

**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..	2 823	1 430	1 393	2 891	1 335	1 556
Average per farm ..... \$1,000..	77 433	83 662	-6 229	40 728	46 971	-6 243
Average per farm ..... dollars..	27 429	58 505	-4 472	14 088	35 184	-4 012
Farms with net gains <sup>1</sup> ..... number..	1 353	1 005	348	1 182	878	304
Average per farm ..... \$1,000..	94 669	93 944	725	56 878	56 307	570
Average per farm ..... dollars..	69 969	93 476	2 084	48 120	64 131	1 876
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000 .....	184	52	132	183	61	122
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....	315	124	191	273	116	157
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	209	184	25	147	122	25
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	179	179	—	211	211	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	190	190	—	126	126	—
\$50,000 or more .....	276	276	—	242	242	—
Farms with net losses ..... number..	1 470	425	1 045	1 709	457	1 252
Average per farm ..... \$1,000..	17 236	10 282	6 954	16 150	9 337	6 813
Average per farm ..... dollars..	11 725	24 193	6 655	9 450	20 430	5 442
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000 .....	180	48	132	203	50	153
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....	563	88	475	655	67	588
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	325	107	218	419	106	313
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	270	79	191	313	142	171
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	87	58	29	84	57	27
\$50,000 or more .....	45	45	—	35	35	—

<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.