

# **2021 ANNUAL REPORT** AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA

# **MISSION:** Serving agriculture and rural America.

# A Message From The CEO & Board Chair

After a year like 2020, it was hard to say what 2021 would look like. The hope of many people was that the coronavirus pandemic would be over, and a return of normalcy would set back in. Unfortunately, that is not how the early part of the year started off. Like other businesses, we adjusted our approach.

We often talk about our mission of service to agriculture and rural America. This is at the heart of everything we do. Regardless of challenging conditions facing us-be it poor weather, volatile commodity markets, rising input costs, or a global pandemic-we will find ways in which we excel in serving our member-owners. In 2021, we offered our Marketing Day event in virtual form. We saw a record number of people log on for a day of learning from industry leaders. As convenient as virtual events can be, we really enjoy seeing our customers and speaking with them in-person. Thankfully, we found safe ways of doing so throughout the rest of the year with customer appreciation events, trade shows, stockholder advisory groups, customer educational events, and community events.

Our cooperative took another transformational step this past year. The Boards of Directors of AgCountry Farm Credit Services and Farm Credit Services of North Dakota agreed to pursue a merger earlier in the year. The voting members of each of our cooperatives exercised their democratic right by approving the merger in the fall, which went into effect January 1, 2022. We are excited for this new opportunity as we continue to push for new ways to provide greater value to our patrons.

AgCountry continued to give back in 2021. A record \$76 million cash dividend was announced as part of our patronage program. Of that total, \$9 million comes from Farm Credit Services of North Dakota. For the third consecutive year, we have achieved our patronage goal of a one percent dividend on





Greg Sabolik AgCountry Farm Credit Services Board Chair

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all eligible business. Beyond patronage, AgCountry employees donated over \$271,000 to causes across our territory as part of our Giving and Growing program. These funds were given to meet critical needs in the communities we serve. Our commitment to providing area fire departments with the equipment and resources they need to keep farmers and ranchers safe also continued. We provided 45 life-saving grain bin rescue units along with the proper training on how to use them. It is our hope that a fire department will never need to use them, but if they do, they'll be prepared.

Overall, 2021 was a very successful year. We could not have accomplished what we did without the hard work of our staff and the participation of our memberowners. The future of AgCountry is bright.

Thank you for your continued support and patronage.

Sincerely,

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Greg Sabolik, Board Chair AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA

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# CONSOLIDATED FIVE-YEAR SUMMARY OF SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA (dollars in thousands)

As of December 31	2021	2020	2019		2018	2017
Condensed Statement of Condition Data	\$ 9,103,774	\$ 8,472,145	\$ 7,774,194	\$	7,249,804	\$ 7,091,152
Allowance for loan losses	22,946	22,344	26,974		17,796	15,818
Net loans	9,080,828	8,449,801	7,747,220		7,232,008	7,075,334
Investment in AgriBank, FCB	227,709	212,294	201,655		184,727	156,408
Other assets Total assets	\$ 224,795 9,533,332	\$ 207,427 8,869,522	\$ 232,650 8,181,525	¢	224,451 7,641,186	\$ 211,139 7,442,881
Obligations with maturities of one year or less Obligations with maturities greater than one year	\$ 141,150 7,379,556	\$ 135,630 6,830,857	\$ 135,314 6,246,387	\$	117,311 5,820,678	\$ 108,523 5,758,089
Total liabilities	7,520,706	6,966,487	6,381,701		5,937,989	5,866,612
Capital stock and participation certificates	11,755	11,936	12,151		12,587	12,451
Capital stock and participation certificates	(11,755)	(11,936)				
Additional paid-in capital	304,385	304,385	304,385		304,385	304,385
Unallocated surplus	1,718,268	1,608,312	1,488,700		1,390,854	1,263,212
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(10,027)	(9,662)	(5,412)		(4,629)	(3,779)
Total members' equity	2,012,626	1,903,035	1,799,824		1,703,197	1,576,269
Total liabilities and members' equity	\$ 9,533,332	\$ 8,869,522	\$ 8,181,525	\$	7,641,186	\$ 7,442,881
For the year ended December 31	2021	2020	2019		2018	2017
Condensed Statement of Income Data						
Net interest income	\$ 210,704	\$ 206,603	\$ 194,300	\$	197,240	\$ 165,129
Provision for (reversal of) credit losses	974	(2,754)	11,553		2,470	3,053
Other expenses, net	32,274	25,695	24,901		24,664	29,208
Net income	\$ 177,456	\$ 183,662	\$ 157,846	\$	170,106	\$ 132,868
Key Financial Ratios						
For the Year						
Return on average assets	2.0%	2.2%	2.0%		2.3%	2.1%
Return on average members' equity	9.1%	10.0%	9.0%		10.4%	9.7%
Net interest income as a percentage of average earning assets	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%		2.7% 0.0%	2.7%
Net (recoveries) charge-offs as a percentage of average loans At Year End	(0.0%)	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	0.0%
Members' equity as a percentage of total assets	21.1%	21.5%	22.0%		22.3%	21.2%
Allowance for loan losses as a percentage of loans	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%		0.2%	0.2%
Common equity tier 1 ratio	17.6%	18.1%	18.6%		18.2%	17.2%
Tier 1 capital ratio	17.6%	18.1%	18.6%		18.2%	17.2%
Total capital ratio	17.9%	18.4%	18.9%		18.5%	17.5%
Permanent capital ratio	17.7%	18.1%	18.6%		18.3%	17.3%
Tier 1 leverage ratio	20.3%	20.4%	20.8%		20.5%	19.7%
Net Income Distributed						
Patronage distributions payable to members <sup>1</sup>	\$ 67,500	\$ 64,050	\$ 60,000	\$	42,500	\$ 34,530
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<sup>1</sup>The patronage distribution to members accrued for the year ended December 31, 2021, is distributed in cash during the first quarter of 2022. The patronage distributions accrued for the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019, 2018, and 2017, were distributed in cash during the first quarter of the subsequent year. The patronage distribution payable in 2017 included \$31.0 million payable to AgCountry patrons and \$3.5 million payable to United FCS, ACA (United) patrons, by resolution of the United Board prior to merger with United on July 1, 2017.

The merger between AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA (AgCountry) and United was effective July 1, 2017. The effects of the merger with United are included in our financial position for all periods presented. Results of operations and equity reflect the results of AgCountry prior to July 1, 2017, and the merged Association after July 1, 2017.

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA

The following commentary reviews the consolidated financial condition and consolidated results of operations of AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA (the Association) and its subsidiaries, AgCountry Farm Credit Services, FLCA and AgCountry Farm Credit Services, PCA and provides additional specific information. The accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements also contain important information about our financial condition and results of operations.

The Farm Credit System (System) is a federally chartered network of borrower-owned lending institutions comprised of cooperatives and related service organizations, established by Congress to meet the credit needs of American agriculture. As of January 1, 2022, the System consisted of three Farm Credit Banks, one Agricultural Credit Bank, and 65 borrower-owned cooperative lending institutions (associations). The System serves all 50 states, Washington D.C., and Puerto Rico. This network of financial cooperatives is owned and governed by the rural customers the System serves.

AgriBank, FCB (AgriBank), a System Farm Credit Bank, and its District associations are collectively referred to as the AgriBank Farm Credit District (AgriBank District or the District). We are an Association in the District.

The Farm Credit Administration (FCA) is authorized by Congress to regulate the System. The Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation (FCSIC) administers the Farm Credit Insurance Fund (Insurance Fund). The Insurance Fund is used to ensure the timely payment of principal and interest on Systemwide debt obligations, to ensure the retirement of protected borrower capital at par or stated value, and for other specified purposes.

Due to the nature of our financial relationship with AgriBank, the financial condition and results of operations of AgriBank materially impact our members' investment. To request free copies of AgriBank financial reports, contact us at:

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Our Annual Report is available on our website no later than 75 days after the end of the calendar year and members are provided a copy of such report no later than 90 days after the end of the calendar year. The Quarterly Reports are available on our website no later than 40 days after the end of each calendar quarter. To request free copies of our Annual or Quarterly Reports, contact us as stated above.

# MERGER ACTIVITY

The merger between AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA and Farm Credit Services of North Dakota, ACA was effective January 1, 2022. The merged entity, AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA, is headquartered in Fargo, ND. The merged entity now serves over 25,000 customers in 82 counties in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin, and has assets over \$10.0 billion.

### FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This Annual Report includes forward-looking statements. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve certain risks, uncertainties, and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Words such as "anticipate", "believe", "estimate", "may", "expect", "intend", "outlook", and similar expressions are used to identify such forward-looking statements. These statements reflect our current views with respect to future events. However, actual results may differ materially from our expectations due to a number of risks and uncertainties beyond our control. The information in this report is based on current knowledge and is subject to many risks and uncertainties including, but not limited to:

- Political (including trade policies, environmental policies, and civil unrest), legal, regulatory, financial markets, and economic conditions, or other conditions and developments in the United States (U.S.) and abroad
- Length and severity of an epidemic or pandemic
- Economic fluctuations in the agricultural, international, rural and farm-related business sectors
- Weather-related, disease, and other adverse climatic or biological conditions that periodically occur and can impact agricultural productivity and income
- Changes in U.S. government support of the agricultural industry (including government support payments) and the System as a governmentsponsored enterprise, as well as investor and rating agency reactions to events involving the U.S. government, other government-sponsored enterprises, and other financial institutions
- Actions taken by the Federal Reserve System in implementing monetary policy
- Cybersecurity risks, including a failure or breach of our operational or security systems or infrastructure, or those of our third-party vendors or other service providers
- Credit, interest rate, and liquidity risks inherent in our lending activities
- Disruptive technologies impacting the banking and financial services industries or implemented by our competitors which negatively impact our ability to compete in the marketplace
- Changes in our assumptions for determining the allowance for loan losses and fair value measurements
- Industry outlooks for agricultural conditions
- Changes in interest rate indices utilized in our lending

# AGRICULTURAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

The Nation's economic outlook continued to improve during the fourth quarter of 2021 due to fiscal stimulus and continued positive economic activity. U.S. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increased at an annual rate of 2.3% in the third quarter of 2021, with Moody's Analytics forecasting an annual increase of GDP of 5.6%. Looking forward to 2022 and 2023, Moody's is predicting GDP growth of 4.4% and 2.9%, respectively. The unemployment rate continues to decline, down to 3.9% in December and is now predicted to reach the pre-pandemic rate of 3.5% by the end of 2022. A 3.5% unemployment rate and an 80% employment-to-population ratio are accepted measures of an economy at full employment.

Vaccine distribution continues to increase, with 74.2% of the U.S population having received at least one dose. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved and authorized three vaccines in the U.S. and provided guidelines for boosters. Variants continue to surface, as the Omicron variant supplants the Delta variant, and hospitalizations continue to tax the medical system.

The Consumer Price Index for all items rose 7% for the 12 months ending December 2021, the largest 12-month increase since the period ending June 1982. At its December meeting, the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) left the Fed Funds rate unchanged at 0.00% to 0.25% with members of the FOMC predicting three to four increases during 2022, beginning as early as March. The Fed's earlier stance that the economy was experiencing transitory inflation has shifted to a commitment by the Fed to use its tools to prevent higher inflation from becoming entrenched. The Fed is tapering its quantitative easing by reducing its purchases of Treasury bonds and mortgage-backed securities to \$60.0 billion per month as compared to \$120.0 billion per month earlier in the pandemic.

AgCountry monitors global, national, and local events, and evaluates the impact of those events on our customers and our cooperative as we fulfill our mission to serve agriculture and rural America. Strong crop prices in our territory combined with more than \$5.0 trillion in nation-wide fiscal policy measures and low interest rates helped mitigate the economic impact of the pandemic on our customers in 2020 and 2021. As interest rates increase and fiscal policy measures slow; AgCountry will continue to be proactive in providing constructive lending and servicing to customers.

AgCountry serves a broad range of commodities and agricultural industries across its territory. The summaries below provide a high-level overview of conditions and outlook for the primary commodities. See www.agcountry.com/resources for a more comprehensive discussion of current economic conditions and impact on commodities.

### **Specific Production Conditions**

**Corn:** Corn futures for the 2021 U.S. corn crop finished the year 8% off the highs posted in early May. General commodity inflation, strong ethanol grind margins, and a desire to maintain acres will remain the focus going into 2022.

**Soybeans:** Old crop soybeans ended the fourth quarter of 2021 equal to the high set the first day of the quarter. New crop November 2022 prices were able to maintain more risk premium due to additional time until delivery. Weather patterns in Brazil, January U.S. export sales, and January 12th report sales will factor into the first quarter 2022 price trends.

Wheat: Minneapolis old and new crop wheat contracts hit new contract and multi-year highs during the fourth quarter of 2021. Global politics, particularly Russia and its relationship with neighboring Ukraine and Kazakhstan, developing U.S. weather trends in winter wheat areas, and numbers released in January will all influence further direction.

Sugarbeets: Harvest wrapped up in the fourth quarter, with grower cooperatives within the AgCountry local service area reporting larger crops than anticipated. Reports indicate sugarbeets went into piles in good condition despite warm temperatures and late season rains.

**Dairy:** U.S. Class III milk futures ended the year at a new contract high for the January contract, but roughly \$1 less than a year ago. Industry margins on average have improved despite higher feed costs. The December United States Department of Agriculture World Agricultural Supply and Demand report called for continued increases in U.S. milk production into 2022 with average milk prices estimated at \$20.75/cwt compared to the \$18.60/cwt estimated for 2021.

**Ethanol:** The U.S. ethanol industry saw their best operating margins since 2014 during the fourth quarter due to improving demand and faltering natural gas input prices. Return over operating cost as estimated by Iowa State's Center for Agricultural and Rural Development ethanol model ranged from \$.34/gallon to just over \$1.50/gallon. Ethanol industry expansion looks limited at this point.

### LOAN PORTFOLIO

### Loan Portfolio

**Components of Loans** (in thousands) As of December 31 2021 2020 2019 Accrual loans: Real estate mortgage 3,931,084 \$ 3,651,393 \$ 3,251,734 Production and intermediate-term 2,103,272 2.053.150 2.126.836 1,779,826 Aaribusiness 2.253.251 2.029.271 Other 804,792 723,982 593,909 Nonaccrual loans 11,375 14,349 21,889 Total loans 9,103,774 \$ 8,472,145 7,774,194 \$

Total loans were \$9.1 billion at December 31, 2021, an increase of \$631.6 million from December 31, 2020.

The other category is primarily composed of communication, energy, agricultural export finance, and water and wastewater related loans.

The increase in total loans from December 31, 2020, was primarily due to growth in our real estate mortgage and agribusiness portfolios.

We have sold to AgriBank participation interests in certain loans as part of pool programs. The total outstanding participation interests in these programs were \$375.8 million, \$435.2 million, and \$460.5 million at December 31, 2021, 2020, and 2019, respectively.

The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) is a guaranteed loan program administered by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) created in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We obtained approval from the SBA in 2020 to participate as a lender in the PPP. The PPP provides for payment deferral, and under certain circumstances, loan forgiveness. Since inception of the program in 2020, we have successfully processed \$90.0 million in PPP loans for customers with primarily production and intermediate-term type loans. As of December 31, 2021, \$5.8 million of loans under this program were outstanding.

Typically, our production and intermediate-term loan portfolio exhibits some seasonality relating to patterns of operating loans made to crop producers. These loans are normally at their lowest levels following the harvest and then increase in the spring and throughout the rest of the year as borrowers fund operating needs.

We offer variable, fixed, indexed, and adjustable interest rate loans to our borrowers. We determine interest margins charged on each lending program based on cost of funds, credit risk, market conditions, and the need to generate sufficient earnings.

### **Portfolio Distribution**

We are chartered to serve thirty-five counties in Minnesota, eighteen counties in North Dakota, and twelve counties in Wisconsin. Based upon volume, approximately 32.5%, 31.3%, and 7.1% of our loans are to borrowers in the states of Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin, respectively as of December 31, 2021. We purchase the remainder of our portfolio outside of Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin to support rural America and to diversify our portfolio risk.

### Agricultural Concentrations

As of December 31	2021	2020	2019
Cash grains	45.7%	45.9%	46.5%
Sugarbeets	9.0%	9.2%	10.0%
Dairy	7.6%	7.4%	7.4%
Livestock	6.8%	7.0%	6.9%
Fertilizer and farm supply	5.3%	6.1%	5.4%
Food and beverage	4.3%	3.1%	3.9%
Forestry	4.2%	3.8%	3.6%
Rural electric and utilities	3.7%	3.9%	3.7%
Telecom	2.5%	2.1%	1.8%
Ethanol	2.0%	2.6%	2.9%
Poultry and eggs	1.0%	1.1%	1.1%
Other	7.9%	7.8%	6.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Commodities are based on the borrower's primary intended commodity at the time of loan origination and may change due to borrower business decisions as a result of changes in weather, prices, input costs, and other circumstances.

### Portfolio Credit Quality

The credit quality of our portfolio improved from December 31, 2020. Adversely classified loans decreased to 1.4% of the portfolio at December 31, 2021, from 1.6% of the portfolio at December 31, 2020. Adversely classified loans are loans we have identified as showing some credit weakness according to our credit standards. We have considered portfolio credit quality in assessing the reasonableness of our allowance for loan losses. Additional credit quality information is included in Note 3 to the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements.

In certain circumstances, the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation (Farmer Mac) and other government agency guarantee programs are used to reduce the risk of loss. At December 31, 2021, \$328.1 million of our loans were substantially guaranteed under these government programs.

#### **Risk Assets**

Components of Risk Assets			
(dollars in thousands) As of December 31	2021	2020	2019
Loans:			
Nonaccrual	\$ 11,375	\$ 14,349	\$ 21,889
Accruing restructured	2,322	1,982	462
Accruing loans 90 days or more past due	 1,427	2,097	512
Total risk loans	15,124	18,428	22,863
Other property owned	 		140
Total risk assets	\$ 15,124	\$ 18,428	\$ 23,003
Total risk loans as a percentage of total loans	 0.2%	0.2%	0.3%
Nonaccrual loans as a percentage of total loans	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%
Current nonaccrual loans as a percentage of total nonaccrual loans	56.8%	34.3%	68.6%
Total delinquencies as a percentage of total loans	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%

Note: Accruing loans include accrued interest receivable.

