

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 ..	548	220	328	512	159	353
Average per farm \$1,000..	2 829	4 638	-1 810	-957	963	-1 920
Average per farm dollars..	5 162	21 082	-5 517	-1 869	6 056	-5 439
Farms with net gains ¹ number ..	216	157	59	175	113	62
Average per farm \$1,000..	6 046	5 961	85	2 915	2 813	101
Average per farm dollars..	27 992	37 967	1 447	16 655	24 895	1 635
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000	28	3	25	30	4	26
\$1,000 to \$4,999	62	29	33	56	24	32
\$5,000 to \$9,999	38	37	1	23	19	4
\$10,000 to \$24,999	42	42	—	30	30	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999	19	19	—	20	20	—
\$50,000 or more	27	27	—	16	16	—
Farms with net losses number ..	332	63	269	337	46	291
Average per farm \$1,000..	3 218	1 323	1 895	3 872	1 850	2 021
Average per farm dollars..	9 692	20 996	7 044	11 488	40 221	6 946
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000	23	3	20	47	2	45
\$1,000 to \$4,999	151	22	129	118	14	104
\$5,000 to \$9,999	82	11	71	83	10	73
\$10,000 to \$24,999	59	17	42	69	10	59
\$25,000 to \$49,999	7	3	4	14	4	10
\$50,000 or more	10	7	3	6	6	—

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