

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..	49 391	22 635	26 756	51 858	24 858	27 000
Average per farm \$1,000..	1 601 413	1 653 587	-52 174	912 136	948 855	-36 719
..... dollars..	32 423	73 054	-1 950	17 589	38 171	-1 360
Farms with net gains ¹ number..	27 045	18 515	8 530	30 837	20 777	10 060
Average per farm \$1,000..	1 772 548	1 755 702	16 846	1 023 730	1 002 456	21 274
..... dollars..	65 541	94 826	1 975	33 198	48 248	2 115
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000	3 880	467	3 413	3 971	533	3 438
\$1,000 to \$4,999	6 755	2 289	4 466	8 309	2 566	5 743
\$5,000 to \$9,999	3 564	2 913	651	4 373	3 494	879
\$10,000 to \$24,999	4 289	4 289	—	5 434	5 434	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999	2 533	2 533	—	3 385	3 385	—
\$50,000 or more	6 024	6 024	—	5 365	5 365	—
Farms with net losses number..	22 346	4 120	18 226	21 021	4 081	16 940
Average per farm \$1,000..	171 135	102 115	69 020	111 594	53 601	57 993
..... dollars..	7 658	24 785	3 787	5 309	13 134	3 423
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000	4 773	345	4 428	5 223	424	4 799
\$1,000 to \$4,999	10 498	1 056	9 442	9 775	1 234	8 541
\$5,000 to \$9,999	3 806	860	2 946	3 275	795	2 480
\$10,000 to \$24,999	2 402	1 098	1 304	2 129	1 068	1 061
\$25,000 to \$49,999	478	377	101	441	385	56
\$50,000 or more	389	384	5	178	175	3

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