

Table 4. Net Cash Return From Agricultural Sales: 1997 and 1992

[Data are based on a sample of farms. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	1997			1992		
	All farms	Farms with sales of \$10,000 or more	Farms with sales of less than \$10,000	All farms	Farms with sales of \$10,000 or more	Farms with sales of less than \$10,000
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text) farms..	41 377	12 766	28 611	37 910	13 492	24 418
Average per farm \$1,000..	490 081	558 047	-67 967	381 882	422 671	-40 789
Average per farm dollars..	11 844	43 714	-2 376	10 073	31 328	-1 670
Farms with net gains ¹ number..	17 741	9 412	8 329	19 169	10 470	8 699
Average per farm \$1,000..	645 422	630 154	15 268	474 773	458 411	16 362
Average per farm dollars..	36 380	66 952	1 833	24 768	43 783	1 881
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000	3 645	292	3 353	3 954	383	3 571
\$1,000 to \$4,999	6 042	1 535	4 507	6 291	1 821	4 470
\$5,000 to \$9,999	2 258	1 789	469	2 398	1 740	658
\$10,000 to \$24,999	1 818	1 818	—	2 361	2 361	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1 028	1 028	—	1 586	1 586	—
\$50,000 or more	2 950	2 950	—	2 579	2 579	—
Farms with net losses number..	23 636	3 354	20 282	18 741	3 022	15 719
Average per farm \$1,000..	155 341	72 106	83 235	92 890	35 740	57 151
Average per farm dollars..	6 572	21 499	4 104	4 957	11 827	3 636
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000	5 388	271	5 117	4 324	302	4 022
\$1,000 to \$4,999	10 722	969	9 753	9 098	959	8 139
\$5,000 to \$9,999	4 240	718	3 522	2 922	537	2 385
\$10,000 to \$24,999	2 546	792	1 754	1 997	877	1 120
\$25,000 to \$49,999	445	335	110	310	259	51
\$50,000 or more	295	269	26	90	88	2

¹Farms with total production expenses equal to market value of agricultural products sold are included as farms with gains of less than \$1,000.