

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..	14 075	5 424	8 651	14 279	5 820	8 459
Average per farm \$1,000..	410 261	429 854	-19 593	196 574	214 545	-17 972
..... dollars..	29 148	79 250	-2 265	13 767	36 863	-2 125
Farms with net gains ¹ number..	6 533	3 978	2 555	6 965	4 323	2 642
Average per farm \$1,000..	467 311	462 695	4 617	241 803	236 901	4 903
..... dollars..	71 531	116 313	1 807	34 717	54 800	1 856
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000	1 170	141	1 029	1 290	222	1 068
\$1,000 to \$4,999	1 859	527	1 332	2 046	650	1 396
\$5,000 to \$9,999	854	660	194	877	699	178
\$10,000 to \$24,999	973	973	—	1 133	1 133	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999	571	571	—	623	623	—
\$50,000 or more	1 106	1 106	—	996	996	—
Farms with net losses number..	7 542	1 446	6 096	7 314	1 497	5 817
Average per farm \$1,000..	57 051	32 841	24 210	45 230	22 355	22 875
..... dollars..	7 564	22 712	3 971	6 184	14 933	3 932
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000	1 955	107	1 848	1 707	145	1 562
\$1,000 to \$4,999	3 131	409	2 722	3 220	396	2 824
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1 287	279	1 008	1 234	306	928
\$10,000 to \$24,999	803	344	459	840	382	458
\$25,000 to \$49,999	233	190	43	222	189	33
\$50,000 or more	133	117	16	91	79	12

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