

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..	98 856	43 871	54 985	98 082	47 252	50 830
Average per farm \$1,000..	1 097 695	1 224 388	-126 694	889 365	973 592	-84 227
	11 104	27 909	-2 304	9 068	20 604	-1 657
Farms with net gains ¹ number..	48 020	31 733	16 287	54 330	35 874	18 456
Average per farm \$1,000..	1 433 427	1 401 310	32 116	1 125 818	1 088 503	37 315
	29 851	44 159	1 972	20 722	30 342	2 022
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000	7 576	1 440	6 136	7 684	1 349	6 335
\$1,000 to \$4,999	14 507	5 547	8 960	17 679	6 812	10 867
\$5,000 to \$9,999	7 344	6 153	1 191	8 607	7 353	1 254
\$10,000 to \$24,999	7 922	7 922	—	9 081	9 081	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999	4 498	4 498	—	5 457	5 457	—
\$50,000 or more	6 173	6 173	—	5 822	5 822	—
Farms with net losses number..	50 836	12 138	38 698	43 752	11 378	32 374
Average per farm \$1,000..	335 732	176 922	158 810	236 453	114 911	121 543
	6 604	14 576	4 104	5 404	10 099	3 754
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000	9 823	1 117	8 706	8 808	1 157	7 651
\$1,000 to \$4,999	22 990	3 901	19 089	20 348	3 850	16 498
\$5,000 to \$9,999	10 229	2 734	7 495	8 512	2 778	5 734
\$10,000 to \$24,999	6 203	2 956	3 247	5 039	2 630	2 409
\$25,000 to \$49,999	981	847	134	833	755	78
\$50,000 or more	610	583	27	212	208	4

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