

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..	17 807	3 599	14 208	17 022	3 562	13 460
Average per farm \$1,000..	57 522	74 866	-17 344	49 571	60 284	-10 714
Average per farm dollars..	3 230	20 802	-1 221	2 912	16 924	-796
Farms with net gains ¹ number..	8 070	2 580	5 490	8 652	2 749	5 903
Average per farm \$1,000..	98 345	88 601	9 744	80 759	69 866	10 893
Average per farm dollars..	12 186	34 341	1 775	9 334	25 415	1 845
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000	2 385	135	2 250	2 435	146	2 289
\$1,000 to \$4,999	3 513	567	2 946	3 821	566	3 255
\$5,000 to \$9,999	989	695	294	1 008	649	359
\$10,000 to \$24,999	588	588	—	799	799	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999	274	274	—	307	307	—
\$50,000 or more	321	321	—	282	282	—
Farms with net losses number..	9 737	1 019	8 718	8 370	813	7 557
Average per farm \$1,000..	40 823	13 734	27 089	31 188	9 581	21 606
Average per farm dollars..	4 193	13 478	3 107	3 726	11 785	2 859
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000	3 026	154	2 872	2 836	94	2 742
\$1,000 to \$4,999	4 508	300	4 208	3 851	261	3 590
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1 374	220	1 154	1 039	164	875
\$10,000 to \$24,999	672	233	439	539	210	329
\$25,000 to \$49,999	108	66	42	88	67	21
\$50,000 or more	49	46	3	17	17	—

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