Our risk assets have decreased from December 31, 2020, and have remained at acceptable levels. Total risk loans as a percentage of total loans were well within our established risk management guidelines.

### Allowance for Loan Losses

The allowance for loan losses is an estimate of losses on loans inherent in our portfolio as of the financial statement date. We determine the appropriate level of allowance for loan losses based on the periodic evaluation of factors such as loan loss history, estimated probability of default, estimated loss severity, portfolio quality, and current economic and environmental conditions.

# Allowance Coverage Ratios

As of December 31	2021	2020	2019
Allowance as a percentage of:			
Loans	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%
Nonaccrual loans	201.7%	155.7%	123.2%
Total risk loans	151.7%	121.3%	118.0%
Net (recoveries) charge-offs as a percentage of average loans	(0.0%)	0.0%	0.0%
Adverse assets to capital and allowance for loan losses	6.1%	7.0%	11.7%

In our opinion, the allowance for loan losses was reasonable in relation to the risk in our loan portfolio at December 31, 2021.

Additional loan information is included in Notes 3, 9, 10, and 11 to the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements.

## **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

#### **Profitability Information**

(dollars in thousands)			
For the year ended December 31	2021	2020	2019
Net income	\$ 177,456	\$ 183,662	\$ 157,846
Return on average assets	2.0%	2.2%	2.0%
Return on average members' equity	9.1%	10.0%	9.0%

Changes presented in the profitability information chart relate directly to:

- Changes in income discussed in this section
- Changes in assets discussed in the Loan Portfolio section
- Changes in capital discussed in the Capital Adequacy section

#### **Changes in Significant Components of Net Income**

	For the ye	ear ended Decem	Increase (decrease) in net income				
(in thousands)	 2021	2020	2019	2	021 vs 2020	2020 vs 2019	
Net interest income	\$ 210,704 \$	206,603	\$ 194,300	\$	4,101 \$	12,303	
Provision for (reversal of) credit losses	974	(2,754)	11,553		(3,728)	14,307	
Non-interest income	101,795	96,191	89,662		5,604	6,529	
Non-interest expense	133,660	121,762	115,904		(11,898)	(5,858)	
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	 409	124	(1,341)		(285)	(1,465)	
Net income	\$ 177,456 \$	183,662	\$ 157,846	\$	(6,206) \$	25,816	

### **Net Interest Income**

### **Changes in Net Interest Income**

(in thousands)			
For the year ended December 31	2021	vs 2020	2020 vs 2019
Changes in volume	\$	13,230	\$ 17,540
Changes in interest rates		(7,454)	(6,416)
Changes in nonaccrual income and other		(1,675)	1,179
Net change	\$	4,101	\$ 12,303

Net interest income included income on nonaccrual loans that totaled \$1.1 million, \$2.8 million, and \$1.6 million in 2021, 2020, and 2019, respectively. Nonaccrual income is recognized when received in cash, collection of the recorded investment is fully expected, and prior charge-offs have been recovered.

Net interest margin (net interest income as a percentage of average earning assets) was 2.4%, 2.5%, and 2.6% in 2021, 2020, and 2019, respectively. Our net interest margin is sensitive to interest rate changes and competition.

### Provision for (Reversal of) Credit Losses

The change in the provision for (reversal of) credit losses was related to our estimate of losses in our portfolio for the applicable years. Additional information is included in Note 3 to the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements.

### Non-Interest Expense

Components of Non-interest Expense (dollars in thousands) For the year ended December 31	2021	2020	2019
Salaries and employee benefits	\$ 76,927	\$ 74,329	\$ 68,804
Other operating expense:			
Purchased and vendor services	15,283	15,209	14,470
Communications	2,018	1,375	1,201
Occupancy and equipment	11,326	11,393	10,957
Advertising and promotion	3,131	2,688	2,592
Examination	2,758	2,426	2,407
Farm Credit System insurance	10,993	6,328	5,495
Other	9,195	7,463	9,852
Other non-interest expense	 2,029	551	126
Total non-interest expense	\$ 133,660	\$ 121,762	\$ 115,904
Operating rate	 1.5%	 1.5%	 1.6%

# FUNDING AND LIQUIDITY

We borrow from AgriBank, under a note payable, in the form of a line of credit, as described in Note 5 to the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements. This line of credit is our primary source of liquidity and is used to fund operations and meet current obligations. At December 31, 2021, we had \$2.6 billion available under our line of credit. We generally apply excess cash to this line of credit. Due to the cooperative structure of the Farm Credit System and as we are a stockholder of AgriBank, we expect this borrowing relationship to continue into the foreseeable future. Our other source of lendable funds is from equity.

Note Payable Information			
(dollars in thousands)			
For the year ended December 31	2021	2020	2019
Average balance	\$ 6,972,990 \$	6,576,819	5,955,004
Average interest rate	1.2%	1.6%	2.7%

Our average cost of funds is variable and may fluctuate based on the current interest rate environment.

In 2017, the United Kingdom's Financial Conduct Authority, which regulates the London Inter-bank Offer Rate (LIBOR), announced its intention to stop persuading or compelling the group of major banks that sustains LIBOR to submit rate quotations after 2021. ICE Benchmark Administration (the entity responsible for calculating LIBOR) ceased the publication of the one-week and two-month USD LIBOR settings immediately following the LIBOR publication on December 31, 2021, and has announced it intends to cease publication of the remaining USD LIBOR settings immediately following the LIBOR publication on June 30, 2023. It is widely anticipated that the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) will become the benchmark to replace LIBOR.

The repricing attributes of our line of credit generally correspond to the repricing attributes of our loan portfolio, which significantly reduces our market interest rate risk. However, we maintain some exposure to interest rates, including LIBOR, primarily from loans to customers which may not have a component of our line of credit with an exact repricing attribute. Furthermore, as AgriBank has shifted their funding, with no remaining LIBOR-indexed bonds as of December 31, 2021, we may see an increase to our basis risk. With limited exceptions in accordance with FCA guidance, we have ceased issuing new loans indexed to LIBOR, somewhat mitigating this basis risk.

The Farm Credit System has established a LIBOR transition workgroup to provide leadership in addressing the LIBOR phase-out across System entities. In coordination with this group, we have developed a comprehensive project plan to address the issues surrounding a transition away from LIBOR. This plan is consistent with regulatory guidance from the FCA, and it incorporates actions to address risk identification and reporting, mitigation strategies, development or adoption of products utilizing alternative reference rates, operational and system impacts, a process for monitoring regulatory and industry developments, as well as communication to stakeholders. While many factors can impact our net interest income, we do not expect a significant impact due to the LIBOR transition at this time.

We have entered into a Standby Commitment to Purchase Agreement with Farmer Mac to help manage credit risk. If a loan covered by the agreement goes into default, subject to certain conditions, we have the right to sell the loan to Farmer Mac. This agreement remains in place until the loan is paid in full. The guaranteed principal of loans subject to the purchase agreement was \$99.3 million, \$111.9 million, and \$117.4 million at December 31, 2021, 2020, and 2019, respectively. We paid Farmer Mac commitment fees totaling \$0.4 million, \$0.4 million, and \$0.4 million in 2021, 2020, and 2019, respectively. These amounts are included in "Other operating expense" in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. For the year ended December 31, 2021, no loans have been sold to Farmer Mac under this agreement.

### CAPITAL ADEQUACY

Total members' equity was \$2.0 billion, \$1.9 billion, and \$1.8 billion at December 31, 2021, 2020, and 2019, respectively. Total members' equity increased \$109.6 million from December 31, 2020, primarily due to net income for the year partially offset by patronage distribution accruals.

The FCA Regulations require us to maintain minimums for our common equity tier 1 (CET1), tier 1 capital, total capital, and permanent capital risk-based capital ratios. In addition, the FCA requires us to maintain minimums for our non-risk-adjusted ratios of tier 1 leverage and unallocated retained earnings and equivalents leverage.

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#### **Regulatory Capital Requirements and Ratios**

					Capital	
				Regulatory	Conservation	
As of December 31	2021	2020	2019	Minimums	Buffer	Total
Risk-adjusted:						
CET1 ratio	17.6%	18.1%	18.6%	4.5%	2.5%	7.0%
Tier 1 capital ratio	17.6%	18.1%	18.6%	6.0%	2.5%	8.5%
Total capital ratio	17.9%	18.4%	18.9%	8.0%	2.5%	10.5%
Permanent capital ratio	17.7%	18.1%	18.6%	7.0%	N/A	7.0%
Non-risk-adjusted:						
Tier 1 leverage ratio	20.3%	20.4%	20.8%	4.0%	1.0%	5.0%
Unallocated retained earnings and equivalents leverage ratio	21.6%	21.7%	21.8%	1.5%	N/A	1.5%

Our capital plan is designed to maintain an adequate amount of surplus and allowance for loan losses which represents our reserve for adversity prior to impairment of stock. We manage our capital to allow us to meet member needs and protect member interests, both now and in the future.

Capital ratios are directly impacted by changes in capital, assets, and off-balance sheet commitments. Refer to the Loan Portfolio section for further discussion of the changes in assets. Additional information on regulatory ratios and members' equity information is included in Note 6 to the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements and off-balance sheet commitments are discussed in Note 10 to the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements, we establish an optimum CET1 target range. This target allows us to maintain a capital base adequate for future growth and investment in new products and services. The target range is subject to revision as circumstances change. Our optimum CET1 target range was 14% to 16%, as defined in our 2022 capital plan.

If the capital ratios fall below the total requirements, including the buffer amounts, capital distributions (equity redemptions, dividends, and patronage) and discretionary senior executive bonuses are restricted or prohibited without prior FCA approval. We do not foresee any events that would result in this prohibition in 2022.

## **RELATIONSHIP WITH AGRIBANK**

### Borrowing

We borrow from AgriBank to fund our lending operations in accordance with the Farm Credit Act. Approval from AgriBank is required for us to borrow elsewhere. A General Financing Agreement (GFA), as discussed in Note 5 to the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements, governs this lending relationship.

The components of cost of funds under the GFA include:

- A marginal cost of debt component
- A spread component, which includes cost of servicing, cost of liquidity, and bank profit
- A risk premium component, if applicable

In the periods presented, we were not subject to the risk premium component. Certain factors may impact our cost of funds, which primarily include market interest rate changes impacting marginal cost of debt as well as changes to pricing methodologies impacting the spread components described above.

The marginal cost of debt approach simulates matching the cost of underlying debt with similar terms as the anticipated terms of our loans to borrowers. This approach substantially protects us from market interest rate risk. We may occasionally engage in funding strategies that result in limited interest rate risk with approval by AgriBank's Asset/Liability Committee.

### Investment

We are required to invest in AgriBank capital stock as a condition of borrowing. This investment may be in the form of purchased stock or stock representing distributed AgriBank surplus. As of December 31, 2021, we were required by AgriBank to maintain an investment equal to 2.5% of the average quarterly balance of our note payable, with an additional amount required on association growth in excess of a targeted growth rate, if the District is also growing above a targeted growth rate. As of March 31, 2022, the required investment is increasing to 2.55%.

We are also required to hold additional investment in AgriBank based on contractual agreements under pool programs.

As an AgDirect, LLP partnering Association, we are required to purchase stock in AgDirect, which purchases an equivalent amount of stock in AgriBank.

### Patronage

AgriBank's capital plan is intended to provide for adequate capital at AgriBank under capital regulations as well as to create a path to long-term capital optimization within the AgriBank District. The plan optimizes capital at AgriBank; distributing available AgriBank earnings in the form of patronage, either cash or AgriBank stock, which is at the sole discretion of the AgriBank Board of Directors. The plan is designed to maintain capital adequacy such that sufficient earnings will be retained in the form of unallocated retained earnings and allocated stock to meet the leverage ratio target and other regulatory or policy constraints prior to any cash patronage distributions.

### **Purchased Services**

As of December 31, 2021, we purchased certain business services from AgriBank. Additional related party information is included in Note 9 to the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements.

### Impact on Members' Investment

Due to the nature of our financial relationship with AgriBank, the financial condition and results of operations of AgriBank materially impact our members' investment.

### OTHER RELATIONSHIPS AND PROGRAMS

# **Relationships with Other Farm Credit Institutions**

AgCountry CFG: AgCountry CFG is a capital markets alliance with other Farm Credit Associations to serve large eligible borrowers. The alliance is managed by AgCountry as the lead lender and facilitating agent, and helps diversify revenue and manage risk for the participating alliance associations. Each participating association makes an independent credit decision to purchase these loans based on the Association's capacity and preferences. We had \$2.6 billion, \$2.3 billion, and \$2.0 billion of AgCountry CFG volume at December 31, 2021, 2020, and 2019, respectively. We also had \$1.3 billion of available commitment on AgCountry CFG loans at December 31, 2021.

As the facilitating Association for AgCountry CFG, we assess the other AgCountry CFG participants a facilitation fee for various support functions. This includes human resources, accounting, payroll, reporting, and other finance functions. We also serve as the primary originating Association for AgCountry CFG participation purchases and sales.

**ProPartners Financial:** We participate in ProPartners Financial (ProPartners) with certain Farm Credit System institutions to provide producer financing through agribusinesses that sell crop inputs. ProPartners is directed by representatives from participating associations. We sell to AgriBank our entire interest in the loans associated with ProPartners. As part of this program we receive patronage income at the sole discretion of the AgriBank Board of Directors.

Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation: We have entered into a Standby Commitment to Purchase Agreement with Farmer Mac. This agreement allows us to sell loans identified under the agreement to Farmer Mac. Refer to the Funding and Liquidity section for further discussion of this agreement.

Farm Credit Leasing Services Corporation: We have an agreement with Farm Credit Leasing Services Corporation (FCL), a System service corporation, which specializes in leasing products and provides industry expertise. Leases are originated and serviced by FCL and we purchase a participation interest in the cash flows of the transaction. This arrangement provides our members with a broad selection of product offerings and enhanced lease expertise.

**CoBank, ACB:** We have a relationship with CoBank, ACB (CoBank), a System bank, which involves purchasing and selling participation interests in loans. As part of this relationship, our equity investment in CoBank was \$1.6 million, \$1.5 million, and \$1.4 million at December 31, 2021, 2020, and 2019, respectively.

SunStream Business Services: We have a relationship with SunStream, which involves purchasing tax reporting and insurance services. SunStream was a division of AgriBank prior to April 1, 2020, when SunStream formed a separate System service corporation. Additional related party information is included in Note 9 to the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Farm Credit Foundations:** We have a relationship with Farm Credit Foundations (Foundations), a System service corporation, which involves purchasing human resource, benefit, payroll, and workforce management services. As of December 31, 2021, 2020, and 2019, our investment in Foundations was \$0.1 million. Additional related party information is included in Note 9 to the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements.

Farm Credit Financial Partners, Inc.: Our customer relationship, reporting, internet, network security, loan accounting, loan origination, and general ledger systems are provided by Farm Credit Financial Partners, Inc. (FPI), a System service corporation, which provides technology and other operational services to its owners. As part of this relationship, we had an equity investment in FPI of \$3.9 million, \$3.5 million, and \$3.4 million as of December 31, 2021, 2020, and 2019, respectively.

Rural Business Investment Company: We and other Farm Credit Institutions are among the limited partners for Rural Business Investment Companies (RBICs). Refer to Note 10 to the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements for further disclosure.

### **Unincorporated Business Entities (UBEs)**

In certain circumstances we may establish separate entities to acquire and manage complex collateral, primarily for legal liability purposes.

**AgDirect, LLP:** We participate in the AgDirect trade credit financing program, which includes origination and refinancing of agriculture equipment loans through independent equipment dealers. The program is facilitated by another AgriBank District association through a limited liability partnership in which we are a partial owner. Our investment in AgDirect, LLP, was \$8.0 million, \$4.0 million, and \$0.5 million at December 31, 2021, 2020, and 2019, respectively.

#### Programs

We are involved in a number of programs designed to improve our credit delivery, related services, and marketplace presence.

AgDirect: We participate in the AgDirect trade credit financing program. Refer to the UBEs section for further discussion on this program.

Farm Cash Management: We offer Farm Cash Management to our members. Farm Cash Management links members' revolving lines of credit with an AgriBank investment bond to optimize members' use of funds.

# **REPORT OF MANAGEMENT**

AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA



We prepare the Consolidated Financial Statements of AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA (the Association) and are responsible for their integrity and objectivity, including amounts that must necessarily be based on judgments and estimates. The Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Consolidated Financial Statements, in our opinion, fairly present the financial condition of the Association. Other financial information included in the Annual Report is consistent with that in the Consolidated Financial Statements.

To meet our responsibility for reliable financial information, we depend on accounting and internal control systems designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded and transactions are properly authorized and recorded. Costs must be reasonable in relation to the benefits derived when designing accounting and internal control systems. Financial operations audits are performed to monitor compliance. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, our independent auditors, audit the Consolidated Financial Statements. In addition, our independent auditors have audited our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2021. The Farm Credit Administration also performs examinations for safety and soundness as well as compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for our system of internal control and financial reporting. The Board of Directors and its Audit Committee consults regularly with us and meets periodically with the independent auditors and other auditors to review the scope and results of their work. The independent auditors have direct access to the Board of Directors, which is composed solely of directors who are not officers or employees of the Association.

The undersigned certify we have reviewed the Association's Annual Report, which has been prepared in accordance with all applicable statutory or regulatory requirements. The information contained herein is true, accurate, and complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Greg Sabolik Board Chair AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA

Marcus L. Knisely President and Chief Executive Officer AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA

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Rebecca A. Thibert Chief Financial Officer AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA

March 1, 2022

# **REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING**

AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA



The AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA (the Association) principal executives and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, are responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting for the Association's Consolidated Financial Statements. For purposes of this report, "internal control over financial reporting" is defined as a process designed by, or under the supervision of the Association's principal executives and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, and effected by its Board of Directors, management and other personnel, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting information and the preparation of the Consolidated Financial Statements for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and includes those policies and procedures that: (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Association, (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial information in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and that receipts and assurance regarding prevention or timely detection and correction of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Association's assets that could have a material effect on its Consolidated Financial Statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

The Association's management has completed an assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2021. In making the assessment, management used the 2013 framework in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework*, promulgated by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission, commonly referred to as the "COSO" criteria.

