

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..	57 922	32 560	25 362	62 772	36 641	26 131
Average per farm \$1,000..	1 163 605	1 233 823	-70 218	961 902	1 013 129	-51 228
Average per farm dollars..	20 089	37 894	-2 769	15 324	27 650	-1 960
Farms with net gains ¹ number..	31 555	25 499	6 056	36 058	27 664	8 394
Average per farm \$1,000..	1 396 731	1 385 788	10 943	1 136 197	1 120 776	15 421
Average per farm dollars..	44 263	54 347	1 807	31 510	40 514	1 837
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000	3 169	769	2 400	4 226	883	3 343
\$1,000 to \$4,999	6 703	3 367	3 336	9 005	4 402	4 603
\$5,000 to \$9,999	4 227	3 907	320	4 955	4 507	448
\$10,000 to \$24,999	5 926	5 926	—	6 859	6 859	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999	4 316	4 316	—	4 471	4 471	—
\$50,000 or more	7 214	7 214	—	6 542	6 542	—
Farms with net losses number..	26 367	7 061	19 306	26 714	8 977	17 737
Average per farm \$1,000..	233 126	151 965	81 161	174 296	107 647	66 649
Average per farm dollars..	8 842	21 522	4 204	6 525	11 991	3 758
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000	4 338	598	3 740	4 904	963	3 941
\$1,000 to \$4,999	11 959	1 866	10 093	12 095	2 775	9 320
\$5,000 to \$9,999	5 549	1 820	3 729	5 325	2 103	3 222
\$10,000 to \$24,999	3 394	1 710	1 684	3 298	2 083	1 215
\$25,000 to \$49,999	673	627	46	773	739	34
\$50,000 or more	454	440	14	319	314	5

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