

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..	76 821	21 241	55 580	75 078	24 232	50 846
Average per farm \$1,000..	508 404	597 636	-89 232	422 072	467 013	-44 941
..... dollars..	6 618	28 136	-1 605	5 622	19 273	-884
Farms with net gains ¹ number..	36 480	16 848	19 632	43 318	19 785	23 533
Average per farm \$1,000..	695 795	654 672	41 123	561 295	509 597	51 698
..... dollars..	19 073	38 858	2 095	12 958	25 757	2 197
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000	7 217	604	6 613	8 290	639	7 651
\$1,000 to \$4,999	14 585	3 086	11 499	17 394	3 603	13 791
\$5,000 to \$9,999	5 713	4 193	1 520	7 218	5 127	2 091
\$10,000 to \$24,999	4 619	4 619	—	5 774	5 774	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1 861	1 861	—	2 219	2 219	—
\$50,000 or more	2 485	2 485	—	2 423	2 423	—
Farms with net losses number..	40 341	4 393	35 948	31 760	4 447	27 313
Average per farm \$1,000..	187 391	57 036	130 355	139 223	42 584	96 639
..... dollars..	4 645	12 983	3 626	4 384	9 576	3 538
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000	9 840	566	9 274	8 021	674	7 347
\$1,000 to \$4,999	19 734	1 449	18 285	15 771	1 618	14 153
\$5,000 to \$9,999	6 877	856	6 021	5 015	991	4 024
\$10,000 to \$24,999	3 309	1 074	2 235	2 463	785	1 678
\$25,000 to \$49,999	392	287	105	355	272	83
\$50,000 or more	189	161	28	135	107	28

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