## Table 3. **Farm Production Expenses: 1987, 1982, and 1978**—Con.

[Data are based on a sample of farms; see text. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

| Item | 1987 | | 1982 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Farms | Expenses ($1,000) | | |
| Total farm production expenses—Con. | | | | |
| All other farm production expenses ..... farms | 25 569 | (X) | (NA) | (NA) |
| $1,000 | (X) | 202 693 | (NA) | (NA) |
| percent of total | (X) | 7.5 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Farms with expenses of— | | | | |
| $1 to $999 | 9 756 | 4 011 | (NA) | (NA) |
| $1,000 to $4,999 | 9 372 | 21 782 | (NA) | (NA) |
| $5,000 to $9,999 | 2 857 | 19 706 | (NA) | (NA) |
| $10,000 to $24,999 | 2 292 | 35 122 | (NA) | (NA) |
| $25,000 to $49,999 | 767 | 25 851 | (NA) | (NA) |
| $50,000 to $99,999 | 311 | 20 434 | (NA) | (NA) |
| $100,000 or more | 214 | 75 788 | (NA) | (NA) |

[1]Data for 1978 are for $10,000 or more.
[2]Data for 1987 include cost of custom applications; data for agricultural chemicals exclude the cost of lime for 1987 and 1982.
[3]Data for 1987 exclude cost of custom applications for commercial fertilizer and agricultural chemicals.
[4]Data for 1982 do not include imputation for item nonresponse.

## Table 4. **Net Cash Return From Agricultural Sales: 1987**

[Data are based on a sample of farms; see text. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

| Item | 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 | 27 281 | 15 083 | 12 198 |
| $1,000 | 422 200 | 463 756 | -41 556 |
| Average per farm ..... dollars | 15 476 | 30 747 | -3 407 |
| Farms with net gains[1] ..... number | 13 789 | 10 751 | 3 038 |
| $1,000 | 548 729 | 542 663 | 6 066 |
| Average per farm ..... dollars | 39 795 | 50 476 | 1 997 |
| Gain of— | | | |
| Less than $1,000 | 1 675 | 555 | 1 120 |
| $1,000 to $4,999 | 3 145 | 1 444 | 1 701 |
| $5,000 to $9,999 | 2 268 | 2 051 | 217 |
| $10,000 to $24,999 | 2 637 | 2 637 | - |
| $25,000 to $49,999 | 1 990 | 1 990 | - |
| $50,000 or more | 2 074 | 2 074 | - |
| Farms with net losses ..... number | 13 492 | 4 332 | 9 160 |
| $1,000 | 126 529 | 78 907 | 47 622 |
| Average per farm ..... dollars | 9 378 | 18 215 | 5 199 |
| Loss of— | | | |
| Less than $1,000 | 2 003 | 294 | 1 709 |
| $1,000 to $4,999 | 5 402 | 1 116 | 4 286 |
| $5,000 to $9,999 | 2 850 | 878 | 1 972 |
| $10,000 to $24,999 | 2 393 | 1 348 | 1 045 |
| $25,000 to $49,999 | 556 | 443 | 113 |
| $50,000 or more | 288 | 253 | 35 |

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