

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..	20 189	6 141	14 048	20 242	6 499	13 743
Average per farm \$1,000..	328 569	357 221	-28 652	157 727	185 899	-28 172
Average per farm dollars..	16 275	58 170	-2 040	7 792	28 604	-2 050
Farms with net gains ¹ number..	8 583	4 690	3 893	8 568	4 738	3 830
Average per farm \$1,000..	399 307	392 138	7 169	217 294	210 505	6 789
Average per farm dollars..	46 523	83 611	1 842	25 361	44 429	1 773
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000	1 763	187	1 576	1 774	199	1 575
\$1,000 to \$4,999	2 824	763	2 061	2 728	691	2 037
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1 021	765	256	1 025	807	218
\$10,000 to \$24,999	959	959	—	1 216	1 216	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999	559	559	—	733	733	—
\$50,000 or more	1 457	1 457	—	1 092	1 092	—
Farms with net losses number..	11 606	1 451	10 155	11 674	1 761	9 913
Average per farm \$1,000..	70 738	34 917	35 821	59 566	24 606	34 961
Average per farm dollars..	6 095	24 064	3 527	5 102	13 973	3 527
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000	3 213	87	3 126	2 518	144	2 374
\$1,000 to \$4,999	5 405	498	4 907	5 841	516	5 325
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1 732	242	1 490	1 868	366	1 502
\$10,000 to \$24,999	867	324	543	1 138	476	662
\$25,000 to \$49,999	202	132	70	223	175	48
\$50,000 or more	187	168	19	86	84	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.