

**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.. | 68 591    | 35 845                               | 32 746                                 | 70 695    | 37 897                               | 32 798                                 |
| Average per farm ..... \$1,000..                                                   | 1 039 324 | 1 130 323                            | -91 000                                | 787 050   | 856 381                              | -69 331                                |
| Average per farm ..... dollars..                                                   | 15 152    | 31 534                               | -2 779                                 | 11 133    | 22 598                               | -2 114                                 |
| Farms with net gains <sup>1</sup> ..... number..                                   | 36 745    | 28 261                               | 8 484                                  | 39 522    | 29 343                               | 10 179                                 |
| Average per farm ..... \$1,000..                                                   | 1 255 686 | 1 239 070                            | 16 616                                 | 969 491   | 949 889                              | 19 602                                 |
| Average per farm ..... dollars..                                                   | 34 173    | 43 844                               | 1 958                                  | 24 530    | 32 372                               | 1 926                                  |
| Gain of—                                                                           |           |                                      |                                        |           |                                      |                                        |
| Less than \$1,000 .....                                                            | 3 947     | 898                                  | 3 049                                  | 4 859     | 993                                  | 3 866                                  |
| \$1,000 to \$4,999 .....                                                           | 8 981     | 4 107                                | 4 874                                  | 10 458    | 4 784                                | 5 674                                  |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 .....                                                           | 5 461     | 4 900                                | 561                                    | 6 300     | 5 661                                | 639                                    |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 .....                                                         | 7 437     | 7 437                                | —                                      | 7 652     | 7 652                                | —                                      |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 .....                                                         | 4 472     | 4 472                                | —                                      | 4 960     | 4 960                                | —                                      |
| \$50,000 or more .....                                                             | 6 447     | 6 447                                | —                                      | 5 293     | 5 293                                | —                                      |
| Farms with net losses ..... number..                                               | 31 846    | 7 584                                | 24 262                                 | 31 173    | 8 554                                | 22 619                                 |
| Average per farm ..... \$1,000..                                                   | 216 362   | 108 746                              | 107 615                                | 182 442   | 93 508                               | 88 933                                 |
| Average per farm ..... dollars..                                                   | 6 794     | 14 339                               | 4 436                                  | 5 853     | 10 932                               | 3 932                                  |
| Loss of—                                                                           |           |                                      |                                        |           |                                      |                                        |
| Less than \$1,000 .....                                                            | 5 382     | 741                                  | 4 641                                  | 5 680     | 899                                  | 4 781                                  |
| \$1,000 to \$4,999 .....                                                           | 14 762    | 2 300                                | 12 462                                 | 15 015    | 2 890                                | 12 125                                 |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 .....                                                           | 6 445     | 1 667                                | 4 778                                  | 5 885     | 1 938                                | 3 947                                  |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 .....                                                         | 4 296     | 2 070                                | 2 226                                  | 3 665     | 2 019                                | 1 646                                  |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 .....                                                         | 619       | 500                                  | 119                                    | 709       | 611                                  | 98                                     |
| \$50,000 or more .....                                                             | 342       | 306                                  | 36                                     | 219       | 197                                  | 22                                     |

<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.