

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..	45 437	24 532	20 905	44 866	24 262	20 604
Average per farm \$1,000..	747 503	816 732	-69 229	758 341	816 828	-58 487
Average per farm dollars..	16 451	33 293	-3 312	16 902	33 667	-2 839
Farms with net gains ¹ number..	23 922	19 302	4 620	24 345	19 358	4 987
Average per farm \$1,000..	923 934	914 909	9 026	890 287	880 484	9 803
Average per farm dollars..	38 623	47 400	1 954	36 570	45 484	1 966
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000	2 088	420	1 668	2 335	577	1 758
\$1,000 to \$4,999	4 924	2 243	2 681	5 319	2 490	2 829
\$5,000 to \$9,999	3 160	2 889	271	2 831	2 431	400
\$10,000 to \$24,999	4 735	4 735	—	4 649	4 649	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999	4 121	4 121	—	4 466	4 466	—
\$50,000 or more	4 894	4 894	—	4 745	4 745	—
Farms with net losses number..	21 515	5 230	16 285	20 521	4 904	15 617
Average per farm \$1,000..	176 431	98 176	78 255	131 946	63 656	68 290
Average per farm dollars..	8 200	18 772	4 805	6 430	12 980	4 373
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000	2 919	399	2 520	3 227	498	2 729
\$1,000 to \$4,999	9 869	1 460	8 409	9 842	1 455	8 387
\$5,000 to \$9,999	4 715	1 143	3 572	4 124	1 093	3 031
\$10,000 to \$24,999	3 000	1 382	1 618	2 671	1 292	1 379
\$25,000 to \$49,999	688	538	150	488	411	77
\$50,000 or more	324	308	16	169	155	14

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