Based on the assessment performed, the Association concluded that as of December 31, 2021, the internal control over financial reporting was effective based upon the COSO criteria.

The Association's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2021, has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their accompanying report, which expresses an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2021.

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Marcus L. Knisely President and Chief Executive Officer AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA

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Rebecca A. Thibert Chief Financial Officer AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA

March 1, 2022

# **REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE**

AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA



The Consolidated Financial Statements were prepared under the oversight of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee is composed of a subset of the Board of Directors of AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA (the Association). The Audit Committee oversees the scope of the Association's internal audit program, the approval, and independence of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) as independent auditors, the adequacy of the Association's system of internal controls and procedures, and the adequacy of management's actions with respect to recommendations arising from those auditing activities. The Audit Committee's responsibilities are described more fully in the Internal Control Policy and the Audit Committee Charter.

Management is responsible for the preparation of the Consolidated Financial Statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Additionally, management is responsible for the design and operating effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting for the Consolidated Financial Statements. PwC is responsible for expressing opinions on the Consolidated Financial Statements and internal control over financial reporting based on their integrated audits which are performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in the United States of America. The Audit Committee's responsibilities include monitoring and overseeing these processes.

In this context, the Audit Committee reviewed and discussed the audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2021, with management. The Audit Committee also reviewed with PwC the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards AU-C 260, *The Auditor's Communication with Those Charged with Governance*, and both PwC and the internal auditor directly provided reports on any significant matters to the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee had discussions with and received written disclosures from PwC confirming its independence. The Audit Committee also reviewed the non-audit services provided by PwC, if any, and concluded these services were not incompatible with maintaining PwC's independence. The Audit Committee discussed with management and PwC any other matters and received any assurances from them as the Audit Committee deemed appropriate.

Based on the foregoing review and discussions, and relying thereon, the Audit Committee recommended that the Board of Directors include the audited Consolidated Financial Statements in the Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2021.

Suzanne Allen Chairperson of the Audit Committee AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA

Members of the Audit Committee: Kurt Elliott, Vice Chair Leif Aakre Thomas Henry Karen Kerner Lynn Pietig Curtis Trost

March 1, 2022



### **Report of Independent Auditors**

To the Board of Directors of AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA,

### Opinions on the Financial Statements and Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA and its subsidiaries (the "Company"), which comprise the consolidated statements of condition as of December 31, 2021, 2020, and 2019, and the related consolidated statements of comprehensive income, of changes in members' equity and of cash flows for the years then ended, including the related notes (collectively referred to as the "consolidated financial statements"). In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2021, 2020, and 2019, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We also have audited the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2021 based on criteria established in Internal Control -Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). In our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2021, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the COSO.

### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements and Internal Control Over Financial Reporting section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Company and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 12 to the consolidated financial statements, on January 1, 2022, the Company merged operations with Farm Credit Services of North Dakota, ACA. The Merged entity will conduct business as AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

### Responsibilities of Management for the Consolidated Financial Statements and Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over financial reporting relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management is also responsible for its assessment about the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

### Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements and Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinions.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit of financial statements or an audit of internal control over financial reporting conducted in accordance with US GAAS will always detect a material misstatement or a material weakness when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered to be material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit of consolidated financial statements and an audit of internal control over financial reporting in accordance with US GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and
  perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and
  disclosures in the consolidated financial statements.



- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the financial statement audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting relevant to the audit of internal control over financial reporting, assess the risks that a material weakness exists, and test and evaluate the design and operating effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting based on the assessed risk.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the financial statement audit.

# Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the information included in the 2021 Annual Report, but does not include the consolidated financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the consolidated financial statements or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

### Definition and Inherent Limitations of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process effected by those charged with governance, management, and other personnel, designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the preparation of reliable financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and those charged with governance; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention, or timely detection and correction, of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements. Also, projections of any assessment of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

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Minneapolis, Minnesota March 1, 2022

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# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CONDITION

AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA

(in thousands)

As of December 31	2021	2020	2019
ASSETS			
Loans	\$ 9,103,774	\$ 8,472,145	\$ 7,774,194
Allowance for loan losses	22,946	22,344	26,974
Net loans	9,080,828	8,449,801	7,747,220
Investment in AgriBank, FCB	227,709	212,294	201,655
Accrued interest receivable	80,619	80,693	98,755
Premises and equipment, net	35,783	35,937	37,816
Deferred tax assets, net		127	1,117
Other assets	108,393	90,670	94,962
Total assets	\$ 9,533,332	\$ 8,869,522	\$ 8,181,525
LIABILITIES			
Note payable to AgriBank, FCB	\$ 7,379,556	\$ 6,830,857	\$ 6,246,387
Accrued interest payable	20,097	19,582	37,928
Deferred tax liabilities, net	1,889		
Patronage distribution payable	67,500	64,050	60,000
Other liabilities	51,664	51,998	37,386
Total liabilities	7,520,706	6,966,487	6,381,701
Contingencies and commitments (Note 10)			
MEMBERS' EQUITY			
Capital stock and participation certificates	11,755	11,936	12,151
Capital stock and participation certificates receivable	(11,755)	(11,936)	
Additional paid-in capital	304,385	304,385	304,385
Unallocated surplus	1,718,268	1,608,312	1,488,700
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(10,027)	(9,662)	(5,412)
Total members' equity	2,012,626	1,903,035	1,799,824
Total liabilities and members' equity	\$ 9,533,332	\$ 8,869,522	\$ 8,181,525

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA (in thousands)

For the year ended December 31	2021	2020	2019
Interest income Interest expense	\$ 291,209 80,505	\$ 311,270 104,667	\$ 353,263 158,963
Net interest income	210,704	206,603	194,300
Provision for (reversal of) credit losses	974	(2,754)	11,553
Net interest income after provision for (reversal of) credit losses	209,730	209,357	182,747
Non-interest income			
Patronage income	50,229	50,588	45,242
Financially related services income	33,613	31,815	31,924
Fee income	17,823	10,902	7,368
Other non-interest income	130	2,886	5,128
Total non-interest income	101,795	96,191	89,662
Non-interest expense			
Salaries and employee benefits	76,927	74,329	68,804
Other operating expense	54,704	46,882	46,974
Other non-interest expense	2,029	551	126
Total non-interest expense	133,660	121,762	115,904
Income before income taxes	177,865	183,786	156,505
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	409	124	(1,341)
Net income	\$ 177,456	\$ 183,662	\$ 157,846
Other comprehensive loss			
Employee benefit plans activity	\$ (365)	\$ (4,250)	\$ (783)
Total other comprehensive loss	(365)	(4,250)	(783)
Comprehensive income	\$ 177,091	\$ 179,412	\$ 157,063

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY

AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA

(in thousands)

	Capital Stoc	[			Accumulated	
	and Participation	1			Other	Total
	Certificates and	1	Additional	Unallocated	Comprehensive	Members'
	Receivable, Ne	t	Paid-in Capital	Surplus	Loss	Equity
Balance as of December 31, 2018	\$ 12,58	′\$	304,385	\$ 1,390,854	\$ (4,629)	\$ 1,703,197
Net income	-	-		157,846		157,846
Other comprehensive loss	-	-			(783)	(783)
Unallocated surplus designated for patronage distributions	-	-		(60,000)		(60,000)
Capital stock and participation certificates issued	692	2				692
Capital stock and participation certificates retired	(1,128	3)				(1,128)
Balance as of December 31, 2019	12,15 <sup>-</sup>		304,385	1,488,700	(5,412)	1,799,824
Net income	-			183,662		183,662
Other comprehensive loss	-	-			(4,250)	(4,250)
Unallocated surplus designated for patronage distributions	-			(64,050)		(64,050)
Capital stock and participation certificates issued	85 <sup>-</sup>					851
Capital stock and participation certificates retired	(1,060	5)				(1,066)
Capital stock and participation certificates receivable, net	(11,930	5)				(11,936)
Balance as of December 31, 2020	-	-	304,385	1,608,312	(9,662)	1,903,035
Net income	-	-		177,456		177,456
Other comprehensive loss	-	•			(365)	(365)
Unallocated surplus designated for patronage distributions	-	-		(67,500)		(67,500)
Capital stock and participation certificates issued	80	;				806
Capital stock and participation certificates retired	(98)	)				(987)
Reductions to capital stock and participation certificates receivable, net	18					181
Balance as of December 31, 2021	\$-	- \$	304,385	\$ 1,718,268	\$ (10,027)	\$ 2,012,626

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA

For the year ended December 31	2021	2020	2019
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net income	\$ 177,456	\$ 183,662	\$ 157,846
Depreciation on premises and equipment	2,150	2,493	2,588
Loss (gain) on sale of premises and equipment, net	25	281	(331)
Depreciation on assets held for lease			249
Gain on disposal of assets held for lease, net			(342)
Amortization of premiums (discounts) on loans, net	45	(65)	(2)
Amortization of yield related to loans and notes payable acquired in merger, net	(361)	(453)	(521)
Provision for (reversal of) credit losses	974	(2,754)	11,553
Stock patronage received from Farm Credit Institutions	(6,054)	(65)	(16,028)
(Gain) loss on other property owned, net		(62)	23
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
(Increase) decrease in accrued interest receivable	(4,036)	12,926	(11,774)
Increase in other assets	(12,967)	(3,059)	(8,950)
Increase (decrease) in accrued interest payable	515	(18,346)	(376)
Increase in other liabilities	1,190	10,362	96
Net cash provided by operating activities	158,937	184,920	134,031
Cash flows from investing activities			
Increase in loans, net	(627,139)	(693,821)	(520,551)
Purchases of investment in AgriBank, FCB, net	(9,405)	(10,639)	(884)
(Purchases) redemptions of investment in other Farm Credit Institutions, net	(4,423)	(3,662)	78
Sales of assets held for lease, net			1,908
Proceeds from sales of other property owned		362	251
(Purchases) sales of premises and equipment, net	(2,021)	(895)	2,539
Net cash used in investing activities	(642,988)	(708,655)	(516,659)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Increase in note payable to AgriBank, FCB, net	548,264	583,957	425,568
Patronage distributions paid	(64,050)	(60,000)	(42,500)
Capital stock and participation certificates retired, net	(181)	(215)	(436)
Net cash provided by financing activities	484,033	523,742	382,632
Net change in cash	(18)	7	4
Cash at beginning of year	18	11	7
Cash at end of year	\$ 	\$ 18	\$ 11
Supplemental schedule of non-cash activities	 		 
Change in capital stock and participation certificates receivable	\$ 181	\$ (11,936)	\$ 
Supplemental information			
Interest paid	\$ 79,555	\$ 122,500	\$ 159,198
Taxes paid, net		5	3,312

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA

# NOTE 1: ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

### Farm Credit System and District

The Farm Credit System (System) is a federally chartered network of borrower-owned lending institutions comprised of cooperatives and related service organizations, established by Congress to meet the credit needs of American agriculture. As of January 1, 2022, the System consisted of three Farm Credit Banks, one Agricultural Credit Bank, and 65 borrower-owned cooperative lending institutions (associations). AgriBank, FCB (AgriBank), a System Farm Credit Bank, and its District associations are collectively referred to as the AgriBank Farm Credit District (AgriBank District or the District). At January 1, 2022, the District consisted of 13 Agricultural Credit Associations (ACA) that each have wholly-owned Federal Land Credit Association (FLCA) and Production Credit Association (PCA) subsidiaries.

FLCAs are authorized to originate long-term real estate mortgage loans. PCAs are authorized to originate short-term and intermediate-term loans. ACAs are authorized to originate long-term real estate mortgage loans and short-term and intermediate-term loans either directly or through their subsidiaries. Associations are authorized to provide lease financing options for agricultural purposes and are also authorized to purchase and hold certain types of investments. AgriBank provides funding to all associations chartered within the District.

Associations are authorized to provide, either directly or in participation with other lenders, credit and related services to eligible borrowers. Eligible borrowers may include farmers, ranchers, producers or harvesters of aquatic products, rural residents, and farm-related service businesses. In addition, associations can participate with other lenders in loans to similar entities. Similar entities are parties that are not eligible for a loan from a System lending institution, but have operations that are functionally similar to the activities of eligible borrowers.

The Farm Credit Administration (FCA) is authorized by Congress to regulate the System banks and associations. We are examined by the FCA and certain association actions are subject to the prior approval of the FCA and/or AgriBank.

The Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation (FCSIC) administers the Farm Credit Insurance Fund (Insurance Fund). The Insurance Fund is used to ensure the timely payment of principal and interest on Farm Credit Systemwide debt obligations, to ensure the retirement of protected borrower capital at par or stated value, and for other specified purposes.

At the discretion of the FCSIC, the Insurance Fund is also available to provide assistance to certain troubled System institutions and for the operating expenses of the FCSIC. Each System bank is required to pay premiums into the Insurance Fund until the assets in the Insurance Fund equal 2.0% of the aggregated insured obligations adjusted to reflect the reduced risk on loans or investments guaranteed by federal or state governments. This percentage of aggregate obligations can be changed by the FCSIC, at its sole discretion, to a percentage it determines to be actuarially sound. The basis for assessing premiums is debt outstanding with adjustments made for nonaccrual loans and impaired investment securities which are assessed a surcharge while guaranteed loans and investment securities are deductions from the premium base. AgriBank, in turn, assesses premiums to District associations each year based on similar factors.

### Association

AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA (the Association) and its subsidiaries, AgCountry Farm Credit Services, FLCA and AgCountry Farm Credit Services, PCA (subsidiaries) are lending institutions of the System. We are a member-owned cooperative providing credit and credit-related services to, or for the benefit of, eligible members for qualified agricultural purposes in the counties of Becker, Beltrami, Big Stone, Chippewa, Clay, Clearwater, Douglas, Grant, Hubbard, Kandiyohi, Kittson, Koochiching, Lake of the Woods, Lac qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, Mahnomen, Marshall, Meeker, Norman, Otter Tail, Pennington, Polk, Pope, Red Lake, Redwood, Renville, Roseau, Stevens, Swift, Todd, Traverse, Wadena, Wilkin, and Yellow Medicine in the state of Minnesota; Barnes, Cass, Cavalier, Dickey, Grand Forks, Griggs, LaMoure, Nelson, Pembina, Ramsey, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Steele, Stutsman, Towner, Traill, and Walsh in the state of North Dakota; and Clark, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Price, Taylor, Vilas, Waushara, and Wood in the state of Wisconsin.

We borrow from AgriBank and provide financing and related services to our members. Our ACA holds all the stock of the FLCA and PCA subsidiaries. The FLCA makes secured long-term agricultural real estate and rural home mortgage loans and holds certain types of investments. The PCA makes short-term and intermediate-term loans for agricultural production or operating purposes. We also facilitate lease financing options through our alliance partner, Farm Credit Leasing (FCL).

We offer credit life, term life, credit disability, crop hail, and multi-peril crop insurance to borrowers and those eligible to borrow. We also offer farm accounting, fee appraisals, income tax planning and preparation services, retirement and succession planning, and producer education services to our members.

### NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### **Accounting Principles and Reporting Policies**

Our accounting and reporting policies conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) and the prevailing practices within the financial services industry. Preparing financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the Consolidated Financial Statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

# **Principles of Consolidation**

The Consolidated Financial Statements present the consolidated financial results of AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA and its subsidiaries. All material intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation.

### Significant Accounting Policies

Loans: Loans are carried at their principal amount outstanding net of any unearned income, cumulative charge-offs, unamortized deferred fees and costs on originated loans, and unamortized premiums or discounts on purchased loans and unamortized adjustments to fair value on loans acquired through merger. Loan interest is accrued and credited to interest income based upon the daily principal amount outstanding. Origination fees, net of direct loan origination costs, are deferred and recognized over the life of the loan as an adjustment to net interest income.

Generally we place loans in nonaccrual status when principal or interest is delinquent for 90 days or more (unless the loan is adequately secured and in the process of collection) or circumstances indicate that full collection is not expected.

When a loan is placed in nonaccrual status and the interest is determined to be both uncollectible and the loss is known, we reverse current year accrued interest to the extent principal plus accrued interest before the transfer exceeds the net realizable value of the collateral. Any unpaid interest accrued in a prior year should be charged-off against the allowance for loan losses. Any cash received on nonaccrual loans is applied to reduce the recorded investment in the loan, except in those cases where the collection of the recorded investment is fully expected and certain other criteria are met. In these circumstances interest is credited to income when cash is received. Loans are charged-off at the time they are determined to be uncollectible. Nonaccrual loans may be returned to accrual status when principal and interest are current, the customer's ability to fulfill the contractual payment terms is fully expected, and, if the loan was past due when placed in nonaccrual status, the loan has evidence of sustained performance in making on-time contractual payments.

In situations where, for economic or legal reasons related to the borrower's financial difficulties, we grant a concession for other than an insignificant period of time to the borrower that we would not otherwise consider, the related loan is classified as a troubled debt restructuring, also known as a formally restructured loan for regulatory purposes. A concession is generally granted in order to minimize economic loss and avoid foreclosure. Concessions vary by program and borrower and may include interest rate reductions, term extensions, payment deferrals, or an acceptance of additional collateral in lieu of payments. In limited circumstances, principal may be forgiven. Loans classified as troubled debt restructurings are considered risk loans (as defined below). There may be modifications made in the normal course of business that would not be considered troubled debt restructurings (TDRs).

Loans that are sold as participations are transferred as entire financial assets, groups of entire financial assets, or participating interests in the loans. The transfers of such assets or participating interests are structured such that control over the transferred assets, or participating interests have been surrendered and that all of the conditions have been met to be accounted for as a sale.

