

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..	5 801	2 304	3 497	5 772	2 511	3 261
Average per farm \$1,000..	78 187	89 186	-11 000	72 781	80 789	-8 008
Average per farm dollars..	13 478	38 709	-3 145	12 609	32 174	-2 456
Farms with net gains ¹ number..	2 469	1 683	786	2 938	1 971	967
Average per farm \$1,000..	108 332	106 659	1 673	90 975	89 043	1 932
Average per farm dollars..	43 877	63 374	2 128	30 965	45 176	1 998
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000	309	44	265	422	87	335
\$1,000 to \$4,999	752	308	444	881	315	566
\$5,000 to \$9,999	332	255	77	364	298	66
\$10,000 to \$24,999	469	469	—	479	479	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999	269	269	—	345	345	—
\$50,000 or more	338	338	—	447	447	—
Farms with net losses number..	3 332	621	2 711	2 834	540	2 294
Average per farm \$1,000..	30 145	17 473	12 672	18 194	8 254	9 940
Average per farm dollars..	9 047	28 136	4 674	6 420	15 285	4 333
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000	529	23	506	439	21	418
\$1,000 to \$4,999	1 560	190	1 370	1 321	129	1 192
\$5,000 to \$9,999	747	141	606	599	120	479
\$10,000 to \$24,999	316	118	198	361	165	196
\$25,000 to \$49,999	102	81	21	95	87	8
\$50,000 or more	78	68	10	19	18	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.