452	4,601	5,601,446
Average per farm .....	(X)	1,023	(X)	1,217
Intensive or conventional tillage used (see text):				
1 to 9 acres .....	165	616	129	576
10 to 49 acres .....	425	11,430	377	11,000
50 to 99 acres .....	382	26,916	300	21,982
100 to 199 acres .....	517	75,990	551	79,387
200 to 499 acres .....	901	297,480	771	252,237
500 to 999 acres .....	731	525,561	704	498,386
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	774	1,074,218	821	1,164,805
2,000 acres or more .....	698	2,687,241	948	3,573,073
Cropland planted to a cover crop (excluding CRP) .....	2,529	838,252	2,252	404,267
Average per farm .....	(X)	331	(X)	180
Cover crop acres (excluding CRP):				
1 to 9 acres .....	98	420	109	489
10 to 49 acres .....	374	10,800	513	14,391
50 to 99 acres .....	370	26,145	432	29,096
100 to 199 acres .....	553	74,764	556	72,116
200 to 499 acres .....	636	187,586	453	127,014
500 to 999 acres .....	287	190,470	131	84,418
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	164	206,651	55	70,346
2,000 acres or more .....	47	141,416	3	6,397
Use of precision agriculture practices (see text) .....	7,488	(X)	(NA)	(X)