

SUBJECT: LAND USE
 CATEGORY: BROAD LAND COVER/USE
 QUALIFIERS: NONE
 REPORTING UNIT: AREA (ACRES IN THOUSANDS)
 GEOGRAPHIC UNIT: STATE OF MISSOURI

TABLE: 1997 BROAD LAND COVER/USE ACREAGE ESTIMATES

Category	Acreage	% of State
Cultivated Cropland	10513.3	23.6%
Noncultivated Cropland	3234.0	7.3%
Pastureland	10848.7	24.3%
Rangeland	87.5	< 1%
Forest Land	12427.0	27.8%
Minor Land*	633.8	1.4%
Urban Land	1664.0	3.7%
Rural Transportation Land **	853.0	1.9%
Water	822.2	1.8%
Federal Land	1916.1	4.2%
Conservation Reserve Program***	1606.1	3.6%
State Total	44606.1****	

- * MINOR LAND – NRI Reporting Category. This category of land cover/use includes farmsteads, field windbreaks, barren land and marshland.
- ** RURAL TRANSPORTATION LAND – NRI Data Collection and Reporting Category. This category includes all highway, road and railroad rights-of-way outside urban areas, driveways, logging roads and other private roads. It excludes field roads.
- *** CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP) – A federal United States Department of Agriculture program established under the Food Security Act of 1985 to assist private landowners in converting highly erodible cropland to vegetative cover for 10 years.
- **** STATE TOTAL SURFACE AREA – Reporting category totals adjusted to Missouri’s historical NRI total surface area of 44,606,100 acres.

SOURCE: NATIONAL RESOURCES INVENTORY (REVISED DECEMBER 2000)