

**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..	61 591	38 878	22 713	63 280	41 717	21 563
Average per farm . . . . . \$1,000..	1 877 913	1 927 878	-49 966	1 393 417	1 436 944	-43 528
	30 490	49 588	-2 200	22 020	34 445	-2 019
Farms with net gains <sup>1</sup> . . . . . number..	37 570	30 798	6 772	38 750	31 224	7 526
Average per farm . . . . . \$1,000..	2 115 876	2 101 627	14 249	1 604 316	1 588 632	15 684
	56 318	68 239	2 104	41 402	50 879	2 084
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000 . . . . .	3 163	827	2 336	3 669	1 042	2 627
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	7 535	3 676	3 859	8 830	4 545	4 285
\$5,000 to \$9,999 . . . . .	4 872	4 295	577	5 680	5 066	614
\$10,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	7 365	7 365	—	8 138	8 138	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	5 990	5 990	—	5 768	5 768	—
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	8 645	8 645	—	6 665	6 665	—
Farms with net losses . . . . . number..	24 021	8 080	15 941	24 530	10 493	14 037
Average per farm . . . . . \$1,000..	237 963	173 749	64 214	210 899	151 687	59 212
	9 906	21 504	4 028	8 598	14 456	4 218
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000 . . . . .	4 626	698	3 928	4 162	1 067	3 095
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	9 985	2 224	7 761	10 252	3 062	7 190
\$5,000 to \$9,999 . . . . .	4 537	1 709	2 828	4 422	1 980	2 442
\$10,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	3 497	2 145	1 352	4 021	2 818	1 203
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	887	826	61	1 224	1 138	86
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	489	478	11	449	428	21

<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.