

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..	74 222	29 704	44 518	66 936	29 617	37 319
Average per farm \$1,000..	456 080	562 454	-106 374	395 182	466 077	-70 896
..... dollars..	6 145	18 935	-2 389	5 904	15 737	-1 900
Farms with net gains ¹ number..	33 245	19 787	13 458	32 310	19 973	12 337
Average per farm \$1,000..	743 213	718 733	24 480	608 861	583 954	24 908
..... dollars..	22 356	36 323	1 819	18 844	29 237	2 019
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000	6 719	1 147	5 572	5 464	1 032	4 432
\$1,000 to \$4,999	11 092	4 032	7 060	11 287	4 269	7 018
\$5,000 to \$9,999	5 034	4 208	826	5 204	4 317	887
\$10,000 to \$24,999	5 085	5 085	—	5 220	5 220	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999	2 575	2 575	—	2 577	2 577	—
\$50,000 or more	2 740	2 740	—	2 558	2 558	—
Farms with net losses number..	40 977	9 917	31 060	34 626	9 644	24 982
Average per farm \$1,000..	287 133	156 278	130 854	213 679	117 876	95 803
..... dollars..	7 007	15 759	4 213	6 171	12 223	3 835
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000	7 887	829	7 058	7 298	1 068	6 230
\$1,000 to \$4,999	17 896	2 903	14 993	15 348	3 004	12 344
\$5,000 to \$9,999	8 388	2 328	6 060	6 504	2 067	4 437
\$10,000 to \$24,999	5 344	2 610	2 734	4 335	2 407	1 928
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1 029	832	197	809	768	41
\$50,000 or more	433	415	18	332	330	2

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