**Purchased Credit-Impaired (PCI) Loans:** Loans acquired through merger with evidence of credit deterioration since their origination and when it is probable that we will not collect all contractually required principal and interest payments are PCI loans. PCI loans are written down at acquisition to estimated fair value and an accretable yield may be established. The excess of cash flows expected to be collected over the carrying value is referred to as the accretable yield and is recognized in interest income over the remaining life of the loan.

Evidence of credit quality deterioration as of the purchase date may include statistics such as past due and nonaccrual status. Acquired loans that meet our definition of risk loans are generally considered to be credit-impaired and are accounted for as individual loans. Accounting for PCI loans involves estimating fair value at acquisition using the cash flows expected to be collected. As we generally are unable to estimate the timing and amount of future cash flows, measurement is based on the net realizable value of the collateral underlying these loans.

Allowance for Loan Losses: The allowance for loan losses is our best estimate of the amount of losses on loans inherent in our portfolio as of the date of the financial statements. We determine the appropriate level of allowance for loan losses based on periodic evaluation of factors such as loan loss history, estimated probability of default, estimated loss severity, portfolio quality, and current economic and environmental conditions.

Loans in our portfolio that are considered impaired are assessed individually to establish a specific allowance. A loan is impaired when it is probable that all amounts due will not be collected according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. We generally measure impairment based on the net realizable value of the collateral. Risk loans include nonaccrual loans, accruing restructured loans, and accruing loans 90 days or more past due. All risk loans are considered to be impaired loans, including PCI loans.

We record a specific allowance to reduce the carrying amount of the risk loan by the amount the recorded investment exceeds the net realizable value of collateral. When we deem a loan to be uncollectible, we charge the loan principal and prior year(s) accrued interest against the allowance for loan losses. Subsequent recoveries, if any, are added to the allowance for loan losses.

We determine the amount of allowance that is required by assessing risk loans individually and all other loans by combining them into groups of loans sharing similar risk characteristics. For loans that are not individually assessed for impairment, an allowance is recorded for probable and estimable credit losses as of the financial statement date, using a two-dimensional loan risk rating model that incorporates a 14-point rating scale to identify and track the

probability of borrower default and a separate 6-point scale addressing the loss severity. The combination of estimated default probability and loss severity is the primary basis for recognition and measurement of loan collectability of these pools of loans. These estimated losses may be adjusted for relevant current environmental factors.

Changes in the allowance for loan losses consist of provision activity, recorded in "Provision for (reversal of) credit losses" in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income, recoveries, and charge-offs.

For purchased loans that are not deemed impaired at acquisition, credit discounts representing the principal losses expected over the life of the loan are a component of the initial fair value. Subsequent to the purchase date, the methods utilized to estimate the required allowance for credit losses for these loans is similar to originated loans. However, we record a provision for credit losses only when the required allowance exceeds any remaining credit discounts. The remaining differences between the purchase price and the unpaid principal balance at the date of acquisition are recorded in "Interest income" in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income over the life of the loans.

Investment in AgriBank: Our stock investment in AgriBank is on a cost plus allocated equities basis.

Other Property Owned: Other property owned, consisting of real and personal property acquired through foreclosure or deed in lieu of foreclosure, is recorded at the fair value less estimated selling costs upon acquisition and is included in "Other assets" in the Consolidated Statements of Condition. Any initial reduction in the carrying amount of a loan to the fair value of the collateral received is charged to the allowance for loan losses. Revised estimates to the fair value less costs to sell are reported as adjustments to the carrying amount of the asset, provided that such adjusted value is not in excess of the carrying amount at acquisition. Related income, expenses, and gains or losses from operations and carrying value adjustments are included in "Other non-interest expense" in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

**Other Investments:** The carrying amount of the investments in the Rural Business Investment Companies, in which we are a limited partner and hold noncontrolling interests, are at cost and are included in "Other assets" in the Consolidated Statements of Condition. The investments are assessed for impairment. If impairment exists, losses are included in Net income in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income in the year of impairment. Income on the investments are limited to distributions received. In circumstances when distributions exceed our share of earnings after the date of the investment, these distributions are applied to reduce the carrying value of the investment and are not recognized as income.

**Premises and Equipment:** The carrying amount of premises and equipment is at cost, less accumulated depreciation. Calculation of depreciation is generally on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Gains or losses on disposition are included in "Other non-interest income" or "Other non-interest expense", respectively, in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. Depreciation and maintenance and repair expenses are included in "Other operating expense" in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income and improvements are capitalized.

Leases: We are the lessee in operating leases. We evaluate arrangements at inception to determine if it is a lease. Leases with an initial term of 12 months or less are not recorded on the Consolidated Statements of Condition. For operating leases with terms greater than 12 months the right-of-use (ROU) assets are included in "Other assets" in the Consolidated Statements of Condition and the lease liabilities are included in "Other liabilities" in the Consolidated Statements of Condition and the lease liabilities are included in "Other liabilities" in the Consolidated Statements of Condition.

The ROU assets represent our right to use an underlying asset for the lease term and lease liabilities represent our obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease. Operating lease ROU assets and liabilities are recognized based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term. As most of our leases do not provide an implicit rate, we use our incremental borrowing rate based on the information available at commencement date in determining the present value of lease payments. We use the implicit rate when readily determinable. Our lease terms may include options to extend or terminate the lease. The length of the lease term is modified to include the option when it is reasonably certain that we will exercise that option. Operating lease expense for lease payments is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

**Post-Employment Benefit Plans:** The District has various post-employment benefit plans in which our employees participate. Expenses related to these plans, except for the AgriBank District Pension Restoration Plan, are included in "Salaries and employee benefits" in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

Certain employees participate in the AgriBank District Retirement Plan. The plan is comprised of two benefit formulas. At their option, employees hired prior to October 1, 2001, are on the cash balance formula or on the final average pay formula. Benefits for eligible employees hired between October 1, 2001, and December 31, 2006, are on the cash balance formula. Effective January 1, 2007, the AgriBank District Retirement Plan was closed to new employees. The AgriBank District Retirement Plan utilizes the "Projected Unit Credit" actuarial method for financial reporting and funding purposes.

Certain employees also participate in the AgriBank District Pension Restoration Plan. This plan restores retirement benefits to certain highly compensated eligible employees that would have been provided under the qualified plan if such benefits were not above certain Internal Revenue Code limits. The pension liability attributable to the Pension Restoration Plan at the Association and the related accumulated other comprehensive loss are included in the Consolidated Statements of Condition. The components of the net periodic cost other than the service cost component, are included in "Other operating expense" on the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. Service costs are included in "Salaries and employee benefits" on the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

We also provide certain health insurance benefits to eligible retired employees according to the terms of those benefit plans. The anticipated cost of these benefits is accrued during the employees' active service period.

The defined contribution plan allows eligible employees to save for their retirement either pre-tax, post-tax, or both, with an employer match on a percentage of the employee's contributions. We provide benefits under this plan for those employees that do not participate in the AgriBank District Retirement Plan in the form of a fixed percentage of salary contribution in addition to the employer match. Employer contributions are expensed when incurred.

Certain employees also participate in the Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan. Eligible participants must meet one of the following criteria: certain salary thresholds as determined by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), are either a Chief Executive Officer or President of a participating employer or

have previously elected pre-tax deferrals in 2006 under predecessor nonqualified deferred compensation plans. Under this plan the employee may defer a portion of his/her salary, bonus, and other compensation. Additionally, the plan provides for supplemental employer matching contributions related to any compensation deferred by the employee that would have been eligible for a matching contribution under the retirement savings plan if it were not for certain IRS limitations.

**Income Taxes:** The ACA and PCA accrue federal and state income taxes. The ACA and PCA are exempt from Minnesota state income tax. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for future tax consequences of temporary differences between the carrying amounts and tax basis of assets and liabilities. Deferred tax assets are recorded if the deferred tax asset is more likely than not to be realized. If the realization test cannot be met, the deferred tax asset is reduced by a valuation allowance. The expected future tax consequences of uncertain income tax positions are accrued.

The FLCA is exempt from federal and other taxes to the extent provided in the Farm Credit Act.

Patronage Program: We accrue patronage distributions according to a prescribed formula approved by the Board of Directors. Generally, we pay the accrued patronage during the first quarter after year end.

Off-Balance Sheet Credit Exposures: Commitments to extend credit are agreements to lend to a borrower as long as there is not a violation of any condition established in the loan contract. The commitments to extend credit generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses. Standby letters of credit are agreements to pay a beneficiary if there is a default on a contractual arrangement. Any reserve for unfunded lending commitments and unexercised letters of credit is based on management's best estimate of losses inherent in these instruments, but the commitments have not yet disbursed. Factors such as likelihood of disbursal and likelihood of losses given disbursement are utilized in determining a reserve, if needed. Based on our assessment, any reserve is recorded in "Other liabilities" in the Consolidated Statements of Condition and a corresponding loss is recorded in "Provision for credit losses" in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

Cash: For purposes of reporting cash flow, cash includes deposits in banks. Cash is recorded in "Other assets" or "Other liabilities" in the Consolidated Statements of Condition.

Fair Value Measurement: The accounting guidance describes three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value.

Level 1 — Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date.

Level 2 — Observable inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active so that they are traded less frequently than exchange-traded instruments, quoted prices that are not current, or principal market information that is not released publicly
- Inputs that are observable such as interest rates and yield curves, prepayment speeds, credit risks, and default rates
- Inputs derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means

Level 3 — Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities. These unobservable inputs reflect the reporting entity's own judgments about assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Level 3 assets and liabilities include financial instruments whose value is determined using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or similar techniques, as well as instruments for which the determination of fair value requires significant management judgment or estimation.

### **Recently Issued or Adopted Accounting Pronouncements**

We have assessed the potential impact of accounting standards that have been issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) and have determined the following standards to be applicable to our business. While we are a nonpublic entity, our financial results are closely related to the performance of the combined Farm Credit System. Therefore, we typically adopt accounting pronouncements in alignment with other System institutions.

Standard and effective date	Description	Adoption status and financial statement impact
In March 2020, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2020-04 "Reference Rate Reform, Topic 848." In January 2021, the FASB issued ASU 2021-01 further amending Topic 848. This guidance may be elected and applied prospectively over time from March 12, 2020, through December 31, 2022, as reference rate reform activities occur.	The guidance provides optional expedients and exceptions for applying GAAP to contracts and other transactions affected by reference rate reform. The guidance simplifies the accounting evaluation of contract modifications that replace a reference rate affected by reference rate reform and contemporaneous modifications of other contract terms related to the replacement of the reference rate.	During March 2021, we adopted this standard. To date, the adoption of this standard has not had a material impact on our financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, and financial statement disclosures.
In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13 "Financial Instruments - Credit Losses." The guidance was originally effective for non-U.S. Securities Exchange Commission filers for the first quarter of 2021. In November 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-10 that amended the mandatory effective date for this guidance for certain institutions. We have determined we qualify for the deferral of the mandatory effective date. As a result of the change, the standard is effective for the first quarter of 2023 and early adoption is permitted.	The guidance replaces the current incurred loss impairment methodology with a methodology that reflects expected credit losses and requires consideration of a broader range of reasonable and supportable information to inform credit loss estimates. Credit losses relating to available-for- sale securities would also be recorded through an allowance for credit losses.	We expect to adopt the standard as of January 1, 2023. We have completed development and internal validation of our model to estimate credit losses for our loan portfolio is ongoing. Processes and internal controls related to the model and the estimation of credit losses for loans are currently being designed. We are in the process of drafting disclosures and accounting policies. The extent of the impact on our financial statements will depend on economic conditions, forecasts and the composition of our loan and investment portfolios at the time of adoption.

# NOTE 3: LOANS AND ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES

#### Loans by Type

(dollars in thousands)	2021			 2020		2019				
As of December 31		Amount	%	Amount	%	_	Amount	%		
Real estate mortgage	\$	3,936,204	43.2%	\$ 3,659,953	43.2%	\$	3,261,426	42.0%		
Production and intermediate-term		2,106,315	23.1%	2,058,139	24.3%		2,131,112	27.4%		
Agribusiness		2,254,031	24.8%	2,030,071	24.0%		1,784,023	22.9%		
Other		807,224	8.9%	723,982	8.5%		597,633	7.7%		
Total	\$	9,103,774	100.0%	\$ 8,472,145	100.0%	\$	7,774,194	100.0%		

The other category is primarily composed of communication, energy, agricultural export finance, and water and wastewater related loans.

### **Portfolio Concentrations**

Concentrations exist when there are amounts loaned to multiple borrowers engaged in similar activities, which could cause them to be similarly impacted by economic conditions. We lend primarily within agricultural industries.

As of December 31, 2021, volume plus commitments to our ten largest borrowers totaled an amount equal to 4.5% of total loans and commitments.

Total loans plus any unfunded commitments represent a proportionate maximum potential credit risk. However, substantial portions of our lending activities are collateralized. Accordingly, the credit risk associated with lending activities is less than the recorded loan principal. The amount of collateral obtained, if deemed necessary upon extension of credit, is based on management's credit evaluation of the borrower. Collateral held varies, but may include real estate, equipment, inventory, livestock, and income-producing property. Long-term real estate loans are secured by the first liens on underlying real property.

### Participations

We may purchase or sell participation interests with other parties to diversify risk, manage loan volume, or comply with the limitations of the FCA Regulations or General Financing Agreement (GFA) with AgriBank.

### Participations Purchased and Sold

		AgriBa	ank		Other Credit In	stitu	tions		Non-F Credit In	stitu	tions		-	otal	
(in thousands)		Participa			Partici	patio			Partici	patic		Participations			
As of December 31, 2021	Purcl	hased	Sold		Purchased		Sold	F	Purchased		Sold		Purchased		Sold
Real estate mortgage Production and intermediate-term Agribusiness Other	\$	\$  	(208,020) (230,611) (21,329) (224)	\$	328,458 566,359 1,267,342 1,420,678	\$	(294,294) (287,429) (1,529,178) (630,813)	\$	44 17,009 83,373 	\$	(11,110) (25,037) (2,771) 	\$	328,502 583,368 1,350,715 1,420,678	\$	(513,424) (543,077) (1,553,278) (631,037)
Total	\$	\$	(460,184)	\$	3,582,837	\$	(2,741,714)	\$	100,426	\$	(38,918)	\$	3,683,263	\$	(3,240,816)
		AgriBa		Other Farm Credit Institutions					Non-F Credit In	stitu	tions		-	otal	
		Participa		Participations				Partici	patic			Partici	patic		
As of December 31, 2020	Purcl	hased	Sold		Purchased		Sold	F	Purchased		Sold		Purchased		Sold
Real estate mortgage Production and intermediate-term Agribusiness Other	\$	\$  	(244,056) (251,051) (12,008) (266)	\$	329,377 572,270 1,166,797 1,280,625	\$	(300,260) (292,497) (1,389,579) (600,791)	\$	88 40,459 77,858 	\$	(9,941) (10,146) (7,813) 	\$	329,465 612,729 1,244,655 1,280,625	\$	(554,257) (553,694) (1,409,400) (601,057)
Total	\$	\$	(507,381)	\$	3,349,069	\$	(2,583,127)	\$	118,405	\$	(27,900)	\$	3,467,474	\$	(3,118,408)
		AgriBa			Other Credit In	stitu	tions		Non-F Credit In	stitu	tions		-	otal	
As of December 31, 2019	Purc	Participa hased	itions Sold		Particij Purchased	patic	ons Sold	F	Particij Purchased	patic	ons Sold		Particij Purchased	patic	ons Sold
Real estate mortgage Production and intermediate-term Agribusiness Other	\$	\$  	(291,025) (225,342) (8,189) (347)	\$	263,718 501,294 995,560 1,136,847	\$	(287,954) (233,955) (1,208,668) (558,040)	\$	163 87,741 99,809 63	\$	(10,705) (6,317) (1,040)	\$	263,881 589,035 1,095,369 1,136,910	\$	(589,684) (465,614) (1,217,897) (558,387)
Total	\$	\$	(524,903)	\$	2,897,419	\$	(2,288,617)	\$	187,776	\$	(18,062)	\$	3,085,195	\$	(2,831,582)

Information in the preceding chart excludes loans characterized as mission related investments.

### Credit Quality and Delinquency

We utilize the FCA Uniform Classification System to categorize loans into five credit quality categories. The categories are:

- Acceptable loans are non-criticized loans representing the highest quality. They are expected to be fully collectible. This category is further differentiated into various probabilities of default.
- Other assets especially mentioned (Special Mention) loans are currently collectible but exhibit some potential weakness. These loans involve
  increased credit risk, but not to the point of justifying a substandard classification.
- Substandard loans exhibit some serious weakness in repayment capacity, equity, and/or collateral pledged on the loan.
- Doubtful loans exhibit similar weaknesses as substandard loans. Doubtful loans have additional weaknesses in existing factors, conditions, and values that make collection in full highly questionable.
- Loss loans are considered uncollectible.

We had no loans categorized as loss at December 31, 2021, 2020, or 2019.

### **Credit Quality of Loans**

					Substandar	d/			
(dollars in thousands)	Acceptabl	e	 Special Ment	ion	 Doubtful		_	Total	
As of December 31, 2021	Amount	%	 Amount	%	 Amount	%		Amount	%
Real estate mortgage	\$ 3,834,400	96.2%	\$ 110,928	2.8%	\$ 40,679	1.0%	\$	3,986,007	100.0%
Production and intermediate-term	2,011,488	94.4%	55,146	2.6%	63,686	3.0%		2,130,320	100.0%
Agribusiness	2,182,895	96.6%	65,778	2.9%	11,157	0.5%		2,259,830	100.0%
Other	 797,797	98.7%	 1,551	0.2%	 8,888	1.1%		808,236	100.0%
Total	\$ 8,826,580	96.1%	\$ 233,403	2.5%	\$ 124,410	1.4%	\$	9,184,393	100.0%

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	Total	:	\$ 1	15,198	\$	6,895	\$	22,093	\$	7,850,856	\$	7,872	,949	\$	512

Note: Accruing loans include accrued interest receivable.

