

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..	90 786	67 253	23 533	96 541	77 122	19 419
Average per farm \$1,000..	2 969 179	3 040 631	-71 452	2 193 209	2 238 129	-44 920
Average per farm dollars..	32 705	45 212	-3 036	22 718	29 021	-2 313
Farms with net gains ¹ number..	60 033	54 873	5 160	66 215	60 315	5 900
Average per farm \$1,000..	3 256 653	3 246 731	9 922	2 477 696	2 465 172	12 524
Average per farm dollars..	54 248	59 168	1 923	37 419	40 872	2 123
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000	2 958	1 053	1 905	3 408	1 480	1 928
\$1,000 to \$4,999	7 958	5 029	2 929	10 248	6 738	3 510
\$5,000 to \$9,999	6 397	6 071	326	8 354	7 892	462
\$10,000 to \$24,999	12 253	12 253	—	15 364	15 364	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999	11 702	11 702	—	12 961	12 961	—
\$50,000 or more	18 765	18 765	—	15 880	15 880	—
Farms with net losses number..	30 753	12 380	18 373	30 326	16 807	13 519
Average per farm \$1,000..	287 473	206 099	81 374	284 487	227 043	57 444
Average per farm dollars..	9 348	16 648	4 429	9 381	13 509	4 249
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000	4 252	991	3 261	4 323	1 476	2 847
\$1,000 to \$4,999	12 657	3 225	9 432	11 102	4 465	6 637
\$5,000 to \$9,999	6 719	2 718	4 001	6 452	3 701	2 751
\$10,000 to \$24,999	5 014	3 446	1 568	5 827	4 622	1 205
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1 550	1 464	86	2 102	2 023	79
\$50,000 or more	561	536	25	520	520	—

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