

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.. | 46 040 | 22 636 | 23 404 | 46 558 | 23 542 | 23 016 |
| Average per farm \$1,000.. | 686 891 | 758 861 | -71 970 | 431 005 | 520 092 | -89 088 |
| Average per farm dollars.. | 14 919 | 33 525 | -3 075 | 9 257 | 22 092 | -3 871 |
| Farms with net gains ¹ number.. | 21 612 | 16 604 | 5 008 | 19 843 | 15 850 | 3 993 |
| Average per farm \$1,000.. | 883 034 | 872 907 | 10 127 | 634 583 | 627 411 | 7 171 |
| Average per farm dollars.. | 40 859 | 52 572 | 2 022 | 31 980 | 39 584 | 1 796 |
| Gain of— | | | | | | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 2 498 | 604 | 1 894 | 2 350 | 763 | 1 587 |
| \$1,000 to \$4,999 | 5 176 | 2 480 | 2 696 | 5 031 | 2 824 | 2 207 |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 3 020 | 2 602 | 418 | 2 579 | 2 380 | 199 |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 | 4 241 | 4 241 | — | 3 677 | 3 677 | — |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 2 678 | 2 678 | — | 2 628 | 2 628 | — |
| \$50,000 or more | 3 999 | 3 999 | — | 3 578 | 3 578 | — |
| Farms with net losses number.. | 24 428 | 6 032 | 18 396 | 26 715 | 7 692 | 19 023 |
| Average per farm \$1,000.. | 196 143 | 114 046 | 82 097 | 203 578 | 107 319 | 96 259 |
| Average per farm dollars.. | 8 029 | 18 907 | 4 463 | 7 620 | 13 952 | 5 060 |
| Loss of— | | | | | | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 3 584 | 492 | 3 092 | 3 088 | 571 | 2 517 |
| \$1,000 to \$4,999 | 11 797 | 1 846 | 9 951 | 11 866 | 2 034 | 9 832 |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 4 948 | 1 354 | 3 594 | 6 135 | 1 777 | 4 358 |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 | 3 006 | 1 381 | 1 625 | 4 373 | 2 218 | 2 155 |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 744 | 632 | 112 | 932 | 798 | 134 |
| \$50,000 or more | 349 | 327 | 22 | 321 | 294 | 27 |

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