

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..	29 009	14 060	14 949	30 263	14 745	15 518
Average per farm \$1,000..	1 132 634	1 192 258	-59 624	689 113	745 246	-56 134
.....dollars..	39 044	84 798	-3 989	22 771	50 542	-3 617
Farms with net gains ¹ number..	13 510	10 761	2 749	14 274	11 273	3 001
Average per farm \$1,000..	1 254 760	1 249 598	5 162	820 789	815 611	5 178
.....dollars..	92 876	116 123	1 878	57 502	72 351	1 725
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000	1 460	312	1 148	1 693	372	1 321
\$1,000 to \$4,999	2 492	1 104	1 388	2 770	1 258	1 512
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1 521	1 308	213	1 588	1 420	168
\$10,000 to \$24,999	2 023	2 023	—	2 345	2 345	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1 676	1 676	—	1 884	1 884	—
\$50,000 or more	4 338	4 338	—	3 994	3 994	—
Farms with net losses number..	15 499	3 299	12 200	15 989	3 472	12 517
Average per farm \$1,000..	122 126	57 341	64 786	131 676	70 365	61 311
.....dollars..	7 880	17 381	5 310	8 235	20 266	4 898
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000	2 188	219	1 969	2 425	285	2 140
\$1,000 to \$4,999	6 635	708	5 927	7 105	823	6 282
\$5,000 to \$9,999	3 375	762	2 613	3 397	652	2 745
\$10,000 to \$24,999	2 465	950	1 515	2 113	939	1 174
\$25,000 to \$49,999	536	398	138	660	533	127
\$50,000 or more	300	262	38	289	240	49

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