

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..	5 571	2 584	2 987	5 258	2 331	2 927
Average per farm \$1,000..	135 155	147 322	-12 167	77 725	90 451	-12 726
Average per farm dollars..	24 260	57 013	-4 073	14 782	38 803	-4 348
Farms with net gains ¹ number..	2 861	2 094	767	2 556	1 883	673
Average per farm \$1,000..	158 941	157 182	1 758	97 366	95 809	1 557
Average per farm dollars..	55 554	75 063	2 293	38 093	50 881	2 314
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000	265	32	233	306	68	238
\$1,000 to \$4,999	695	260	435	572	229	343
\$5,000 to \$9,999	394	295	99	405	313	92
\$10,000 to \$24,999	507	507	—	512	512	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999	425	425	—	368	368	—
\$50,000 or more	575	575	—	393	393	—
Farms with net losses number..	2 710	490	2 220	2 702	448	2 254
Average per farm \$1,000..	23 785	9 860	13 925	19 641	5 358	14 283
Average per farm dollars..	8 777	20 123	6 273	7 269	11 961	6 337
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000	404	45	359	354	53	301
\$1,000 to \$4,999	904	89	815	1 125	118	1 007
\$5,000 to \$9,999	830	135	695	698	114	584
\$10,000 to \$24,999	406	134	272	373	97	276
\$25,000 to \$49,999	126	53	73	138	58	80
\$50,000 or more	40	34	6	14	8	6

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