# **Risk Loans**

Risk loans are loans for which it is probable that all principal and interest will not be collected according to the contractual terms. Interest income recognized and cash payments received on nonaccrual risk loans are applied as described in Note 2.

# **Risk Loan Information**

(in thousands) As of December 31	2021	2020	2019
Nonaccrual loans: Current as to principal and interest Past due	\$ 6,464 4,911	\$ 4,916 9,433	\$ 15,022 6,867
Total nonaccrual loans Accruing restructured loans Accruing loans 90 days or more past due	 11,375 2,322 1,427	14,349 1,982 2,097	21,889 462 512
Total risk loans	\$ 15,124	\$ 18,428	\$ 22,863
Volume with specific allowance Volume without specific allowance	\$ 3,897 11,227	\$ 1,585 16,843	\$ 9,208 13,655
Total risk loans	\$ 15,124	\$ 18,428	\$ 22,863
Total specific allowance	\$ 1,322	\$ 1,013	\$ 3,569
For the year ended December 31	2021	2020	2019
Income on accrual risk loans Income on nonaccrual loans	\$ 294 1,086	\$ 150 2,761	\$ 733 1,581
Total income on risk loans	\$ 1,380	\$ 2,911	\$ 2,314
Average risk loans	\$ 17,052	\$ 26,353	\$ 43,762

Note: Accruing loans include accrued interest receivable.

# Nonaccrual Loans by Loan Type

(in thousands)			
As of December 31	2021	2020	2019
Real estate mortgage	\$ 5,119 \$	8,561 \$	9,693
Production and intermediate-term	3,044	4,988	4,276
Agribusiness	780	800	4,197
Other	 2,432		3,723
Total	\$ 11,375 \$	14,349 \$	21,889

# Additional Impaired Loan Information by Loan Type

		As	of De		nded , 2021					
				Unpaid				Average		Interest
		Recorded		Principal		Related		Impaired		Income
(in thousands)		Investment <sup>1</sup>		Balance <sup>2</sup>		Allowance		Loans		Recognized
Impaired loans with a related allowance for loan losses:										
Real estate mortgage	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	
Production and intermediate-term		1,441		1,945		779		1,533		
Agribusiness		24		52		3		28		
Other		2,432		2,578		540		2,104		
Total	\$	3,897	\$	4,575	\$	1,322	\$	3,665	\$	
Impaired loans with no related allowance for loan losses:										
•	\$	7,752	¢	9,857	¢		\$	9,652	¢	1,117
Real estate mortgage Production and intermediate-term	Φ	2,719	φ	9,857 3,326	Þ		Þ	9,652 2,746	Φ	244
Agribusiness		2,719		3,320 1,732				2,740		244 19
Other		750		1,732				230		19
			•		•		-		•	
Total	\$	11,227	\$	14,915	\$		\$	13,387	\$	1,380
Total impaired loans:										
Real estate mortgage	\$	7,752	\$	9,857	\$		\$	9,652	\$	1,117
Production and intermediate-term		4,160		5,271	-	779	-	4,279		244
Agribusiness		780		1,784		3		787		19
Other		2,432		2,578		540		2,334		
Total	\$	15,124	\$	19,490	\$	1,322	\$	17,052	\$	1,380

	As	of De	cember 31, 20	)20			ear ended r 31, 2020		
	 Recorded Investment <sup>1</sup>		Unpaid Principal Balance <sup>2</sup>		Related Allowance	 Average Impaired Loans		Interest Income Recognized	
Impaired loans with a related allowance for loan losses:									
Real estate mortgage	\$ 	\$		\$		\$ 	\$		
Production and intermediate-term	1,553		1,956		1,004	4,000			
Agribusiness	32		55		9	2,388			
Other	 					2,278			
Total	\$ 1,585	\$	2,011	\$	1,013	\$ 8,666	\$		
Impaired loans with no related allowance for loan losses:									
Real estate mortgage	\$ 10,566	\$	12,588	\$		\$ 12,025	\$	1,827	
Production and intermediate-term	5,509		6,121			3,841		1,034	
Agribusiness	768		1,823			1,087		50	
Other	 					 734			
Total	\$ 16,843	\$	20,532	\$		\$ 17,687	\$	2,911	
Total impaired loans:									
Real estate mortgage	\$ 10,566	\$	12,588	\$		\$ 12,025	\$	1,827	
Production and intermediate-term	7,062		8,077		1,004	7,841		1,034	
Agribusiness	800		1,878		9	3,475		50	
Other	 					 3,012			
Total	\$ 18,428	\$	22,543	\$	1,013	\$ 26,353	\$	2,911	

	As	of De	cember 31, 20	)19		For the year the period	
			Unpaid			Average	Interest
	Recorded		Principal		Related	Impaired	Income
	Investment <sup>1</sup>		Balance <sup>2</sup>		Allowance	 Loans	Recognized
Impaired loans with a related allowance for loan losses:							
Real estate mortgage	\$ 	\$		\$		\$ 	\$ 
Production and intermediate-term	2,072		2,456		1,310	2,990	
Agribusiness	3,413		3,769		904	14,507	
Other	 3,723		4,230		1,355	 4,039	
Total	\$ 9,208	\$	10,455	\$	3,569	\$ 21,536	\$ 
Impaired loans with no related allowance for loan losses:							
Real estate mortgage	\$ 10,149	\$	12,961	\$		\$ 17,469	\$ 300
Production and intermediate-term	2,722		3,675			3,925	1,367
Agribusiness	784		1,911			764	647
Other	 					 68	
Total	\$ 13,655	\$	18,547	\$		\$ 22,226	\$ 2,314
Total impaired loans:							
Real estate mortgage	\$ 10,149	\$	12,961	\$		\$ 17,469	\$ 300
Production and intermediate-term	4,794		6,131		1,310	6,915	1,367
Agribusiness	4,197		5,680		904	15,271	647
Other	 3,723		4,230		1,355	4,107	
Total	\$ 22,863	\$	29,002	\$	3,569	\$ 43,762	\$ 2,314

Note: Impaired loans include purchased credit-impaired loans.

<sup>1</sup>The recorded investment is the unpaid principal amount of the receivable increased or decreased by applicable accrued interest and unamortized premium, discount, finance charges, acquisition costs, and unamortized adjustments to fair value on loans acquired through the merger and may also reflect a previous direct charge-off of the investment.

<sup>2</sup>Unpaid principal balance represents the contractual principal balance of the loan.

We had no material commitments to lend additional money to borrowers whose loans were classified as risk loans at December 31, 2021.

### **Troubled Debt Restructurings (TDRs)**

Included within our risk loans are TDRs. These loans have been modified by granting a concession to maximize the collection of amounts due when a borrower is experiencing financial difficulties. All risk loans, including TDRs, are analyzed within our allowance for loan losses.

### **TDR Activity**

(in thousands) For the year ended December 31		2	021			2(	020			20	)19	
	Pre-n	nodification	-	modification	Pre-n	nodification		modification	Pre-	modification	-	modification
Real estate mortgage	\$	1,856	\$	1,856	\$	264	\$	264	\$		\$	
Production and intermediate-term		1,081		1,081		1,400		1,400				
Agribusiness		1,443		1,443		37		37		22,240		22,240
Total	\$	4,380	\$	4,380	\$	1,701	\$	1,701	\$	22,240	\$	22,240

Pre-modification represents the outstanding recorded investment of the loan just prior to restructuring and post-modification represents the outstanding recorded investment of the loan immediately following the restructuring. The recorded investment is the unpaid principal amount of the receivable increased or decreased by applicable accrued interest and unamortized premium, discount, finance charges, acquisition costs, and unamortized adjustments to fair value on loans acquired through the merger and may also reflect a previous direct charge-off of the investment.

The primary types of modification included deferral of principal, extension of maturity, and interest rate reduction below market.

There were no TDRs that defaulted during the years ended December 31, 2021, 2020, or 2019, in which the modification was within twelve months of the respective reporting period.

TDRs Outstanding			
(in thousands) As of December 31	2021	2020	2019
Accrual status: Real estate mortgage Production and intermediate-term Agribusiness	\$ 1,205 1,117 	\$ 515 1,467 	\$ 456 6 
Total TDRs in accrual status	\$ 2,322	\$ 1,982	\$ 462
Nonaccrual status: Real estate mortgage Production and intermediate-term Agribusiness	\$ 1,287 161 770	\$ 1,666 248 19	\$ 2,913 370 3,341
Total TDRs in nonaccrual status	\$ 2,218	\$ 1,933	\$ 6,624
Total TDRs: Real estate mortgage Production and intermediate-term Agribusiness	\$ 2,492 1,278 770	\$ 2,181 1,715 19	\$ 3,369 376 3,341
Total TDRs	\$ 4,540	\$ 3,915	\$ 7,086

There were no material commitments to lend to borrowers whose loans have been modified in a TDR at December 31, 2021.

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### Allowance for Loan Losses

Changes in Allowance for Loan Losses	5			
(in thousands)				
For the year ended December 31		2021	2020	2019
Balance at beginning of year	\$	22,344	\$ 26,974	\$ 17,796
Provision for (reversal of) loan losses		490	(3,598)	10,622
Loan recoveries		149	274	188
Loan charge-offs		(37)	(1,306)	(1,632)
Balance at end of year	\$	22,946	\$ 22,344	\$ 26,974

The "Provision for (reversal of) credit losses" in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income includes a provision for (reversal of) loan losses as presented in the previous chart, as well as a provision for credit losses on unfunded commitments. The accrued credit losses on unfunded commitments are recorded in "Other liabilities" in the Consolidated Statements of Condition. Typically, accrued credit losses are relieved and replaced with an allowance for loan loss as the related commitments are funded.

# Credit Loss Information on Unfunded Commitments

(in thousands)			
For the year ended December 31	2021	2020	2019
Provision for credit losses	\$ 484	\$ 844	\$ 931
As of December 31	2021	2020	2019
Accrued credit losses	\$ 4,322	\$ 3,838	\$ 2,994

# Changes in Allowance for Loan Losses and Year End Recorded Investments by Loan Type

(in thousands)	Real Estate Mortgage	Production and Intermediate-Term	Agribusiness	Other	Total
Allowance for loan losses: Balance as of December 31, 2020 (Reversal of) provision for loan losses Loan recoveries Loan charge-offs	\$ 2,855 (1,169) 114 (1)	\$ 9,264 525 16 (36)	\$ 8,611 72 19 	\$ 1,614 1,062  	\$ 22,344 490 149 (37)
Balance as of December 31, 2021	\$ 1,799	\$ 9,769	\$ 8,702	\$ 2,676	\$ 22,946
Ending balance: individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 	\$ 779	\$ 3	\$ 540	\$ 1,322
Ending balance: collectively evaluated for impairment	\$ 1,799	\$ 8,990	\$ 8,699	\$ 2,136	\$ 21,624
Recorded investment in loans outstanding: Ending balance as of December 31, 2021	\$ 3,986,007	\$ 2,130,320	\$ 2,259,830	\$ 808,236	\$ 9,184,393
Ending balance: individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 7,752	\$ 4,160	\$ 780	\$ 2,432	\$ 15,124
Ending balance: collectively evaluated for impairment	\$ 3,978,255	\$ 2,126,160	\$ 2,259,050	\$ 805,804	\$ 9,169,269
	Real Estate Mortgage	Production and Intermediate-Term	Agribusiness	Other	Total
Allowance for loan losses: Balance as of December 31, 2019 Reversal of loan losses Loan recoveries Loan charge-offs	\$ 2,672 (64) 247 	\$ 11,641 (2,283) 15 (109)	\$ 9,058 (459) 12 	\$ 3,603 (792)  (1,197)	\$ 26,974 (3,598) 274 (1,306)
Balance as of December 31, 2020	\$ 2,855	\$ 9,264	\$ 8,611	\$ 1,614	\$ 22,344
Ending balance: individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 	\$ 1,004	\$ 9	\$ 	\$ 1,013
Ending balance: collectively evaluated for impairment	\$ 2,855	\$ 8,260	\$ 8,602	\$ 1,614	\$ 21,331
Recorded investment in loans outstanding: Ending balance as of December 31, 2020	\$ 3,707,815	\$ 2,085,142	\$ 2,035,081	\$ 724,800	\$ 8,552,838
Ending balance: individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 10,566	\$ 7,062	\$ 800	\$ 	\$ 18,428

	Real Estate Mortgage	Production and Intermediate-Term	Agribusiness	Other	Total
Allowance for loan losses:					
Balance as of December 31, 2018	\$ 2,211	\$ 3,649	\$ 8,737	\$ 3,199	\$ 17,796
Provision for loan losses	396	8,337	1,485	404	10,622
Loan recoveries	65	111	12		188
Loan charge-offs	 	(456)	(1,176)		(1,632)
Balance as of December 31, 2019	\$ 2,672	\$ 11,641	\$ 9,058	\$ 3,603	\$ 26,974
Ending balance: individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 	\$ 1,310	\$ 904	\$ 1,355	\$ 3,569
Ending balance: collectively evaluated for impairment	\$ 2,672	\$ 10,331	\$ 8,154	\$ 2,248	\$ 23,405
Recorded investment in loans outstanding:					
Ending balance as of December 31, 2019	\$ 3,315,072	\$ 2,169,112	\$ 1,790,189	\$ 598,576	\$ 7,872,949
Ending balance: individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 10,149	\$ 4,794	\$ 4,197	\$ 3,723	\$ 22,863
Ending balance: collectively evaluated for impairment	\$ 3,304,923	\$ 2,164,318	\$ 1,785,992	\$ 594,853	\$ 7,850,086

The recorded investment is the unpaid principal amount of the receivable increased or decreased by applicable accrued interest and unamortized premium, discount, finance charges, acquisition costs, and unamortized adjustments to fair value on loans acquired through the merger and may also reflect a previous direct charge-off of the investment.

### **NOTE 4: INVESTMENT IN AGRIBANK**

As of December 31, 2021, we were required by AgriBank to maintain an investment equal to 2.5% of the average quarterly balance of our note payable, with an additional amount required on association growth in excess of a targeted growth rate, if the District is also growing above a targeted growth rate. As of March 31, 2022, the required investment is increasing to 2.55%.

We are also required to hold AgriBank stock related to our participation in pool programs. The required investment amount varies by pool program and is generally a percentage of the loan balance in the pool.

AgriBank's capital plan provides for annual retirement of AgriBank stock and optimizes capital at the Bank by distributing all available Bank earnings in the form of patronage, either in cash or stock. The plan is designed to maintain capital adequacy such that sufficient earnings will be retained in the form of allocated retained earnings and allocated stock to meet the leverage ratio target and other regulatory or policy constraints prior to any cash patronage distributions.

## NOTE 5: NOTE PAYABLE TO AGRIBANK

Our note payable to AgriBank represents borrowings, in the form of a line of credit, to fund our loan portfolio. The line of credit is governed by a GFA and substantially all of our assets serve as collateral.

## Note Payable Information

(dollars in thousands) As of December 31	2021	2020	2019
Line of credit	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 7,250,000
Outstanding principal under the line of credit	7,381,040	6,832,777	6,248,820
Interest rate	1.1%	1.2%	2.4%

Our note payable was scheduled to mature on June 30, 2023. Due to the FCA-approved merger with Farm Credit Services of North Dakota, it was renewed early for \$11.6 billion with a maturity date of December 31, 2024. We intend to renegotiate the note payable no later than the maturity date.

The GFA provides for limitations on our ability to borrow funds based on specified factors or formulas relating primarily to outstanding balances, credit quality, and financial condition. Additionally, we have requirements to maintain an effective program of internal controls over financial reporting. At December 31, 2021, and throughout the year, we were not declared in default under any GFA covenants or provisions.

# NOTE 6: MEMBERS' EQUITY

### **Capitalization Requirements**

In accordance with the Farm Credit Act, each member is required to invest in AgCountry as a condition of obtaining a loan. As authorized by the Agricultural Credit Act and our capital bylaws, the Board of Directors has adopted a capital plan that establishes a stock purchase requirement for obtaining a loan of 2.0% of the customer's total loan(s) or one thousand dollars, whichever is less, or such greater amount of such member's aggregate outstanding loan balance as may be determined by the Board of Directors from time to time. The Board of Directors has established a stock requirement for loans of one thousand dollars at a customer level. The investment requirement for each lessee that is not a current stock or participation certificate holder is a single \$5.00 participation certificate in the ACA. The ACA and its subsidiaries, PCA and FLCA, are also authorized by FCA to offer approved financial services to persons eligible to borrow from the System. The investment requirement for each purchaser of crop insurance that is not a stock or participation certificate holder is a

single \$5.00 participation certificate in the ACA. The Board of Directors may increase the amount of required investment to the extent authorized in the capital bylaws.

The member acquires ownership of capital stock or participation certificates at the time the loan is made. Members are not currently required to make a cash investment to acquire capital stock or participation certificates. However, their obligation to pay for the capital stock or participation certificates is maintained as an interest free obligation with AgCountry. The capital stock and participation certificates are at-risk investments as described in the AgCountry capital bylaws. AgCountry retains a first lien on common stock or participation certificates owned by its members. Stock is retired in accordance with AgCountry bylaws. Members are responsible for payment of the cash investment upon demand by AgCountry. Effective January 1, 2020, there was a change in the regulatory interpretation related to the accounting for capital stock and participation certificates at AgCountry, along with other Farm Credit Associations. The capital stock and participation certificates receivable" has been added for the same amount. This change had no impact on the capital stock or participation certificates owned by AgCountry members, and members retain all rights afforded to them by the Farm Credit Act.

