

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..	73 046	49 870	23 176	77 606	56 098	21 508
Average per farm \$1,000..	2 729 334	2 791 835	-62 501	2 169 423	2 212 110	-42 687
Average per farm dollars..	37 365	55 982	-2 697	27 954	39 433	-1 985
Farms with net gains ¹ number..	48 115	41 968	6 147	54 137	46 591	7 546
Average per farm \$1,000..	2 917 499	2 906 083	11 416	2 342 419	2 327 939	14 481
Average per farm dollars..	60 636	69 245	1 857	43 268	49 965	1 919
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000	3 365	919	2 446	3 795	1 054	2 741
\$1,000 to \$4,999	7 179	3 791	3 388	9 182	4 830	4 352
\$5,000 to \$9,999	4 916	4 603	313	6 198	5 745	453
\$10,000 to \$24,999	8 707	8 707	—	10 510	10 510	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999	7 385	7 385	—	9 538	9 538	—
\$50,000 or more	16 563	16 563	—	14 914	14 914	—
Farms with net losses number..	24 931	7 902	17 029	23 469	9 507	13 962
Average per farm \$1,000..	188 164	114 247	73 917	172 996	115 829	57 167
Average per farm dollars..	7 547	14 458	4 341	7 371	12 184	4 094
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000	4 445	726	3 719	4 475	995	3 480
\$1,000 to \$4,999	10 755	2 270	8 485	10 033	2 969	7 064
\$5,000 to \$9,999	5 080	1 728	3 352	4 102	1 927	2 175
\$10,000 to \$24,999	3 413	2 119	1 294	3 472	2 402	1 070
\$25,000 to \$49,999	867	710	157	1 095	944	151
\$50,000 or more	371	349	22	292	270	22

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