

**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..	30 494	22 965	7 529	31 124	25 587	5 537
Average per farm ..... \$1,000..	399 832	424 059	-24 227	652 308	666 076	-13 768
Average per farm ..... dollars..	13 112	18 465	-3 218	20 958	26 032	-2 487
Farms with net gains <sup>1</sup> ..... number..	16 653	15 031	1 622	21 933	19 966	1 967
Average per farm ..... \$1,000..	618 552	614 800	3 752	746 126	741 629	4 497
Average per farm ..... dollars..	37 144	40 902	2 313	34 018	37 145	2 286
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000 .....	950	392	558	1 090	458	632
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....	2 665	1 792	873	3 367	2 216	1 151
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	2 425	2 234	191	2 943	2 759	184
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	4 201	4 201	—	5 235	5 235	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	3 096	3 096	—	4 821	4 821	—
\$50,000 or more .....	3 316	3 316	—	4 477	4 477	—
Farms with net losses ..... number..	13 841	7 934	5 907	9 191	5 621	3 570
Average per farm ..... \$1,000..	218 720	190 740	27 979	93 819	75 554	18 265
Average per farm ..... dollars..	15 802	24 041	4 737	10 208	13 441	5 116
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000 .....	1 624	388	1 236	1 120	389	731
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....	4 395	1 542	2 853	3 250	1 701	1 549
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	2 521	1 426	1 095	1 915	1 110	805
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	2 969	2 314	655	1 929	1 495	434
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	1 296	1 242	54	767	723	44
\$50,000 or more .....	1 036	1 022	14	210	203	7

<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.