

**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.. | 82 264    | 36 136                               | 46 128                                 | 90 280    | 40 377                               | 49 903                                 |
| Average per farm ..... \$1,000..                                                   | 979 715   | 1 019 549                            | -39 834                                | 817 456   | 826 830                              | -9 374                                 |
| Average per farm ..... dollars..                                                   | 11 909    | 28 214                               | -864                                   | 9 055     | 20 478                               | -188                                   |
| Farms with net gains <sup>1</sup> ..... number..                                   | 52 475    | 31 021                               | 21 454                                 | 63 731    | 35 437                               | 28 294                                 |
| Average per farm ..... \$1,000..                                                   | 1 145 308 | 1 093 034                            | 52 274                                 | 975 281   | 904 450                              | 70 831                                 |
| Average per farm ..... dollars..                                                   | 21 826    | 35 235                               | 2 437                                  | 15 303    | 25 523                               | 2 503                                  |
| Gain of—                                                                           |           |                                      |                                        |           |                                      |                                        |
| Less than \$1,000 .....                                                            | 6 639     | 788                                  | 5 851                                  | 8 347     | 804                                  | 7 543                                  |
| \$1,000 to \$4,999 .....                                                           | 17 173    | 4 207                                | 12 966                                 | 22 081    | 4 863                                | 17 218                                 |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 .....                                                           | 9 982     | 7 345                                | 2 637                                  | 12 532    | 8 999                                | 3 533                                  |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 .....                                                         | 9 759     | 9 759                                | —                                      | 12 144    | 12 144                               | —                                      |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 .....                                                         | 4 781     | 4 781                                | —                                      | 4 928     | 4 928                                | —                                      |
| \$50,000 or more .....                                                             | 4 141     | 4 141                                | —                                      | 3 699     | 3 699                                | —                                      |
| Farms with net losses ..... number..                                               | 29 789    | 5 115                                | 24 674                                 | 26 549    | 4 940                                | 21 609                                 |
| Average per farm ..... \$1,000..                                                   | 165 594   | 73 485                               | 92 108                                 | 157 825   | 77 620                               | 80 204                                 |
| Average per farm ..... dollars..                                                   | 5 559     | 14 367                               | 3 733                                  | 5 945     | 15 713                               | 3 712                                  |
| Loss of—                                                                           |           |                                      |                                        |           |                                      |                                        |
| Less than \$1,000 .....                                                            | 7 398     | 570                                  | 6 828                                  | 7 249     | 713                                  | 6 536                                  |
| \$1,000 to \$4,999 .....                                                           | 13 932    | 1 867                                | 12 065                                 | 12 355    | 1 801                                | 10 554                                 |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 .....                                                           | 5 306     | 1 270                                | 4 036                                  | 4 256     | 1 007                                | 3 249                                  |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 .....                                                         | 2 691     | 1 035                                | 1 656                                  | 2 148     | 1 027                                | 1 121                                  |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 .....                                                         | 332       | 258                                  | 74                                     | 394       | 287                                  | 107                                    |
| \$50,000 or more .....                                                             | 130       | 115                                  | 15                                     | 147       | 105                                  | 42                                     |

<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.