

**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..	24 275	15 000	9 275	22 824	15 054	7 770
Average per farm ..... \$1,000..	334 834	368 740	-33 906	333 711	360 174	-26 464
Average per farm ..... dollars..	13 793	24 583	-3 656	14 621	23 925	-3 406
Farms with net gains <sup>1</sup> ..... number..	12 462	10 407	2 055	12 604	10 760	1 844
Average per farm ..... \$1,000..	460 425	456 456	3 968	439 911	436 001	3 911
Average per farm ..... dollars..	36 946	43 861	1 931	34 903	40 521	2 121
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000 .....	1 122	313	809	1 096	418	678
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....	2 406	1 302	1 104	2 386	1 397	989
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	1 762	1 620	142	1 617	1 440	177
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	2 576	2 576	—	2 744	2 744	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	1 960	1 960	—	2 224	2 224	—
\$50,000 or more .....	2 636	2 636	—	2 537	2 537	—
Farms with net losses ..... number..	11 813	4 593	7 220	10 220	4 294	5 926
Average per farm ..... \$1,000..	125 591	87 717	37 874	106 201	75 826	30 374
Average per farm ..... dollars..	10 632	19 098	5 246	10 391	17 659	5 126
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000 .....	1 497	346	1 151	1 260	271	989
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....	4 620	1 004	3 616	4 105	1 031	3 074
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	2 348	950	1 398	2 085	913	1 172
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	2 291	1 336	955	1 745	1 166	579
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	670	606	64	693	599	94
\$50,000 or more .....	387	351	36	332	314	18

<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.