### **Regulatory Capitalization Requirements**

### **Regulatory Capital Requirements and Ratios**

				Regulatory	Capital Conservation	
As of December 31	2021	2020	2019	Minimums	Buffer	Total
Risk-adjusted:						
Common equity tier 1 ratio	17.6%	18.1%	18.6%	4.5%	2.5%	7.0%
Tier 1 capital ratio	17.6%	18.1%	18.6%	6.0%	2.5%	8.5%
Total capital ratio	17.9%	18.4%	18.9%	8.0%	2.5%	10.5%
Permanent capital ratio	17.7%	18.1%	18.6%	7.0%	N/A	7.0%
Non-risk-adjusted:						
Tier 1 leverage ratio	20.3%	20.4%	20.8%	4.0%	1.0%	5.0%
Unallocated retained earnings and equivalents leverage ratio	21.6%	21.7%	21.8%	1.5%	N/A	1.5%

Risk-adjusted assets have been defined by the FCA Regulations as the Statement of Condition assets and off-balance-sheet commitments adjusted by various percentages, depending on the level of risk inherent in the various types of assets.

Risk-adjusted assets is calculated differently for the permanent capital ratio (referred herein as PCR risk-adjusted assets) compared to the other risk-based capital ratios. The primary difference is the inclusion of the allowance for loan losses as a deduction to risk-adjusted assets for the permanent capital ratio.

These ratios are based on a three-month average daily balance in accordance with the FCA Regulations and are calculated as follows (not all items below may be applicable to our Association):

- Common equity tier 1 ratio is statutory minimum purchased member stock, other required member stock held for a minimum of 7 years, allocated equities held for a minimum of 7 years or not subject to retirement, unallocated retained earnings as regulatorily prescribed, paid-in capital, less certain regulatory required deductions including the amount of allocated investments in other System institutions, and the amount of purchased investments in other System institutions under the corresponding deduction approach, divided by average risk-adjusted assets.
- Tier 1 capital ratio is common equity tier 1 plus non-cumulative perpetual preferred stock, divided by average risk-adjusted assets.
- Total capital is tier 1 capital plus other required member stock held for a minimum of 5 years, allocated equities held for a minimum of 5 years, subordinated debt, and limited-life preferred stock greater than 5 years to maturity at issuance subject to certain limitations, allowance for loan losses and reserve for credit losses subject to certain limitations, less certain investments in other System institutions under the corresponding deduction approach, divided by average risk-adjusted assets.
- Permanent capital ratio is all at-risk borrower stock, any allocated excess stock, unallocated retained earnings as regulatorily prescribed, paid-in
  capital, subordinated debt, and preferred stock subject to certain limitations, less certain allocated and purchased investments in other System
  institutions divided by PCR risk-adjusted assets.
- Tier 1 leverage ratio is tier 1 capital, including regulatory deductions, divided by average assets less regulatory deductions subject to tier 1 capital.
- Unallocated retained earnings and equivalents leverage ratio is unallocated retained earnings as regulatorily prescribed, paid-in capital, allocated surplus not subject to retirement less certain regulatory required deductions including the amount of allocated investments in other System institutions divided by average assets less regulatory deductions subject to tier 1 capital.

If the capital ratios fall below the total requirements, including the buffer amounts, capital distributions (equity redemptions, dividends, and patronage) and discretionary senior executive bonuses are restricted or prohibited without prior FCA approval.

### **Description of Equities**

The following represents information regarding classes and number of shares of stock and participation certificates outstanding. All shares and participation certificates are stated at a \$5.00 par value.

	Nu	mber of Shares	
As of December 31	2021	2020	2019
Class B common stock (at-risk)	2,308,229	2,319,311	2,364,225
Class E participation certificates (at-risk)	42,827	67,943	65,878

Under our bylaws, we are also authorized to issue Class C and Class D common stock. Each of these classes of common stock is at-risk and nonvoting with a \$5.00 par value per share. Currently, no stock of these classes has been issued.

Only holders of Class B common stock have voting rights. Our bylaws do not prohibit us from paying dividends on any classes of stock. However, no dividends have been declared to date.

Our bylaws generally permit stock and participation certificates to be retired at the discretion of our Board of Directors and in accordance with our capitalization plans, provided prescribed capital standards have been met. At December 31, 2021, we exceeded the prescribed standards. We do not anticipate any significant changes in capital that would affect the normal retirement of stock.

In the event of our liquidation or dissolution, according to our bylaws, any assets remaining after payment or retirement of all liabilities shall be distributed pro rata to all holders of stock.

In the event of stock impairment, losses will be absorbed by concurrent impairment of all classes of stock.

All classes of stock are transferable to other customers who are eligible to hold such class as long as we meet the regulatory minimum capital requirements.

### **Patronage Distributions**

We accrued patronage distributions of \$67.5 million, \$64.0 million, and \$60.0 million at December 31, 2021, 2020, and 2019, respectively. Generally, the patronage distributions are paid in cash during the first quarter after year end. The Board of Directors may authorize a distribution of earnings provided we meet all statutory and regulatory requirements.

If the capital ratios fall below the total requirements, including the buffer amounts, capital distributions (equity redemptions, dividends, and patronage) and discretionary senior executive bonuses are restricted or prohibited without prior FCA approval.

# NOTE 7: INCOME TAXES

### Provision for (Benefit from) Income Taxes

### Provision for (Benefit from) Income Taxes

(dollars in thousands) For the year ended December 31	2021	2020	2019
Current:			
Federal	\$ (1,607)	\$ (866)	\$ (306)
State	 		
Total current	\$ (1,607)	\$ (866)	\$ (306)
Deferred:			
Federal	\$ 1,840	\$ 927	\$ (829)
State	 176	63	(206)
Total deferred	 2,016	990	(1,035)
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	\$ 409	\$ 124	\$ (1,341)
Effective tax rate	 0.2%	0.1%	(0.9%)

### Reconciliation of Taxes at Federal Statutory Rate to Provision for (Benefit from) Income Taxes

2021	2020	2019
\$ 37,351 \$	38,595 \$	32,866
207	95	(162)
(3,039)	(5,313)	(3,772)
(32,294)	(32,367)	(31,290)
 (1,816)	(886)	1,017
\$ <b>409</b> \$	124 \$	(1,341)
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### **Deferred Income Taxes**

Tax laws require certain items to be included in our tax returns at different times than the items are reflected on our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. Some of these items are temporary differences that will reverse over time. We record the tax effect of temporary differences as deferred tax assets and liabilities netted on our Consolidated Statements of Condition.

#### **Deferred Tax Assets and Liabilities**

(in thousands)			
As of December 31	2021	2020	2019
Allowance for loan losses	\$ 2,969 \$	3,150 \$	3,457
Postretirement benefit accrual	784	761	757
Merger fair value adjustment	4	11	235
Net operating loss carryforward	240	177	207
Previously taxed nonaccrual interest	135	168	
Accrued incentive	200	1,111	1,396
Deferred fee income, net	99	117	
Accrued patronage income not received	(987)	(725)	(777)
AgriBank 2002 allocated stock	(1,145)	(1,124)	(1,124)
Accrued pension asset	(4,894)	(3,818)	(3,325)
Depreciation	86	76	(38)
Other assets	620	235	375
Other liabilities	 	(12)	(46)
Deferred tax (liabilities) assets	\$ (1,889) \$	127 \$	1,117
Gross deferred tax assets	\$ 5,137 \$	5,806 \$	6,427
Gross deferred tax liabilities	\$ (7,026) \$	(5,679) \$	(5,310)

A valuation allowance for the deferred tax assets was not necessary at December 31, 2021, 2020, or 2019.

We have not provided for deferred income taxes on patronage allocations received from AgriBank prior to 1993. Such allocations, distributed in the form of stock, are subject to tax only upon conversion to cash. Our intent is to permanently maintain this investment in AgriBank. Our total permanent investment in AgriBank is \$39.9 million. Additionally, we have not provided deferred income taxes on accumulated FLCA earnings of \$1.4 billion as it is our intent to permanently maintain this equity in the FLCA or to distribute the earnings to members in a manner that results in no additional tax liability to us.

Our income tax returns are subject to review by various United States taxing authorities. We record accruals for items that we believe may be challenged by these taxing authorities. However, we had no material uncertain income tax positions at December 31, 2021. In addition, we believe we are no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2018.

### NOTE 8: EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

### Pension and Post-Employment Benefit Plans

Complete financial information for the pension and post-employment benefit plans may be found in the AgriBank 2021 Annual Report.

The Farm Credit Foundations Plan Sponsor and Trust Committees provide oversight of the benefit plans. These governance committees are comprised of elected or appointed representatives (senior leadership and/or Board of Director members) from the participating organizations. The Plan Sponsor Committee is responsible for employer decisions regarding all benefit plans including retirement benefits. These decisions could include plan design changes, vendor changes, determination of employer subsidies (if any), and termination of specific benefit plans. Any action to change or terminate the retirement plan can only occur at the direction of the AgriBank District participating employers. The Trust Committee is responsible for fiduciary and plan administrative functions.

**Pension Plan:** Certain employees participate in the AgriBank District Retirement Plan, a District-wide multi-employer defined benefit retirement plan. The Department of Labor has determined the plan to be a governmental plan; therefore, the plan is not subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA). As the plan is not subject to ERISA, the plan's benefits are not insured by the Pension

Benefit Guaranty Corporation. Accordingly, the amount of accumulated benefits that participants would receive in the event of the plan's termination is contingent on the sufficiency of the plan's net assets to provide benefits at that time. This plan is noncontributory and covers certain eligible District employees. The assets, liabilities, and costs of the plan are not segregated by participating entities. As such, plan assets are available for any of the participating employers' retirees at any point in time. Additionally, if a participating employer stops contributing to the plan, the unfunded obligations of the plan may be borne by the remaining participating employers. Further, if we choose to stop participating in the plan, we may be required to pay an amount based on the underfunded status of the plan. Because of the nature of the plan, any individual employer is not able to unilaterally change the provisions of the plan. If an employee transfers to another employer within the same plan, the employee benefits under the plan transfer. Benefits are based on salary and years of service. There is no collective bargaining agreement in place as part of this plan.

#### AgriBank District Retirement Plan Information

(in thousands)			
As of December 31	2021	2020	2019
Unfunded liability	\$ 46,421	\$ 169,640	\$ 220,794
Projected benefit obligation	1,500,238	1,563,421	1,421,126
Fair value of plan assets	1,453,817	1,393,781	1,200,332
Accumulated benefit obligation	1,384,554	1,426,270	1,298,942
For the year ended December 31	2021	2020	2019
Total plan expense	\$ 28,048	\$ 42,785	\$ 36,636
Our allocated share of plan expenses	3,998	5,895	5,151
Contributions by participating employers	90,000	90,000	90,000
Our allocated share of contributions	12,833	12,561	12,776

The unfunded liability reflects the net of the fair value of the plan assets and the projected benefit obligation at December 31. The projected benefit obligation is the actuarial present value of all benefits attributed by the pension benefit formula to employee service rendered prior to the measurement date based on assumed future compensation levels. The accumulated benefit obligation is the actuarial present value of the benefits attributed to employee service rendered before the measurement date and based on current employee service and compensation. The funding status is subject to many variables including performance of plan assets and interest rate levels. Therefore, changes in assumptions could significantly affect these estimates.

Costs are determined for each individual employer based on costs directly related to their current employees as well as an allocation of the remaining costs based proportionately on the estimated projected liability of the employer under this plan. We recognize our proportional share of expense and contribute a proportional share of funding. Our allocated share of plan expenses is included in "Salaries and employee benefits" in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. Effective March 2021, a change in accounting policy was elected to use the fair value method for calculating the market-related value of assets for the fixed-income pension assets, directly impacting pension costs. The change in accounting principle did not have a material impact on the financial statements.

Benefits paid to participants in the District were \$88.6 million in 2021. While the plan is a governmental plan and is not subject to minimum funding requirements, the employers contribute amounts necessary on an actuarial basis to provide the plan with sufficient assets to meet the benefits to be paid to participants. The amount of the total District employer contributions expected to be paid into the pension plan during 2022 is \$90.0 million. Our allocated share of these pension contributions is expected to be \$14.3 million. The amount ultimately to be contributed and the amount ultimately recognized as expense as well as the timing of those contributions and expenses, are subject to many variables including performance of plan assets and interest rate levels. These variables could result in actual contributions and expenses being greater than or less than the amounts reflected in the District financial statements.

**Nonqualified Retirement Plan:** We also participate in the District-wide nonqualified defined benefit Pension Restoration Plan. This plan restores retirement benefits to certain highly compensated eligible employees that would have been provided under the qualified plan if such benefits were not above certain Internal Revenue Code limits.

#### Pension Restoration Plan Information

(in thousands)			
As of December 31	2021	2020	2019
Our unfunded liability	\$ 12,862	\$ 12,157	\$ 8,551
For the year ended December 31	2021	2020	2019
Our allocated share of plan expenses	\$ 1,606	\$ 857	\$ 1,006
Our cash contributions	1,702	1,636	1,393

The nonqualified plan is funded as the benefits are paid; therefore, there are no assets in the plan and the unfunded liability is equal to the projected benefit obligation. The amount of the pension benefits funding status is subject to many variables including interest rate levels. Therefore, changes in assumptions could significantly affect these estimates.

Costs are determined for each individual employer based on costs directly related to their participants in the plan. Our allocated share of the components of net periodic benefit cost other than the service cost component, are included in "Other operating expense" in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. Service costs related to the plan are included in "Salaries and employee benefits" in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. The Pension Restoration Plan is unfunded and we make annual contributions to fund benefits paid to our retirees covered by

the plan. Our cash contributions are equal to the benefits paid. There were no benefits paid under the Pension Restoration Plan to our senior officers who were actively employed during the year.

**Retiree Medical Plans:** District employers also provide certain health insurance benefits to eligible retired employees according to the terms of the benefit plans. The anticipated costs of these benefits are accrued during the period of the employee's active status. Net periodic benefit cost is included in "Salaries and employee benefits" in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. Postretirement benefit costs related to the retiree medical plans were not considered material for any of the years presented. Our cash contributions were equal to the benefits paid.

#### **Defined Contribution Plans**

We participate in a District-wide defined contribution plan. For employees hired before January 1, 2007, employee contributions are matched dollar for dollar up to 2.0% and 50 cents on the dollar on the next 4.0% on both pre-tax and post-tax contributions. The maximum employer match is 4.0%. For employees hired after December 31, 2006, we contribute 3.0% of the employee's compensation and will match employee contributions dollar for dollar up to a maximum of 6.0% on both pre-tax and post-tax contributions. The maximum employee contributions dollar for dollar up to a maximum of 6.0% on both pre-tax and post-tax contributions. The maximum employee contributions dollar for dollar up to a maximum of 6.0% on both pre-tax and post-tax contributions. The maximum employee contribution is 9.0%.

We also participate in a District-wide Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan. Eligible participants must meet one of the following criteria: certain salary thresholds as determined by the IRS, are either a Chief Executive Officer or President of a participating employer or have previously elected pretax deferrals in 2006 under predecessor nonqualified deferred compensation plans. Under this plan the employee may defer a portion of his/her salary, bonus, and other compensation. Additionally, the plan provides for supplemental employer matching contributions related to any compensation deferred by the employee that would have been eligible for a matching contribution under the defined contribution plan if it were not for certain IRS limitations.

Employer contribution expenses for the defined contribution plan, included in "Salaries and employee benefits" in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income, were \$3.7 million, \$3.6 million, and \$3.2 million in 2021, 2020, and 2019, respectively. These expenses were equal to our cash contributions for each year.

#### NOTE 9: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In the ordinary course of business, we may enter into loan transactions with our officers, directors, their immediate family members, and other organizations with which such persons may be associated. Such transactions may be subject to special approval requirements contained in the FCA Regulations and are made on the same terms, including interest rates, amortization schedules, and collateral, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with other persons. In our opinion, none of these loans outstanding at December 31, 2021, involved more than a normal risk of collectability.

Related Party Loans Information			
(in thousands) As of December 31	2021	2020	2019
Total related party loans	\$ 51,747	\$ 40,869	\$ 40,947
For the year ended December 31	2021	2020	2019
Advances to related parties Repayments by related parties	\$ 83,520 71,459	\$ 72,026 66,648	\$ 39,273 38,911

The related parties can be different each year end primarily due to changes in the composition of the Board of Directors and the mix of organizations with which such persons may be associated. Advances and repayments on loans in the preceding chart are related to those considered related parties at each respective year end.

As discussed in Note 5, we borrow from AgriBank, in the form of a line of credit, to fund our loan portfolio. All interest expense, as shown on the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income, was paid to AgriBank.

Total patronage from AgriBank was \$49.9 million, \$50.0 million, and \$45.2 million in 2021, 2020, and 2019, respectively. Patronage income for 2021 and 2019 was paid in cash and AgriBank stock. Patronage income for 2020 was paid in cash.

In addition, we received compensation from AgriBank for servicing loans of \$0.5 million, \$0.5 million, and \$0.6 million in 2021, 2020, and 2019, respectively.

Refer to Note 3 for information on participations sold to AgriBank and Note 4 for stock investment in AgriBank information.

As of December 31, 2021, we purchased certain business services from AgriBank. Until the formation of SunStream Business Services (SunStream) on April 1, 2020, we also purchased tax reporting and insurance services from AgriBank. These services are now purchased from SunStream. We also purchase human resource, benefit, payroll, and workforce management services from Farm Credit Foundations (Foundations). SunStream and Foundations are both System service corporations within the AgriBank District and the costs incurred are included in the table below under AgriBank District Purchased Services. In addition to the services we purchase from AgriBank, SunStream, and Foundations, we also hold an investment in AgriBank and Foundations.

Our customer relationship, reporting, internet, network security, loan accounting, loan origination, and general ledger systems are provided by Farm Credit Financial Partners, Inc. (FPI), a System service corporation, which provides technology and other operational services to its owners. In addition we hold an equity investment in FPI.

#### Additional Related Party Information

(in thousands)			
As of December 31	2021	2020	2019
Investment in AgriBank	\$ 227,709	\$ 212,294	\$ 201,655
Investment in AgDirect, LLP	8,035	4,015	451
Investment in Foundations	80	80	80
Investment in FPI	3,934	3,531	3,433
For the year ended December 31	2021	2020	2019
AgriBank District purchased services	\$ 1,272	\$ 936	\$ 980
FPI purchased services	10,786	11,592	10,518

#### NOTE 10: CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS

In the normal course of business, we have various contingent liabilities and commitments outstanding, which may not be reflected in the Consolidated Financial Statements. We do not anticipate any material losses because of these contingencies or commitments.

