

**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..	65 585	40 270	25 315	67 964	46 079	21 885
Average per farm ..... \$1,000..	1 318 913	1 412 555	-93 642	1 230 986	1 307 586	-76 600
Average per farm ..... dollars..	20 110	35 077	-3 699	18 112	28 377	-3 500
Farms with net gains <sup>1</sup> ..... number..	35 554	31 263	4 291	41 016	36 600	4 416
Average per farm ..... \$1,000..	1 552 569	1 544 442	8 127	1 439 234	1 430 788	8 446
Average per farm ..... dollars..	43 668	49 402	1 894	35 090	39 093	1 913
Gain of—						
Less than \$1,000 .....	2 502	935	1 567	2 573	872	1 701
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....	5 995	3 539	2 456	6 134	3 716	2 418
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	4 251	3 983	268	4 424	4 127	297
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	7 453	7 453	—	9 276	9 276	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	6 989	6 989	—	9 672	9 672	—
\$50,000 or more .....	8 364	8 364	—	8 937	8 937	—
Farms with net losses ..... number..	30 031	9 007	21 024	26 948	9 479	17 469
Average per farm ..... \$1,000..	233 656	131 887	101 769	208 248	123 201	85 046
Average per farm ..... dollars..	7 781	14 643	4 841	7 728	12 997	4 868
Loss of—						
Less than \$1,000 .....	3 694	726	2 968	3 025	780	2 245
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....	13 448	2 411	11 037	11 950	2 685	9 265
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	6 598	1 924	4 674	5 870	2 028	3 842
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	4 894	2 691	2 203	4 679	2 653	2 026
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	1 046	921	125	1 114	1 038	76
\$50,000 or more .....	351	334	17	310	295	15

<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.