

**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..	1 911 824	947 146	964 678	1 925 280	1 017 204	908 076
Average per farm ..... \$1,000..	42 557 871	45 172 675	-2 614 804	30 421 664	32 492 394	-2 070 730
..... dollars..	22 260	47 693	-2 711	15 801	31 943	-2 280
Farms with net gains <sup>1</sup> ..... number..	985 718	722 320	263 398	1 069 800	779 320	290 480
Average per farm ..... \$1,000..	50 563 718	50 044 897	518 821	36 525 497	35 937 683	587 814
..... dollars..	51 296	69 284	1 970	34 142	46 114	2 024
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000 .....	120 163	21 792	98 371	128 984	24 140	104 844
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....	240 461	94 670	145 791	272 581	109 269	163 312
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	130 150	110 914	19 236	148 142	125 818	22 324
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	170 321	170 321	—	197 250	197 250	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	122 163	122 163	—	141 060	141 060	—
\$50,000 or more .....	202 460	202 460	—	181 783	181 783	—
Farms with net losses ..... number..	926 106	224 826	701 280	855 480	237 884	617 596
Average per farm ..... \$1,000..	8 005 847	4 872 222	3 133 624	6 103 833	3 445 289	2 658 544
..... dollars..	8 645	21 671	4 468	7 135	14 483	4 305
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000 .....	165 390	17 974	147 416	155 823	21 578	134 245
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....	409 719	60 354	349 365	380 300	67 326	312 974
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	181 798	47 379	134 419	162 262	50 446	111 816
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	123 855	59 612	64 243	117 093	62 888	54 205
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	28 794	24 080	4 714	29 235	25 696	3 539
\$50,000 or more .....	16 550	15 427	1 123	10 767	9 950	817

<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.