

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..	12 109	6 089	6 020	13 040	6 575	6 465
Average per farm \$1,000..	172 948	216 889	-43 942	186 174	209 294	-23 120
Average per farm dollars..	14 283	35 620	-7 299	14 277	31 832	-3 576
Farms with net gains ¹ number..	5 711	4 322	1 389	6 768	5 119	1 649
Average per farm \$1,000..	264 091	261 225	2 866	235 530	232 465	3 065
Average per farm dollars..	46 242	60 441	2 063	34 800	45 412	1 859
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000	650	160	490	869	198	671
\$1,000 to \$4,999	1 378	612	766	1 514	665	849
\$5,000 to \$9,999	816	683	133	889	760	129
\$10,000 to \$24,999	1 091	1 091	—	1 135	1 135	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999	685	685	—	959	959	—
\$50,000 or more	1 091	1 091	—	1 402	1 402	—
Farms with net losses number..	6 398	1 767	4 631	6 272	1 456	4 816
Average per farm \$1,000..	91 143	44 335	46 807	49 355	23 170	26 185
Average per farm dollars..	14 246	25 091	10 107	7 869	15 914	5 437
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000	706	151	555	1 052	90	962
\$1,000 to \$4,999	2 812	435	2 377	2 718	421	2 297
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1 385	334	1 051	1 126	242	884
\$10,000 to \$24,999	1 038	469	569	1 067	469	598
\$25,000 to \$49,999	310	242	68	191	159	32
\$50,000 or more	147	136	11	118	75	43

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