

TABLE 1.1. Conservation practice adoption reported for select states in the Southeastern United States, 2012

State	Harvested Crop Land (000s acres)	Percent of Harvested Cropland under Conservation ¹		
		No-Till	Other Conservation Tillage Practices	Cover Crops
Alabama	2,158	33	14	9
Florida	2,184	9	5	6
Georgia	3,610	19	25	10
Mississippi	4,292	14	21	2
North Carolina	4,378	43	15	9
South Carolina	1,635	33	25	5
Tennessee	4,547	46	8	4
Virginia	2,618	36	8	12

Source: [22]

¹ Conservation practices are defined as follows: *No-till* refers to tillage practices where the soil is undisturbed by tillage during the entire year. Crop residues left on the soil surface may be disturbed in strips up to one-third of the row width for planting or drilling seed. *Other conservation tillage practices* refers to other tillage practices that leave at least 30 percent of the residue on the soil surface, but does not include no-till. *Cover crops* refers to crops planted between regular cash crops for conservation purposes to provide soil protection, water retention and improved nutrient cycling. Cover crops are terminated prior to cash crop planting and plant biomass remains on the soil surface.