

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.. | 2 921 | 963 | 1 958 | 2 440 | 807 | 1 633 |
| Average per farm \$1,000.. | 23 567 | 33 887 | -10 319 | 15 953 | 23 299 | -7 346 |
| Average per farm dollars.. | 8 068 | 35 189 | -5 270 | 6 538 | 28 871 | -4 499 |
| Farms with net gains ¹ number.. | 983 | 664 | 319 | 879 | 614 | 265 |
| Average per farm \$1,000.. | 38 959 | 38 357 | 602 | 26 269 | 25 780 | 489 |
| Average per farm dollars.. | 39 633 | 57 767 | 1 888 | 29 886 | 41 988 | 1 845 |
| Gain of— | | | | | | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 127 | 9 | 118 | 102 | 20 | 82 |
| \$1,000 to \$4,999 | 285 | 99 | 186 | 247 | 82 | 165 |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 114 | 99 | 15 | 148 | 130 | 18 |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 | 194 | 194 | — | 148 | 148 | — |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 150 | 150 | — | 138 | 138 | — |
| \$50,000 or more | 113 | 113 | — | 96 | 96 | — |
| Farms with net losses number.. | 1 938 | 299 | 1 639 | 1 561 | 193 | 1 368 |
| Average per farm \$1,000.. | 15 392 | 4 470 | 10 922 | 10 317 | 2 481 | 7 835 |
| Average per farm dollars.. | 7 942 | 14 951 | 6 664 | 6 609 | 12 857 | 5 728 |
| Loss of— | | | | | | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 224 | 29 | 195 | 140 | 13 | 127 |
| \$1,000 to \$4,999 | 737 | 82 | 655 | 774 | 58 | 716 |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 550 | 67 | 483 | 368 | 51 | 317 |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 | 349 | 72 | 277 | 232 | 37 | 195 |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 57 | 38 | 19 | 41 | 28 | 13 |
| \$50,000 or more | 21 | 11 | 10 | 6 | 6 | — |

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