

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..	51 456	40 059	11 397	52 920	42 327	10 593
Average per farm \$1,000..	2 095 114	2 129 072	-33 957	1 462 607	1 494 852	-32 244
Average per farm dollars..	40 717	53 148	-2 980	27 638	35 317	-3 044
Farms with net gains ¹ number..	34 514	31 597	2 917	36 454	32 834	3 620
Average per farm \$1,000..	2 386 531	2 380 385	6 145	1 678 317	1 670 639	7 678
Average per farm dollars..	69 147	75 336	2 107	46 039	50 881	2 121
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000	1 905	855	1 050	1 886	700	1 186
\$1,000 to \$4,999	4 862	3 222	1 640	6 022	3 850	2 172
\$5,000 to \$9,999	3 758	3 531	227	4 675	4 413	262
\$10,000 to \$24,999	7 081	7 081	—	8 552	8 552	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999	5 989	5 989	—	6 638	6 638	—
\$50,000 or more	10 919	10 919	—	8 681	8 681	—
Farms with net losses number..	16 942	8 462	8 480	16 466	9 493	6 973
Average per farm \$1,000..	291 417	251 314	40 103	215 710	175 788	39 922
Average per farm dollars..	17 201	29 699	4 729	13 100	18 518	5 725
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000	2 274	596	1 678	2 195	712	1 483
\$1,000 to \$4,999	6 121	1 859	4 262	5 585	2 136	3 449
\$5,000 to \$9,999	3 201	1 684	1 517	3 462	2 054	1 408
\$10,000 to \$24,999	3 325	2 408	917	3 299	2 714	585
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1 376	1 276	100	1 301	1 261	40
\$50,000 or more	645	639	6	624	616	8

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