

**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..	3 684	1 471	2 213	3 426	1 354	2 072
Average per farm ..... \$1,000..	87 211	95 825	-8 614	53 863	62 194	-8 330
Average per farm ..... dollars..	23 673	65 143	-3 893	15 722	45 933	-4 020
Farms with net gains <sup>1</sup> ..... number..	1 632	1 104	528	1 476	1 056	420
Average per farm ..... \$1,000..	106 713	105 768	946	68 286	67 487	799
Average per farm ..... dollars..	65 388	95 804	1 791	46 264	63 908	1 902
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000 .....	253	48	205	207	33	174
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....	432	147	285	360	138	222
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	192	154	38	232	208	24
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	315	315	—	262	262	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	182	182	—	160	160	—
\$50,000 or more .....	258	258	—	255	255	—
Farms with net losses ..... number..	2 052	367	1 685	1 950	298	1 652
Average per farm ..... \$1,000..	19 502	9 943	9 560	14 422	5 293	9 129
Average per farm ..... dollars..	9 504	27 092	5 673	7 396	17 763	5 526
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000 .....	297	39	258	185	13	172
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....	910	90	820	919	84	835
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	416	60	356	449	82	367
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	302	73	229	350	82	268
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	78	67	11	34	26	8
\$50,000 or more .....	49	38	11	13	11	2

<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.