We may be named as a defendant in certain lawsuits or legal actions in the normal course of business. At the date of these Consolidated Financial Statements, our management team was not aware of any material actions. However, management cannot ensure that such actions or other contingencies will not arise in the future.

We have commitments to extend credit and letters of credit to satisfy the financing needs of our borrowers. These financial instruments involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit risk in excess of the amount recognized on the financial statements. Commitments to extend credit are agreements to lend to a borrower as long as there is not a violation of any condition established in the loan contract. Standby letters of credit are agreements to pay a beneficiary if there is a default on a contractual arrangement. At December 31, 2021, we had commitments to extend credit and unexercised commitments related to standby letters of credit of \$3.5 billion. We had \$55.5 million of issued standby letters of credit as of December 31, 2021.

Commitments to extend credit and letters of credit generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and we may require payment of a fee. If commitments to extend credit and letters of credit remain unfulfilled or have not expired, they may have credit risk not recognized in the financial statements. Many of the commitments to extend credit and letters of credit will expire without being fully drawn upon. Therefore, the total commitments do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. Certain letters of credit may have recourse provisions that would enable us to recover from third parties amounts paid under guarantees, thereby limiting our maximum potential exposure. The credit risk involved in issuing these financial instruments is essentially the same as that involved in extending loans to borrowers and we apply the same credit policies. The amount of collateral obtained, if deemed necessary by us upon extension of credit, is based on management's credit evaluation of the borrower.

We and other Farm Credit Institutions are among the limited partners for Rural Business Investment Companies (RBICs). As of December 31, 2021, our total commitment is \$14.0 million of which \$2.4 million is unfunded, with varying commitment end dates through November 2023. Certain commitments may have an option to extend under certain circumstances.

#### NOTE 11: FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability. Accounting guidance also establishes a fair value hierarchy, with three input levels that may be used to measure fair value. Refer to Note 2 for a more complete description of the three input levels.

We did not have any assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2021, 2020, or 2019.

#### **Non-Recurring Basis**

We may be required, from time to time, to measure certain assets at fair value on a non-recurring basis.

(in thousands)

#### Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Non-Recurring Basis

As of December 31, 2021	Fair Value Measurement Using							
		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3	Total	Fair Value
Impaired loans	\$		\$		\$	2,704	\$	2,704
Other property owned								
As of December 31, 2020		Fair Va	alue Me	easurement	Using			
		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3	Total	Fair Value
Impaired loans	\$		\$		\$	601	\$	601
Other property owned								

As of December 31, 2019	Fair Value Me	easurement Using		
	 Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total Fair Value
Impaired loans Other property owned	\$ \$ 	\$ 	5,921 147	\$

#### Valuation Techniques

**Impaired Loans:** Represents the carrying amount of loans which were evaluated for individual impairment based on the appraised value of the underlying collateral. When the value of the collateral, less estimated costs to sell, is less than the principal balance of the loan, a specific reserve is established. Costs to sell represent transaction costs and are not included as a component of the asset's fair value. If the process uses observable market-based information, they are classified as Level 2. If the process requires significant input based on management's knowledge of and judgment about current market conditions, specific issues relating to the collateral and other matters, they are classified as Level 3.

Other Property Owned: Represents the fair value of foreclosed assets measured based on the collateral value, which is generally determined using appraisals, or other indications based on sales of similar properties. Costs to sell represent transaction costs and are not included as a component of the asset's fair value. If the process uses observable market-based information, they are classified as Level 2. If the process requires significant input based on management's knowledge of and judgment about current market conditions, specific issues relating to the property and other matters, they are classified as Level 3.

#### NOTE 12: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

We have evaluated subsequent events through March 1, 2022, which is the date the Consolidated Financial Statements were available to be issued.

On January 1, 2022, Farm Credit Services of North Dakota, ACA merged its operations with and into the Association. All shareholders of Farm Credit Services of North Dakota, ACA received capital stock in the Association in exchange for their stock, which was then canceled. This exchange was made at the stock's par value. The FCA issued amended charters for the merged association encompassing the territories previously served by the separate associations.

The merger was accounted for under the acquisition method of accounting in accordance with the FASB Accounting Standards Codification 805 Business Combinations. As the acquirer, the Association recognized the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed in the merger as of January 1, 2022, at their respective fair values. No goodwill was recorded in connection with the transaction. The fair values were based on various assumptions that management believes were reasonable utilizing information available at the time of the transaction.

There have been no other material subsequent events that would require recognition in our 2021 Consolidated Financial Statements or disclosure in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

# DISCLOSURE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY REGULATIONS

AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA (Unaudited)

#### **Description of Business**

General information regarding the Association is incorporated herein by reference from Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in this Annual Report.

The description of significant business developments, if any, is incorporated herein by reference from the Management's Discussion and Analysis section of this Annual Report.

#### **Description of Property**

Property Information		
Location	Description	Usage
Ada, MN	Owned	Branch
Alexandria, MN	Owned	Branch
Antigo, WI	Owned	Branch
Cavalier, ND	Owned	Branch
Crookston, MN	Owned	Branch
Detroit Lakes, MN	Owned	Branch
Devils Lake, ND	Owned	Branch
Elbow Lake, MN	Owned	Branch
Fargo, ND	Owned	Headquarters/Branch
Fergus Falls, MN	Owned	Branch
Fosston, MN	Owned	Branch
Graceville, MN	Owned	Branch
Grafton, ND	Owned	Branch
Grand Forks, ND	Owned	Branch
Hallock, MN	Owned	Branch
Hillsboro, ND	Owned	Branch
Jamestown, ND	Owned	Branch
LaMoure, ND	Owned	Branch
Langdon, ND	Owned	Branch
Lisbon, ND	Owned	Branch
Litchfield, MN	Leased	Branch
Madison, MN	Owned	Branch
Marshall, MN	Owned	Branch
Marshfield, WI	Owned	Branch
Medford, WI	Owned	Branch
Morris, MN	Owned	Branch
Olivia, MN	Owned	Branch
Redwood Falls, MN	Owned	Branch
Roseau, MN	Owned	Branch
St. Louis Park, MN	Leased	AgCountry CFG
Stevens Point, WI	Owned	Branch
Thief River Falls, MN	Leased	Branch
Thorp, WI	Owned	Branch
Valley City, ND	Owned	Branch
Wahpeton, ND	Owned	Branch
Warren, MN	Owned	Branch
Wausau, WI	Owned	Branch
Willmar, MN	Owned	Branch

#### Legal Proceedings

Information regarding legal proceedings is discussed in Note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in this Annual Report. We were not subject to any enforcement actions as of December 31, 2021.

#### **Description of Capital Structure**

Information regarding our capital structure is discussed in Note 6 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in this Annual Report.

#### **Description of Liabilities**

Information regarding liabilities is discussed in Notes 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in this Annual Report. All debt and other liabilities in the financial statements are uninsured.

#### Selected Financial Data

The Consolidated Five-Year Summary of Selected Financial Data is presented at the beginning of this Annual Report.

#### Management's Discussion and Analysis

Information regarding any material aspects of our financial condition, changes in financial condition, and results of operations are discussed in the Management's Discussion and Analysis section of this Annual Report.

#### **Board of Directors**

Our Board of Directors is organized into the following committees to carry out Board responsibilities:

- The Audit Committee fulfills oversight responsibilities in relation to the quality of financial reporting and internal controls including those relating to
  accounting and reporting practices of the Association; those relating to the internal and external auditor; and to serve as an independent and
  objective party to review the financial information presented by management to shareholders, regulators, and the general public. The Committee
  also oversees the adequacy of management's actions with respect to recommendations arising from auditing activities.
- The Human Resources and Compensation Committee assists the Board of Directors in fulfilling its responsibilities concerning evaluation, development, and compensation of the CEO. The Committee reviews and approves the overall compensation policy and programs for senior officers and reviews compensation programs for all other Association employees. The Committee also provides overall direction and/or recommendations concerning benefit programs and other human resource areas.
- The Governance and Strategy Committee addresses corporate governance issues and continuing efforts to strengthen and renew the Board of Directors and provides oversight of long-term strategy direction. The Committee assists the Board of Directors in fulfilling its fiduciary responsibilities relating to the director nomination and election process, membership representation, Board of Directors education and development, policies, bylaws, and standards of conduct/ethics development and review. Committee members also identify, attract, and recommend appointed director candidates as openings occur. The Committee also assists the Board of Directors in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities relating to long-term strategy and strategic direction for the Association, including risk and opportunities relating to such strategy and its alignment with the mission of the Farm Credit System.
- The **Risk Management Committee** assists the Board of Directors in overseeing the integration of risk management in our organization through a formal enterprise risk management process. The Committee monitors the risk framework of the organization, promotes effective management of all risks, and fosters the establishment and maintenance of an effective risk culture throughout the organization.

#### Board of Directors as of December 31, 2021, including business experience during the last five years

Name	Principal occupation and other business affiliations
Edward J. Hegland	Principal occupation:
Board Chair	Self-employed grain farmer
Board Service Began: 2012	Other business affiliations:
Current Term Expires: 2025	Director: AgriBank District Farm Credit Council, a trade association representing the AgriBank District
Greg Sabolik	Principal occupation:
Board Vice Chair	Self-employed grain and dairy farmer
Board Service Began: 2013	President: Bred and Butter Dairy
Current Term Expires: 2025	Vice President: Sabolik Brothers, a grain farm
Leif Aakre	Principal occupation:
Board Service Began: 2011	Self-employed grain farmer
Current Term Expires: 2023	
Suzanne Allen	Principal occupation:
Appointed Outside Director	President of Allen CFO Services, a consulting company (May 2020 to present)
Financial Expert	CFO of Unity Holdings, Inc., a holding company (May 2019-April 2020)
Board Service Began: 2011	CFO of Compudyne, a technology company (September 2016-May 2019)
Current Term Expires: 2023	Other business affiliations:
	Director: American Transmission Company, owns and operates high-voltage electric transmission systems

Principal occupation and other business affiliations
Principal occupation:
Self-employed grain and sugar beet farmer and certified seed potato grower
Other business affiliations:
Board Chair: Board of Supervisors Spring Brook Township, a county government
Board Member: Heritage Christian School, K-12 education
Principal occupation:
Self-employed grain and livestock farmer
Other business affiliations:
Commissioner: Traill County Commission, a political subdivision Director: Lake Agassiz Regional Development Board, a nonprofit economic development organization
Principal occupation:
Self-employed grain farmer
President: Ellison Farm, Inc.
General Partner: Ellison Farm Ltd. Partnership
Other business affiliations:
Director: AgriBank District Farm Credit Council, a trade association representing the AgriBank District
Director: Farm Credit Council, a trade association representing the Farm Credit System
Director: Farm Credit Council Services, Inc. (FCCS), an education and insurance company
Principal occupation:
Self-employed grain, timber, and hay farmer
Manager of a seasonal vegetable plant distribution and sales operation
Owner of a campground
Other business affiliations:
Board Member: Waushara County Human Services, a county department that provides human services to local residents Committee Member: Mt. Morris Township Land Use Committee, a political subdivision
Principal occupation:
Self-employed grain and livestock farmer
Principal occupation:
Self-employed grain and livestock farmer
Principal occupation:
Self-employed grain farmer
Principal occupation:
Senior Research Fellow in Food Systems Security and Preparedness, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2018-present)
Governance Consultant to Alberta Community and Co-operative Association and British Columbia
Co-op Association (2018-present)
Director, Office of Preparedness & Emergency Health Care, Wisconsin Department of Health Services (2016-2017) Other business affiliations:
Treasurer: Group Health Cooperative of South Central Wisconsin, a health care insurance company
Board of Trustees Chair: \$7.0 billion Wisconsin College Savings Program 529
Board Member: Slipstream, Inc., an energy conservation company
Director: Farm Credit Council Services, Inc. (FCCS), an education and insurance company
Director: Farm Credit Council Services, Inc. (FCCS), an education and insurance company Board Member: U.S. Selective Service Board for Wisconsin, U.S. Government Agency
Board Member: U.S. Selective Service Board for Wisconsin, U.S. Government Agency Board Member/President: New Glarus Board of Education, K-12 primary education
Board Member: U.S. Selective Service Board for Wisconsin, U.S. Government Agency Board Member/President: New Glarus Board of Education, K-12 primary education Principal: Jahn Research Group, national security research
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Board Member: U.S. Selective Service Board for Wisconsin, U.S. Government Agency         Board Member/President: New Glarus Board of Education, K-12 primary education         Principal: Jahn Research Group, national security research         Board Member: Green County Leaders, leadership development         Fellow: Canadian Centre for Study of Co-operatives, Co-op education         Research Principal: University of Saskatchewan, national security research         Principal occupation:         Owner of Pietig Book-Works, an accounting and tax practice
Board Member: U.S. Selective Service Board for Wisconsin, U.S. Government Agency Board Member/President: New Glarus Board of Education, K-12 primary education Principal: Jahn Research Group, national security research Board Member: Green County Leaders, leadership development Fellow: Canadian Centre for Study of Co-operatives, Co-op education Research Principal: University of Saskatchewan, national security research <b>Principal occupation:</b>

Name	Principal occupation and other business affiliations						
Curtis Trost	Principal occupation:						
Board Service Began: 2020	Self-employed grain farmer						
Current Term Expires: 2024	Other business affiliations:						
-	President: Curtis Trost Farming, Inc.						
	Board Vice Chairperson: Serenity Suites Senior Living, an assisted living and memory care facility						
Mary Kay Van Der Geest	Principal occupation:						
Board Service Began: 2008	Self-employed dairy farmer						
Current Term Expires: 2022	Other business affiliations:						
	Director: Van Der Geest Dairy Cattle, a dairy and cropping farming operation						
	Advisor: Van Der Geest Maine Dairy Inc., a dairy farming operation						
	Advisor: Van Der Geest Dairy Sales, a cattle sales organization						
Dale Zahradka	Principal occupation:						
Board Service Began: 2002	Self-employed grain farmer						
Current Term Expires: 2022							
Michael Zenker	Principal occupation:						
Board Service Began: 2015	Self-employed grain farmer						
Current Term Expires: 2023	Seed dealer						

Board elections were held in January after the effective date of the merger. Greg Sabolik was elected as Board Chair and Lynn Pietig was elected Vice Chair.

Thomas Henry, Bryan Ankenbauer, and Steven Perdue, directors from Farm Credit Services of North Dakota, joined the AgCountry Board of Directors as the result of the merger effective January 1, 2022. Their AgCountry Board terms expire in 2024, 2025, and 2026, respectively.

Pursuant to our bylaws, directors are paid for attendance at board meetings, committee meetings, or other special assignments. Directors are also reimbursed for expenses incurred in connection with such meetings or assignments. In 2021, each director received an annual base retainer of \$41,700. In addition, the Board Chairperson received an additional \$8,400, the Vice Chairperson and the Audit Committee Chairperson received an additional \$5,400, the Human Resources and Compensation Committee Chairperson and Governance Committee Chairperson received an additional \$3,000, and each Audit Committee member, other than the Chairperson, received an additional \$1,500. All retainer fees were paid monthly. All directors also received travel time compensation of \$0.75 per mile for regular meetings.

Information regarding compensation paid to each director who served during 2021 follows:

	Num	ber of Days Serve	d	Compensation		
		Other		paid for service		Total
	Board	Official	On a	on a Board		Compensation
Name	Meetings	Activities	Committee	Committee	Name of Committee	Earned in 2021
Leif Aakre	15.00	5.50	3.75 \$	1,500	Audit	\$ 44,908
Suzanne Allen	15.00	13.25	3.75	5,400	Audit	49,693
Justin Dagen	14.50	13.75	2.00	-	Governance	43,808
Kurt Elliott	14.75	13.50	3.75	1,500	Audit	40,926
Mark Ellison	15.00	16.25	3.00	3,000	Compensation	49,530
Scott Gerbig*	11.00	5.00	2.50	1,000	Audit	31,689
Edward J. Hegland	15.00	19.25	2.50	8,400	Governance	57,788
James Jarvis	15.00	12.25	2.50	-	Governance	47,972
Karen Kerner**	4.00	3.25	1.25	500	Audit	16,583
Michael Long	15.00	11.00	3.00	-	Compensation	43,954
Greg Nelson	14.50	5.00	3.00	-	Compensation	43,425
William Oemichen	15.00	11.00	3.00	-	Compensation	52,243
Lynn Pietig	15.00	9.25	3.75	1,500	Audit	46,111
Greg Sabolik	15.00	9.50	2.50	5,400	Governance	52,619
Curtis Trost	15.00	9.50	3.75	1,500	Audit	46,155
Mary Kay Van Der Geest	15.00	9.75	3.00	-	Compensation	45,539
Dale Zahradka	15.00	20.00	2.50	3,000	Governance	49,915
Michael Zenker	13.25	6.00	3.00	-	Compensation	 44,032
						\$ 806,890

\* No longer on the Board at December 31, 2021

\*\* Elected to the Board in 2021

#### **Senior Officers**

Name and Position	Business experience and other business affiliations
Marcus L. Knisely	Business experience:
President and	President and Chief Executive Officer since 1998
Chief Executive Officer	Other business affiliations:
	Board member of Farm Credit Financial Partners, Inc., a related entity discussed on page 9
Rebecca A. Thibert	Business experience:
Chief Financial Officer	Chief Financial Officer from October 2020 to present
	Chief Technology Officer and Acting CFO from June 2020 to September 2020
	EVP Strategic Technology from July 2017 to June 2020
	VP Strategic Technology from June 2014 to June 2017
Kim Zeltinger	Business experience:
Chief Credit Officer	Chief Credit Officer from August 2018 to present
	Chief Credit Officer-Elect from June 2018 to July 2018
	SVP of Credit from July 2017 to May 2018
	VP of Credit from January 1999 to June 2017
Mark Rehovsky	Business experience:
Chief Marketplace Officer	Chief Marketplace Officer from March 2012 to December 2021
Jeffrey A. Schmidt	Business experience:
Chief Risk Officer	Chief Risk Officer from August 2018 to present
	SVP Credit from July 2017 to July 2018
	Chief Credit Officer, United FCS from July 2008 to June 2017
Randy Aberle	Business experience:
EVP Agribusiness and Capital	EVP Agribusiness and Capital Markets from November 2011 to present
Markets	Other business affiliations:
	Board Chairperson for ProPartners Financial, a related alliance discussed on page 9
Jessica Fyre	Business experience:
Chief Operations Officer and	Chief Operations Officer and General Counsel from October 2020 to present
General Counsel	EVP General Counsel from July 2013 to September 2020
	Other business affiliations:
	Board Vice Chair of Farm Credit Financial Partners, Inc., a related entity discussed on page 9
	Board member of AgriBank District Farm Credit Council, a trade association representing the AgriBank District
Howard Olson	Business experience:
SVP Government and	SVP Government and Public Affairs from January 2020 to present
Public Affairs	SVP Insurance and Communications from August 2016 to December 2019
	Other business affiliations:
	Board Chair of Midwest Council on Agriculture, an organization which advocates for strong agriculture and economic policy
	Board member of Minnesota AgriGrowth Council, a non-profit organization representing the agriculture and food systems industry
Jeni Strand	Business experience:
EVP Human Resources	EVP Human Resources from July 2017 to present VP Human Resources from January 2008 to June 2017

Gordon Hanson, CEO of Farm Credit Services of North Dakota, joined the Executive Leadership Team on January 1, 2022 in the role of Chief Strategy Officer. Troy Andreasen became Chief Marketplace Officer effective January 1, 2022, when Mark Rehovsky changed roles at AgCountry.

