

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..	31 284	24 145	7 139	34 056	26 859	7 197
Average per farm \$1,000..	801 485	824 182	-22 696	662 184	679 054	-16 870
Average per farm dollars..	25 620	34 135	-3 179	19 444	25 282	-2 344
Farms with net gains ¹ number..	19 917	18 144	1 773	23 304	20 900	2 404
Average per farm \$1,000..	961 208	957 341	3 868	775 963	771 081	4 882
Average per farm dollars..	48 261	52 763	2 181	33 297	36 894	2 031
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000	877	415	462	1 324	539	785
\$1,000 to \$4,999	3 263	2 065	1 198	4 031	2 572	1 459
\$5,000 to \$9,999	2 535	2 422	113	3 217	3 057	160
\$10,000 to \$24,999	4 333	4 333	—	5 979	5 979	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999	3 823	3 823	—	4 293	4 293	—
\$50,000 or more	5 086	5 086	—	4 460	4 460	—
Farms with net losses number..	11 367	6 001	5 366	10 752	5 959	4 793
Average per farm \$1,000..	159 723	133 159	26 564	113 779	92 027	21 752
Average per farm dollars..	14 051	22 189	4 950	10 582	15 443	4 538
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000	1 279	354	925	1 413	487	926
\$1,000 to \$4,999	3 995	1 388	2 607	3 824	1 317	2 507
\$5,000 to \$9,999	2 327	1 116	1 211	2 146	1 330	816
\$10,000 to \$24,999	2 375	1 826	549	2 303	1 792	511
\$25,000 to \$49,999	913	844	69	789	767	22
\$50,000 or more	478	473	5	277	266	11

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