

**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..	31 810	17 141	14 669	32 313	18 039	14 274
Average per farm ..... \$1,000..	514 724	580 139	-65 415	456 371	517 642	-61 272
Average per farm ..... dollars..	16 181	33 845	-4 459	14 123	28 696	-4 293
Farms with net gains <sup>1</sup> ..... number..	15 498	13 003	2 495	16 773	14 137	2 636
Average per farm ..... \$1,000..	656 695	651 865	4 831	581 475	576 358	5 117
Average per farm ..... dollars..	42 373	50 132	1 936	34 667	40 769	1 941
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000 .....	1 290	387	903	1 467	417	1 050
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....	3 070	1 656	1 414	2 986	1 601	1 385
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	1 954	1 776	178	2 112	1 911	201
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	3 357	3 357	—	3 487	3 487	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	2 852	2 852	—	3 312	3 312	—
\$50,000 or more .....	2 975	2 975	—	3 409	3 409	—
Farms with net losses ..... number..	16 312	4 138	12 174	15 540	3 902	11 638
Average per farm ..... \$1,000..	141 971	71 726	70 246	125 104	58 715	66 388
Average per farm ..... dollars..	8 703	17 333	5 770	8 050	15 048	5 704
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000 .....	1 751	394	1 357	1 757	292	1 465
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....	7 080	1 146	5 934	6 483	1 021	5 462
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	4 055	956	3 099	3 841	864	2 977
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	2 616	1 019	1 597	2 691	1 117	1 574
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	583	408	175	544	419	125
\$50,000 or more .....	227	215	12	224	189	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.