

**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..	5 473	2 295	3 178	5 336	2 077	3 259
Average per farm ..... \$1,000..	98 368	102 772	-4 405	85 228	90 824	-5 596
Average per farm ..... dollars..	17 973	44 781	-1 386	15 972	43 728	-1 717
Farms with net gains <sup>1</sup> ..... number..	3 449	1 986	1 463	3 223	1 797	1 426
Average per farm ..... \$1,000..	132 843	129 539	3 304	105 335	102 326	3 008
Average per farm ..... dollars..	38 517	65 226	2 259	32 682	56 943	2 110
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000 .....	559	54	505	520	34	486
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....	1 055	254	801	1 058	240	818
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	547	390	157	492	370	122
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	715	715	—	576	576	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	278	278	—	280	280	—
\$50,000 or more .....	295	295	—	297	297	—
Farms with net losses ..... number..	2 024	309	1 715	2 113	280	1 833
Average per farm ..... \$1,000..	34 476	26 767	7 709	20 107	11 503	8 605
Average per farm ..... dollars..	17 033	86 624	4 495	9 516	41 080	4 694
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000 .....	546	45	501	587	27	560
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....	916	72	844	990	95	895
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	280	51	229	305	53	252
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	183	64	119	179	66	113
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	38	25	13	20	13	7
\$50,000 or more .....	61	52	9	32	26	6

<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.