

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..	40 353	15 322	25 031	40 763	16 810	23 953
Average per farm \$1,000..	976 666	1 052 504	-75 838	561 686	622 356	-60 670
..... dollars..	24 203	68 692	-3 030	13 779	37 023	-2 533
Farms with net gains ¹ number..	16 825	10 988	5 837	19 024	12 757	6 267
Average per farm \$1,000..	1 167 700	1 156 907	10 793	689 273	677 681	11 592
..... dollars..	69 403	105 288	1 849	36 232	53 122	1 850
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000	2 728	368	2 360	2 828	383	2 445
\$1,000 to \$4,999	4 582	1 467	3 115	5 409	1 939	3 470
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1 811	1 449	362	2 333	1 981	352
\$10,000 to \$24,999	2 115	2 115	—	2 848	2 848	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1 375	1 375	—	2 025	2 025	—
\$50,000 or more	4 214	4 214	—	3 581	3 581	—
Farms with net losses number..	23 528	4 334	19 194	21 739	4 053	17 686
Average per farm \$1,000..	191 034	104 404	86 630	127 587	55 325	72 262
..... dollars..	8 119	24 089	4 513	5 869	13 650	4 086
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000	4 429	302	4 127	4 357	395	3 962
\$1,000 to \$4,999	10 751	1 104	9 647	10 256	1 085	9 171
\$5,000 to \$9,999	4 190	857	3 333	3 879	941	2 938
\$10,000 to \$24,999	2 981	1 115	1 866	2 522	1 044	1 478
\$25,000 to \$49,999	755	573	182	534	415	119
\$50,000 or more	422	383	39	191	173	18

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