

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..	14 178	6 198	7 980	13 518	5 940	7 578
Average per farm \$1,000..	160 519	179 333	-18 814	123 215	137 953	-14 737
Average per farm dollars..	11 322	28 934	-2 358	9 115	23 224	-1 945
Farms with net gains ¹ number..	6 803	4 414	2 389	6 548	4 445	2 103
Average per farm \$1,000..	236 067	231 686	4 382	159 635	155 845	3 790
Average per farm dollars..	34 700	52 489	1 834	24 379	35 061	1 802
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000	1 102	104	998	1 154	223	931
\$1,000 to \$4,999	1 974	711	1 263	1 741	727	1 014
\$5,000 to \$9,999	989	861	128	955	797	158
\$10,000 to \$24,999	1 134	1 134	—	1 256	1 256	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999	696	696	—	668	668	—
\$50,000 or more	908	908	—	774	774	—
Farms with net losses number..	7 375	1 784	5 591	6 970	1 495	5 475
Average per farm \$1,000..	75 548	52 352	23 195	36 419	17 892	18 527
Average per farm dollars..	10 244	29 346	4 149	5 225	11 968	3 384
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000	1 526	216	1 310	1 613	127	1 486
\$1,000 to \$4,999	3 239	502	2 737	3 325	510	2 815
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1 390	325	1 065	1 096	299	797
\$10,000 to \$24,999	941	498	443	769	396	373
\$25,000 to \$49,999	159	138	21	124	121	3
\$50,000 or more	120	105	15	43	42	1

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