

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..	2 458	1 717	741	2 627	1 768	859
Average per farm \$1,000..	68 563	70 400	-1 837	108 998	112 273	-3 275
Average per farm dollars..	27 894	41 001	-2 479	41 491	63 503	-3 812
Farms with net gains ¹ number..	1 524	1 320	204	1 774	1 518	256
Average per farm \$1,000..	88 736	88 385	351	117 486	116 940	546
Average per farm dollars..	58 226	66 958	1 718	66 227	77 035	2 135
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000	110	19	91	149	56	93
\$1,000 to \$4,999	216	115	101	268	142	126
\$5,000 to \$9,999	193	181	12	119	82	37
\$10,000 to \$24,999	328	328	—	259	259	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999	320	320	—	318	318	—
\$50,000 or more	357	357	—	661	661	—
Farms with net losses number..	934	397	537	853	250	603
Average per farm \$1,000..	20 173	17 986	2 187	8 488	4 667	3 821
Average per farm dollars..	21 599	45 304	4 073	9 951	18 668	6 337
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000	128	21	107	165	47	118
\$1,000 to \$4,999	363	46	317	326	43	283
\$5,000 to \$9,999	139	86	53	158	41	117
\$10,000 to \$24,999	177	117	60	113	59	54
\$25,000 to \$49,999	62	62	—	77	47	30
\$50,000 or more	65	65	—	14	13	1

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