

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..	23 833	9 562	14 271	25 654	10 434	15 220
Average per farm \$1,000..	477 426	512 743	-35 317	268 077	296 760	-28 683
Average per farm dollars..	20 032	53 623	-2 475	10 450	28 442	-1 885
Farms with net gains ¹ number..	11 512	7 417	4 095	12 518	7 755	4 763
Average per farm \$1,000..	565 530	557 991	7 538	351 543	342 748	8 795
Average per farm dollars..	49 125	75 231	1 841	28 083	44 197	1 847
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000	1 779	154	1 625	2 139	339	1 800
\$1,000 to \$4,999	3 165	922	2 243	3 782	1 084	2 698
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1 258	1 031	227	1 554	1 289	265
\$10,000 to \$24,999	1 682	1 682	—	1 741	1 741	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1 111	1 111	—	1 295	1 295	—
\$50,000 or more	2 517	2 517	—	2 007	2 007	—
Farms with net losses number..	12 321	2 145	10 176	13 136	2 679	10 457
Average per farm \$1,000..	88 103	45 248	42 855	83 466	45 988	37 478
Average per farm dollars..	7 151	21 095	4 211	6 354	17 166	3 584
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000	2 323	112	2 211	3 009	237	2 772
\$1,000 to \$4,999	5 723	582	5 141	5 798	614	5 184
\$5,000 to \$9,999	2 381	463	1 918	2 326	512	1 814
\$10,000 to \$24,999	1 392	543	849	1 364	707	657
\$25,000 to \$49,999	294	258	36	445	417	28
\$50,000 or more	208	187	21	194	192	2

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