#### **Senior Officer Compensation**

**Compensation Risk Management:** We believe the design and governance of our CEO and senior officer compensation program is consistent with and promotes the accomplishment of our key business objective of ensuring sound risk management for the benefit of our shareholders. The philosophy underlying our program is to provide a total compensation package that attracts and retains highly qualified senior officers who are incented to ensure a safe, sound, and dependable source of credit and financial services for agriculture and rural America. The Human Resources and Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors has established a compensation program that focuses on achieving both annual and long-term business results that are consistent with the best interests of our shareholders. The design of our senior officer compensation program supports our goals through a set of checks and balances, including (1) a balanced mix of base and variable pay, (2) a balanced mix of short-term and long-term incentives, (3) a balanced use of financial, credit, and marketplace performance measures that are risk-adjusted where appropriate, and (4) individual pay awards based on results. The program is further designed to (1) reward successful business year results through annual short-term incentives, (2) foster the advancement of strategic business plans and goals and long-term financial growth and stability through the long-term incentives; and (3) contribute to the retention of the CEO and senior officers.

Elements of Compensation: The CEO and senior officers are compensated with salary and variable pay in the form of direct cash, short-term incentives, long-term incentives, and retirement plans generally available to all eligible employees Our Board of Directors, through the Human Resources and Compensation Committee, determines the appropriate balance of base salary, short-term incentives, and long-term incentives, which are intended to be competitive.

Base Salary: The CEO and senior officer base salaries reflect the market, individual performance results, officer's experience, and level of responsibility. Association performance relative to objectives established in the annual business plan is reflected in base salary adjustments, consistent with the responsibility of each position. The CEO and each senior officer are compensated consistent with achievement of individual and Association key business objectives. The base salary for the CEO is approved by our Board of Directors and the base salaries for other senior officers are approved by the CEO subject to the terms of the compensation program approved by the Human Resources and Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. Salaries are also subject to adjustment based on changes in responsibilities and/or competitive market conditions.

Long-term Incentives: Certain senior officers, including the CEO, are eligible to receive long-term incentive compensation through a Long-term Incentive Plan. The Long-term Incentive Plan defers payment of compensation during a three year plan cycle. The payout of the long-term incentive award occurs at the end of the three year plan cycle and is conditioned upon successful performance of the participant(s) and the Association exceeding the threshold of plan performance metrics. The performance metrics align with long-term performance objectives and goals and are established by the AgCountry Board Human Resources and Compensation Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. Plan participation is contingent on signing a non-solicitation and nondisclosure agreement.

Short-term Incentives: The CEO and senior officer incentives are paid annually based on performance criteria established by our Board of Directors. The criteria related to the overall Association performance provides a balanced approach that includes: pre-tax net income, efficiency ratio, credit administration rating, and marketplace measured by average daily balance change for loans. Additionally, criteria related to personal performance include attainment of personal objectives and individual performance ratings. The CEO and senior officer short-term incentive is based 70% on the overall Association performance and 30% on individual performance measures. The Board of Directors establishes the CEO's individual performance measures and ratings. The CEO establishes senior officer performance measures and ratings. Incentives are calculated after the end of the plan year (the plan year is the calendar year) and are paid within 90 days of year end. In addition, any employee who achieves performance levels above and beyond the criteria in the short-term incentive plan may be awarded an additional bonus as approved by their supervisor, the EVP Human Resources, and the CEO, or by the Board of Directors if the bonus is for the CEO.

Retirement Plans: We have various post-employment benefit plans, which are generally available to all Association employees, including the CEO and senior officers, based on dates of service to the Association and are not otherwise differentiated by position, unless specifically stated. Information regarding the post-employment benefit plans is included in Notes 2 and 8 of this Annual Report.

Other Components of Compensation: Additionally, compensation associated with the company vehicle program, group term life insurance premiums, disability insurance premiums, years of service awards for retirees, or other taxable reimbursements may be made available to the CEO and senior officers based on job criteria or similar plans available to all employees.

Total

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2,735

4,720

6,700

8,576

Compensation to the CEO and Senior Offi	cers						
(in thousands) Name	Year	Salary	Variable Pay	Deferred/ Perquisites	Long-Term Incentive <sup>1</sup>	Other	
Marcus L. Knisely, President and CEO	2021	\$ 715	\$ 425	\$ 12	\$ 333	\$ 616	\$
Marcus L. Knisely, President and CEO	2020	676	406	12	214	1,432	
Marcus L. Knisely, President and CEO	2019	650	415	71	105	1,494	
Aggregate Number of Senior Officers, exclude	ling CEO						
Eight	2021	\$ 2,176	\$ 1,026	\$ 25	\$ 556	\$ 937	\$
Nine <sup>2</sup>	2020	2,126	932	20	362	3,260	
Ten <sup>3</sup>	2019	2,299	898	21	178	5,180	

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<sup>1</sup>Long-Term Incentive Plan amounts are not comparable year-over-year since 2019 was the first year of the Long-Term Incentive plan which covers a three year plan cycle. <sup>2</sup>Includes one Senior Officer who resigned in June 2020.

<sup>3</sup>Includes one Senior Officer that retired in August 2019.

The Farm Credit Administration (FCA) Regulations require the disclosure of the total compensation paid during the last fiscal year to all senior officers included in the above table be available and disclosed to our members upon request.

The amount in the "Other" category in the preceding table primarily includes:

- Employer match on defined contribution plans available to all employees.
- Changes in the value of pension benefits. The change in value of the pension benefits is defined as the change in the vested portion of the present value of the accumulated benefit obligation from December 31 of the prior year to December 31 of the most recent year for the District-wide Pension Plan and the Pension Restoration Plan, as applicable, as disclosed in Note 8 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in this Annual Report. This change in value does not represent cash payments made by the Association during the year, but rather is an estimate of the change in the Association's future obligations under the pension plans. The change in the value of the pension benefits is highly sensitive to discount rates used to value the plan liabilities to participants.
- Amounts related to retention, retirement, and in 2020, a one-time payout of unused vacation hours.

No tax reimbursements are made to the CEO and senior officers.

Generally, pension benefits increase annually as a result of an additional year of credited service and related compensation for plan participants. The value of the pension benefits increased significantly in 2020 and 2019, primarily due to the decrease in interest rates year over year.

#### Pension Benefits Attributable to the CEO and Senior Officers

(dollars in thousands) <b>2021</b> Name	Plan	Years of Credited Service	Present Value of Accumulated Benefits	Made During the
Marcus L. Knisely, President and CEO	AgriBank District Retirement Plan AgriBank District Pension Restoration Plan	43.5 43.5	\$	\$ 
Aggregate Number of Senior Officers, excl	uding CEO			
Five	AgriBank District Retirement Plan	35.0	\$ 13,017	\$
Four	AgriBank District Pension Restoration Plan	35.7	1,355	

The change in composition of the aggregate senior officers can have a significant impact on the calculation of the accumulated pension benefits.

Effective January 1, 2007, the AgriBank District Retirement Plan was closed to new employees. Therefore, any employee starting employment with the AgriBank District after that date is not eligible to be in the plan.

The AgriBank District Pension Restoration Plan restores retirement benefits to certain eligible, highly compensated employees that would have been provided under the qualified plan if such benefits were not above certain Internal Revenue Code limits.

#### **Transactions with Senior Officers and Directors**

Information regarding related party transactions is discussed in Note 9 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in this Annual Report.

#### Travel, Subsistence, and Other Related Expenses

Directors and senior officers are reimbursed for reasonable travel, subsistence, and other related expenses associated with business functions. A copy of our policy for reimbursing these costs is available by contacting us at:

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The total directors' travel, subsistence, and other related expenses were \$0.2 million, \$0.2 million, and \$0.3 million in 2021, 2020, and 2019, respectively.

#### Involvement in Certain Legal Proceedings

No events occurred during the past five years that are material to evaluating the ability or integrity of any person who served as a director or senior officer on January 1, 2022, or at any time during 2021.

#### Member Privacy

The FCA Regulations protect members' nonpublic personal financial information. Our directors and employees are restricted from disclosing information about our Association or our members not normally contained in published reports or press releases.

#### **Relationship with Qualified Public Accountant**

There were no changes in the independent auditors since the last Annual Report to members and we are in agreement with the opinion expressed by the independent auditors. The total financial statement audit fees paid during 2021 were \$0.5 million. Our engagement letter commits to reimbursing the external auditor for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses as incurred for travel. In addition, we incurred \$7,500 for tax services and \$20,000 for non-audit services related to transfer pricing services which were approved by the Audit Committee. We also incurred \$58,300 for merger-related preclearance services and inclusion letters which were approved by the Audit Committee.

#### **Financial Statements**

The Report of Management, Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting, Report of Audit Committee, Report of Independent Auditors, Consolidated Financial Statements, and Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements are presented prior to this portion of the Consolidated Financial Statements in this Annual Report.

#### Our Commitment to Serve Young, Beginning and Small Farmers and Ranchers

Information regarding credit and services to young, beginning, and small farmers and ranchers, and producers or harvesters of aquatic products is discussed in an addendum to this Annual Report.

# Our Commitment to Serve Young, Beginning and Small Farmers

(Unaudited)

## Serving our young, beginning and small farmer (YBSF/YBF) customers is a priority at AgCountry.

### Young, Beginning and Small Farmers Defined

- Young Farmer: A farmer or rancher who is 35 years of age or less as of the loan transaction date.
- **Beginning Farmer**: A farmer or rancher who has 10 years or less of farming or ranching experience as of the loan transaction date.
- Small Farmer: A farmer or rancher who normally generates less than \$250,000 in annual gross sales of agricultural products.

## Our Mission for Serving Young, Beginning and Small Farmers

Our mission is to serve agriculture and rural America.

- For young, beginning farmers, this means: We support the successful entry of young and beginning farmers into production agriculture through specialized credit underwriting, educational/informational programs and other activities.
- For small farmers, this means: We provide convenient, easy and cost-effective access to our products and services at competitive prices.

## Our Objectives for Serving Young, Beginning Farmers

- 1. To identify individuals with the personal management skills and drive to build a full-scale, full-time operation.
- 2. To apply alternative credit standards to the young, beginning farmer market segment, invest the specialized skills of our staff in serving this segment and provide subsidies for interest rates and financial services.
- 3. To closely monitor the business transition plans of our young, beginning farmers with growing and larger operations to ensure that from a customer value, service and monitoring standpoint, we are positioned with the next generation of owner/operators.

## Our Progress in Achieving These Objectives

AgCountry markets to young and beginning farmer prospects. We monitor the farm business transition plans of customers and prospects, including offering succession and retirement planning consulting. Customer information for underwriting is streamlined and often relies on credit scoring tools. Our young and beginning credit underwriting allows exceptions to established underwriting standards, provides for defined interest rate pricing exceptions and subsidies on eligible financial services. Scholarships and numerous educational opportunities are also provided.

## **Our Objectives for Serving Small Farmers**

- 1. To establish small farmer delivery and processing systems that are streamlined and efficient using technology and branch offices to achieve cost-effective access and competitive prices.
- 2. To pursue decision-making methodology that streamlines the credit process, along with processes that maximize disbursement and payment alternatives (such as revolving loans, scorecards, online loan applications, purchase or debit cards and online banking).
- 3. To identify customers within the small farmer segment that have the capacity and the goal to become a larger farm operation and provide them with more loan officer and financial services interaction that brings us closer to the people-intensive portion of our value proposition provided for larger, full-scale farm operations.

## **Our Progress in Achieving These Objectives**

AgCountry has 38 offices to serve this segment as well as access through dealer retail financing. Customer information for underwriting is streamlined and often relies on credit scoring tools. All financial services are made available and we provide additional support to those units with a business expansion strategy.

## Quantitative Goals and Status [Annual, Three-Year and Actual]

Goal: 25% of producer loan customers will be coded young or beginning.

- Status: Annual: 25%
- Three-Year: 25%
- Actual: 25.6%

Goal: 25% of all producer relationships will be young or beginning.

- Status: Annual: 25%
- Three-Year: 25%
- Actual: 30.8%

Goal: YBSF volume will remain above 35% of ongoing producer credit branch operations volume.

- Status: Annual: 35%
- Three-Year: 35%
- Actual: 32.0%

Goal: Educational/informational opportunities provided to YBFs annually.

- Status: Annual: 350
- Three-Year: 900
- Actual: 525

**Goal**: The YBF portfolio will be maintained at or above 85% acceptable credit quality. The small farmer portfolio will be maintained at or above 94% acceptable credit quality.

- Status: Annual: 85% and 94%
- Three-Year: 85% and 94%
- Actual: Young and Beginning: 99.2% | Small: 99.4%

Goal: 25% of our new loan volume will go to YBFs annually.

- Status: Annual: 25%
- Three-Year: 25%
- Actual: 28.1%

**Goal**: Small farmer customer numbers will be greater than 50% of all producer loan and lease relationships.

- Status: Annual: 50%
- Three-Year: 50%
- Actual: 43.8%

## **Qualitative Goals and Status**

**Goal**: The capacity to use Farm Services Agency (FSA) and state programs will be maintained as a tool for a YBF operator.

- Status:
  - FSA assisted in providing 32 YBF with new loans.
  - PPP Loans totaling 1,112 for YBF.

**Goal**: Succession and retirement/transition planning consultative services will be provided to young and beginning farmers.

• Status: These services were provided to 112 YBF.

Goal: AgCountry's full spectrum of financial services will be made available to young and beginning farmers.

Status:

Services	Number Served			
Тах	776			
Farm Accounting	260			
Succession & Retirement	112			
Crop Insurance	635			

**Goal**: Educational and informational opportunities will be provided to young and beginning farmers.

- **Status**: The following educational and informational opportunities were provided to young and beginning farmers in 2021:
  - Marketing education workshop was held in January:
    - YBF registered: 59
  - Winter educational events were held throughout our territory featuring topics on commodity marketing insurance, tax and other financial services
    - YBF registered: 170
  - The AgCountry Young Farmer Advisory Committee, consisting of 14 YBF families, met in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota in July to discuss challenges for young and beginning farmers. The committee received a briefing from different AgCountry departments and a political update on ag-related issues coming out of Washington, D.C.
  - Resources targeted to YBF were shared via social media throughout the year
  - Podcasts produced by AgCountry are made available to YBF as resources

**Goal**: Focus group meetings will be held periodically with select groups of young and beginning or small farmers.

• Status: AgCountry did not host any focus group meetings in 2021 due to the pandemic.

**Goal**: Financial and in-kind support will be provided to programs that foster the development of young farmers, such as 4H and FFA.

- Status:
  - More than \$336,700 was donated to such programs, including 4H, FFA, Farm Management/Leadership Programs, farm safety camps and educational seminars offered through county Extension Service offices.
  - \$16,812 in scholarships was awarded to YBF customers to attend The Executive Program for Agricultural Producers (TEPAP) at Texas A&M University.
  - \$36,000 in scholarships were awarded to 36 high school seniors pursuing careers in agriculture.
  - Scholarships of \$14,000 were awarded to 14 North Dakota State University (NDSU) students in the Farm Credit Fellows program.
  - \$10,000 in scholarships were awarded to 10 Upperclassmen in our Association Territory.
  - As part of the Risk and Trade Center Scholarship Endowment donation each year, a total of \$5,600 was paid out to students in 2021.

**Goal**: Information about special exceptions to credit standards, special pricing options and other services available to young and beginning farmers will be distributed through branch offices, trade shows and focus group meetings and our website.

• Status: This continues to be accomplished.

Young, Beginning and Small Farmer Demographics in Our Service Area	Census 2012	AgCountry Producer Loan and Lease Portfolio			
35 years of age or less	7.8%	21.9%			
10 years or less of experience farming	14.5%	25.6%			
Farms less than \$250,000 Value Farm Sales	74.8%	43.8%			

## Data Differences:

- The age and farmer experience is as of the date of the ag census, while AgCountry compiled as of the date the loan was made.
- Small farmers is by farm entity from the ag census data, while AgCountry data is compiled as of the date of the loan and the total value of sales of closely related entities rather than individual entities.
- Census data reflects all farms whether they use debt or not. This reflects only 40.3% of farms have debt.
- Of the farms reporting to the Census report, 19.6% of the farms had sales less than \$10,000.

# Safety and Soundness of the Program:

Goals are established for loan quality of these customer segments. The association is well above these goals at this time. The Starting Gate program, which is a subset of the young and beginning farmer program, also limits the size of individual transactions and an overall dollar amount available for this program because of the increased risk.

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