

**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..	74 129	41 585	32 544	77 663	40 412	37 251
Average per farm ..... \$1,000..	6 118 086	6 267 013	-148 928	3 179 111	3 341 519	-162 408
Average per farm ..... dollars..	82 533	150 704	-4 576	40 935	82 686	-4 360
Farms with net gains <sup>1</sup> ..... number..	39 401	33 141	6 260	36 612	30 313	6 299
Average per farm ..... \$1,000..	6 704 802	6 692 903	11 899	3 555 458	3 544 212	11 246
Average per farm ..... dollars..	170 168	201 952	1 901	97 112	116 921	1 785
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000 .....	3 144	655	2 489	3 548	869	2 679
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....	6 450	3 089	3 361	6 779	3 522	3 257
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	3 981	3 571	410	3 992	3 629	363
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	6 769	6 769	—	6 250	6 250	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	5 203	5 203	—	4 672	4 672	—
\$50,000 or more .....	13 854	13 854	—	11 371	11 371	—
Farms with net losses ..... number..	34 728	8 444	26 284	41 051	10 099	30 952
Average per farm ..... \$1,000..	586 716	425 889	160 827	376 347	202 694	173 654
Average per farm ..... dollars..	16 895	50 437	6 119	9 168	20 071	5 610
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000 .....	4 803	527	4 276	5 654	777	4 877
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....	14 199	2 043	12 156	17 278	2 360	14 918
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	7 284	1 580	5 704	8 369	1 913	6 456
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	5 795	2 091	3 704	7 241	2 884	4 357
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	1 290	1 001	289	1 644	1 411	233
\$50,000 or more .....	1 357	1 202	155	865	754	111

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