

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..	6 133	2 918	3 215	6 774	3 176	3 598
Average per farm \$1,000..	417 135	429 466	-12 331	247 273	259 935	-12 662
Average per farm dollars..	68 015	147 178	-3 835	36 503	81 844	-3 519
Farms with net gains ¹ number..	2 715	2 114	601	3 099	2 304	795
Average per farm \$1,000..	460 164	459 036	1 128	278 646	277 330	1 316
Average per farm dollars..	169 489	217 141	1 876	89 915	120 369	1 655
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000	317	71	246	433	71	362
\$1,000 to \$4,999	545	231	314	608	207	401
\$5,000 to \$9,999	251	210	41	341	309	32
\$10,000 to \$24,999	380	380	—	522	522	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999	319	319	—	411	411	—
\$50,000 or more	903	903	—	784	784	—
Farms with net losses number..	3 418	804	2 614	3 675	872	2 803
Average per farm \$1,000..	43 028	29 570	13 459	31 373	17 395	13 978
Average per farm dollars..	12 589	36 778	5 149	8 537	19 948	4 987
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000	466	18	448	534	78	456
\$1,000 to \$4,999	1 616	227	1 389	1 606	206	1 400
\$5,000 to \$9,999	605	173	432	614	98	516
\$10,000 to \$24,999	515	207	308	697	286	411
\$25,000 to \$49,999	123	89	34	134	120	14
\$50,000 or more	93	90	3	90	84	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.