

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..	34 787	14 702	20 085	35 204	14 937	20 267
Average per farm \$1,000..	1 573 154	1 639 371	-66 217	1 139 072	1 209 754	-70 682
..... dollars..	45 222	111 507	-3 297	32 356	80 990	-3 488
Farms with net gains ¹ number..	16 344	11 209	5 135	16 384	11 452	4 932
Average per farm \$1,000..	1 755 897	1 746 197	9 700	1 280 704	1 271 329	9 374
..... dollars..	107 434	155 785	1 889	78 168	111 014	1 901
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000	2 351	271	2 080	2 208	276	1 932
\$1,000 to \$4,999	4 277	1 559	2 718	4 322	1 664	2 658
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1 973	1 636	337	2 119	1 777	342
\$10,000 to \$24,999	2 513	2 513	—	2 673	2 673	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1 754	1 754	—	1 739	1 739	—
\$50,000 or more	3 476	3 476	—	3 323	3 323	—
Farms with net losses number..	18 443	3 493	14 950	18 820	3 485	15 335
Average per farm \$1,000..	182 743	106 826	75 917	141 632	61 575	80 057
..... dollars..	9 909	30 583	5 078	7 526	17 669	5 221
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000	3 024	244	2 780	3 225	352	2 873
\$1,000 to \$4,999	8 461	1 033	7 428	8 266	835	7 431
\$5,000 to \$9,999	3 622	692	2 930	3 894	830	3 064
\$10,000 to \$24,999	2 411	815	1 596	2 633	856	1 777
\$25,000 to \$49,999	559	394	165	580	437	143
\$50,000 or more	366	315	51	222	175	47

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