

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..	41 075	16 068	25 007	42 230	16 878	25 352
Average per farm \$1,000..	364 331	411 777	-47 445	334 280	378 479	-44 198
Average per farm dollars..	8 870	25 627	-1 897	7 916	22 424	-1 743
Farms with net gains ¹ number..	20 731	11 868	8 863	23 187	13 082	10 105
Average per farm \$1,000..	501 168	482 697	18 471	447 150	425 034	22 115
Average per farm dollars..	24 175	40 672	2 084	19 284	32 490	2 189
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000	3 368	510	2 858	3 649	444	3 205
\$1,000 to \$4,999	7 358	2 042	5 316	8 181	2 237	5 944
\$5,000 to \$9,999	3 375	2 686	689	3 722	2 766	956
\$10,000 to \$24,999	2 922	2 922	—	3 633	3 633	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1 520	1 520	—	1 668	1 668	—
\$50,000 or more	2 188	2 188	—	2 334	2 334	—
Farms with net losses number..	20 344	4 200	16 144	19 043	3 796	15 247
Average per farm \$1,000..	136 837	70 921	65 916	112 869	46 556	66 313
Average per farm dollars..	6 726	16 886	4 083	5 927	12 264	4 349
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000	4 145	515	3 630	4 302	413	3 889
\$1,000 to \$4,999	9 548	1 186	8 362	8 771	1 232	7 539
\$5,000 to \$9,999	3 389	720	2 669	3 269	848	2 421
\$10,000 to \$24,999	2 493	1 109	1 384	2 182	910	1 272
\$25,000 to \$49,999	460	376	84	385	284	101
\$50,000 or more	309	294	15	134	109	25

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