

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..	9 094	3 546	5 548	9 083	3 542	5 541
Average per farm \$1,000..	175 896	199 911	-24 015	95 771	119 502	-23 731
Average per farm dollars..	19 342	56 376	-4 328	10 544	33 739	-4 283
Farms with net gains ¹ number..	4 099	2 735	1 364	4 234	2 778	1 456
Average per farm \$1,000..	222 318	219 421	2 896	135 080	132 037	3 043
Average per farm dollars..	54 237	80 227	2 124	31 904	47 530	2 090
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000	601	51	550	666	59	607
\$1,000 to \$4,999	929	273	656	1 108	416	692
\$5,000 to \$9,999	577	419	158	596	439	157
\$10,000 to \$24,999	761	761	—	793	793	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999	450	450	—	460	460	—
\$50,000 or more	781	781	—	611	611	—
Farms with net losses number..	4 995	811	4 184	4 849	764	4 085
Average per farm \$1,000..	46 421	19 510	26 911	39 309	12 536	26 774
Average per farm dollars..	9 294	24 057	6 432	8 107	16 408	6 554
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000	714	51	663	756	74	682
\$1,000 to \$4,999	2 018	248	1 770	1 985	197	1 788
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1 184	152	1 032	1 131	171	960
\$10,000 to \$24,999	834	190	644	699	183	516
\$25,000 to \$49,999	150	98	52	210	108	102
\$50,000 or more	95	72	23	68	31	37

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