

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.. | 194 288 | 64 856 | 129 432 | 180 646 | 70 096 | 110 550 |
| Average per farm \$1,000.. | 1 988 349 | 2 348 132 | -359 783 | 1 485 658 | 1 747 140 | -261 482 |
| dollars.. | 10 234 | 36 205 | -2 780 | 8 224 | 24 925 | -2 365 |
| Farms with net gains ¹ number.. | 76 549 | 43 106 | 33 443 | 82 343 | 48 198 | 34 145 |
| Average per farm \$1,000.. | 2 941 914 | 2 880 877 | 61 037 | 2 158 323 | 2 093 411 | 64 912 |
| dollars.. | 38 432 | 66 832 | 1 825 | 26 211 | 43 434 | 1 901 |
| Gain of— | | | | | | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 15 596 | 1 988 | 13 608 | 15 429 | 2 131 | 13 298 |
| \$1,000 to \$4,999 | 26 088 | 8 347 | 17 741 | 27 868 | 9 349 | 18 519 |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 10 376 | 8 282 | 2 094 | 11 915 | 9 587 | 2 328 |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 | 9 562 | 9 562 | — | 11 699 | 11 699 | — |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 5 577 | 5 577 | — | 6 663 | 6 663 | — |
| \$50,000 or more | 9 350 | 9 350 | — | 8 769 | 8 769 | — |
| Farms with net losses number.. | 117 739 | 21 750 | 95 989 | 98 303 | 21 898 | 76 405 |
| Average per farm \$1,000.. | 953 565 | 532 745 | 420 819 | 672 664 | 346 270 | 326 394 |
| dollars.. | 8 099 | 24 494 | 4 384 | 6 843 | 15 813 | 4 272 |
| Loss of— | | | | | | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 22 041 | 1 683 | 20 358 | 19 060 | 1 878 | 17 182 |
| \$1,000 to \$4,999 | 53 719 | 5 802 | 47 917 | 45 173 | 5 935 | 39 238 |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 22 806 | 4 459 | 18 347 | 17 624 | 4 497 | 13 127 |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 | 14 446 | 5 895 | 8 551 | 12 207 | 5 889 | 6 318 |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 3 094 | 2 473 | 621 | 3 097 | 2 615 | 482 |
| \$50,000 or more | 1 633 | 1 438 | 195 | 1 142 | 1 084 | 58 |

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