

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..	735	343	392	649	274	375
Average per farm \$1,000..	12 850	14 956	-2 106	7 077	8 886	-1 809
Average per farm dollars..	17 483	43 604	-5 373	10 904	32 430	-4 825
Farms with net gains ¹ number..	353	283	70	296	197	99
Average per farm \$1,000..	15 938	15 786	153	9 755	9 551	204
Average per farm dollars..	45 151	55 780	2 179	32 956	48 483	2 060
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000	35	7	28	49	13	36
\$1,000 to \$4,999	62	26	36	82	25	57
\$5,000 to \$9,999	64	58	6	44	38	6
\$10,000 to \$24,999	78	78	—	45	45	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999	41	41	—	29	29	—
\$50,000 or more	73	73	—	47	47	—
Farms with net losses number..	382	60	322	353	77	276
Average per farm \$1,000..	3 088	830	2 259	2 678	665	2 013
Average per farm dollars..	8 085	13 825	7 015	7 588	8 639	7 294
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000	39	6	33	49	14	35
\$1,000 to \$4,999	145	14	131	147	22	125
\$5,000 to \$9,999	110	13	97	81	19	62
\$10,000 to \$24,999	72	18	54	65	17	48
\$25,000 to \$49,999	12	7	5	8	4	4
\$50,000 or more	4	2	2	3	1	2

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