

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..	73 375	47 378	25 997	75 075	53 019	22 056
Average per farm \$1,000..	1 835 509	1 917 307	-81 797	1 216 890	1 273 771	-56 881
Average per farm dollars..	25 015	40 468	-3 146	16 209	24 025	-2 579
Farms with net gains ¹ number..	41 752	36 426	5 326	45 772	39 745	6 027
Average per farm \$1,000..	2 146 543	2 136 285	10 258	1 471 149	1 459 068	12 080
Average per farm dollars..	51 412	58 647	1 926	32 141	36 711	2 004
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000	2 873	973	1 900	3 412	1 271	2 141
\$1,000 to \$4,999	7 199	4 140	3 059	8 327	4 872	3 455
\$5,000 to \$9,999	4 907	4 540	367	6 238	5 807	431
\$10,000 to \$24,999	8 492	8 492	—	10 324	10 324	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999	7 166	7 166	—	8 720	8 720	—
\$50,000 or more	11 115	11 115	—	8 751	8 751	—
Farms with net losses number..	31 623	10 952	20 671	29 303	13 274	16 029
Average per farm \$1,000..	311 034	218 979	92 055	254 258	185 297	68 961
Average per farm dollars..	9 836	19 994	4 453	8 677	13 959	4 302
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000	4 665	831	3 834	4 418	1 127	3 291
\$1,000 to \$4,999	13 093	2 758	10 335	11 587	3 431	8 156
\$5,000 to \$9,999	6 604	2 227	4 377	5 744	2 838	2 906
\$10,000 to \$24,999	5 076	3 046	2 030	5 287	3 684	1 603
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1 402	1 321	81	1 794	1 731	63
\$50,000 or more	783	769	14	473	463	10

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