

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..	34 036	12 994	21 042	31 875	12 117	19 758
Average per farm \$1,000..	727 810	794 726	-66 916	398 979	466 885	-67 907
Average per farm dollars..	21 384	61 161	-3 180	12 517	38 531	-3 437
Farms with net gains ¹ number..	13 946	9 642	4 304	12 338	8 645	3 693
Average per farm \$1,000..	882 829	875 097	7 732	527 951	522 323	5 628
Average per farm dollars..	63 303	90 759	1 796	42 791	60 419	1 524
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000	2 193	255	1 938	2 168	286	1 882
\$1,000 to \$4,999	3 346	1 284	2 062	2 842	1 194	1 648
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1 643	1 339	304	1 432	1 269	163
\$10,000 to \$24,999	2 216	2 216	—	2 272	2 272	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1 716	1 716	—	1 388	1 388	—
\$50,000 or more	2 832	2 832	—	2 236	2 236	—
Farms with net losses number..	20 090	3 352	16 738	19 537	3 472	16 065
Average per farm \$1,000..	155 019	80 371	74 648	128 972	55 438	73 535
Average per farm dollars..	7 716	23 977	4 460	6 601	15 967	4 577
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000	3 276	231	3 045	2 915	210	2 705
\$1,000 to \$4,999	9 841	839	9 002	9 557	986	8 571
\$5,000 to \$9,999	3 662	693	2 969	3 896	776	3 120
\$10,000 to \$24,999	2 483	919	1 564	2 464	929	1 535
\$25,000 to \$49,999	532	391	141	469	378	91
\$50,000 or more	296	279	17	236	193	43

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