

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..	31 312	10 184	21 128	32 003	11 393	20 610
Average per farm \$1,000..	558 443	609 928	-51 485	319 662	353 960	-34 298
Average per farm dollars..	17 835	59 891	-2 437	9 989	31 068	-1 664
Farms with net gains ¹ number..	13 014	7 631	5 383	15 152	8 301	6 851
Average per farm \$1,000..	663 635	653 569	10 066	413 728	400 087	13 640
Average per farm dollars..	50 994	85 647	1 870	27 305	48 197	1 991
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000	2 429	249	2 180	2 778	232	2 546
\$1,000 to \$4,999	3 983	1 109	2 874	5 014	1 283	3 731
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1 588	1 259	329	2 046	1 472	574
\$10,000 to \$24,999	1 420	1 420	—	1 702	1 702	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999	788	788	—	1 194	1 194	—
\$50,000 or more	2 806	2 806	—	2 418	2 418	—
Farms with net losses number..	18 298	2 553	15 745	16 851	3 092	13 759
Average per farm \$1,000..	105 192	43 641	61 551	94 066	46 127	47 938
Average per farm dollars..	5 749	17 094	3 909	5 582	14 918	3 484
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000	4 175	202	3 973	3 581	166	3 415
\$1,000 to \$4,999	8 451	775	7 676	8 337	1 015	7 322
\$5,000 to \$9,999	3 339	553	2 786	2 694	550	2 144
\$10,000 to \$24,999	1 889	640	1 249	1 684	838	846
\$25,000 to \$49,999	276	219	57	372	342	30
\$50,000 or more	168	164	4	183	181	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.