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A Message From The CEO & Board Chair

We are proud of the work our cooperative does every day to serve the financial needs of agriculture and rural communities. We are also grateful for the continued support and engagement of our patrons. Our success could not be achieved without member support.

Membership in a cooperative has rewards. The last few years have ushered in higher interest rates, fluctuating commodity markets, rising input costs, and inflation that we have not witnessed in quite some time. AgCountry has acted to provide a level of stability by absorbing multiple interest rate hikes by the Federal Reserve and declaring a record patronage year after year. These are just a few examples that signify the financial strength of our cooperative and the rewards we offer.

Our farmer-led Board of Directors understands where our industry sits today and what we have experienced to get here. The record \$125 million patronage declared by the Board for eligible business conducted in 2023 is a gesture of appreciation and commitment. We continue to meet our goal of a 100-basis point (1%) patronage payout, but the Board declared a special secondary 50-basis (.5%) point patronage payout to celebrate the unique success we achieved in 2023. The fiscal cycle we have experienced recently has not been easy, but we appreciate all those who choose to do business with AgCountry. We believe it pays to be a member, and we are grateful for every one of you.

The AgCountry Board of Directors has been proactively seeking new ways to deliver long-term value to our association. The Board signed an agreement for a strategic Collaboration with Farm Credit Services of America and Frontier Farm Credit in December 2023. This Collaboration will accelerate the accomplishment of our strategic vision, enhance cost efficiency, tap new market opportunities, and provide additional resources for specialized programs, industry



Lynn Pietig
AgCountry Farm Credit Services
Board Chair



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

insights, and technology to meet the diverse needs of all segments of agriculture. We believe that working together will result in a stronger, more resilient AgCountry, better positioned to navigate the dynamic needs of our members and agriculture.

We recognize the past few years have had their ups and downs, and we are proud of the resilience of our agricultural communities and members. Our farmers and ranchers faced challenges, and we are honored to have played our part in supporting them. We thank our members for working with us to build a better future for our agricultural communities and our cooperative.

Thank you for your support and continued patronage with AgCountry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn Pietig".

Lynn Pietig, Board Chair
AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marcus L. Knisely".

Marcus L. Knisely, President and CEO
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,	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Condensed Statement of Condition Data					
Loans	\$ 13,179,771	\$ 11,644,302	\$ 9,103,774	\$ 8,472,145	\$ 7,774,194
Allowance for credit losses on loans	34,987	30,068	22,946	22,344	26,974
Net loans	13,144,784	11,614,234	9,080,828	8,449,801	7,747,220
Investment in AgriBank, FCB	414,736	336,682	227,709	212,294	201,655
Other assets	359,713	288,619	224,795	207,427	232,650
Total assets	\$ 13,919,233	\$ 12,239,535	\$ 9,533,332	\$ 8,869,522	\$ 8,181,525
Obligations with maturities of one year or less	\$ 302,754	\$ 221,083	\$ 141,150	\$ 135,630	\$ 135,314
Obligations with maturities greater than one year	10,974,200	9,521,014	7,379,556	6,830,857	6,246,387
Total liabilities	11,276,954	9,742,097	7,520,706	6,966,487	6,381,701
Capital stock and participation certificates	13,158	13,144	11,755	11,936	12,151
Capital stock and participation certificates receivable	(13,158)	(13,144)	(11,755)	(11,936)	--
Additional paid-in capital	662,638	662,638	304,385	304,385	304,385
Unallocated surplus	1,987,117	1,843,363	1,718,268	1,608,312	1,488,700
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(7,476)	(8,563)	(10,027)	(9,662)	(5,412)
Total members' equity	2,642,279	2,497,438	2,012,626	1,903,035	1,799,824
Total liabilities and members' equity	\$ 13,919,233	\$ 12,239,535	\$ 9,533,332	\$ 8,869,522	\$ 8,181,525
For the year ended December 31,	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Condensed Statement of Income Data					
Net interest income	\$ 346,333	\$ 279,942	\$ 210,704	\$ 206,603	\$ 194,300
Provision for credit losses	33,841	4,946	974	(2,754)	11,553
Other expenses, net	58,154	66,487	32,274	25,695	24,901
Net income	\$ 254,338	\$ 208,509	\$ 177,456	\$ 183,662	\$ 157,846
Key Financial Ratios					
For the Year					
Return on average assets	2.0%	1.8%	2.0%	2.2%	2.0%
Return on average members' equity	9.8%	8.6%	9.1%	10.0%	9.0%
Net interest income as a percentage of average earning assets	2.8%	2.5%	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%
Net charge-offs (recoveries) as a percentage of average loans	0.1%	(0.0%)	(0.0%)	0.0%	0.0%
At Year End					
Members' equity as a percentage of total assets	19.0%	20.4%	21.1%	21.5%	22.0%
Allowance for credit losses on loans as a percentage of loans	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%
Common equity tier 1 ratio	15.1%	16.6%	17.6%	18.1%	18.6%
Tier 1 capital ratio	15.1%	16.6%	17.6%	18.1%	18.6%
Total capital ratio	15.3%	16.8%	17.9%	18.4%	18.9%
Permanent capital ratio	15.1%	16.6%	17.7%	18.1%	18.6%
Tier 1 leverage ratio	17.7%	19.2%	20.3%	20.4%	20.8%
Net Income Distributed					
Patronage distributions payable to members ¹	\$ 125,000	\$ 83,500	\$ 67,500	\$ 64,050	\$ 60,000

¹The patronage distribution to members accrued for the year ended December 31, 2023, is distributed in cash during the first and second quarters of 2024. The patronage distributions accrued for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021, 2020, and 2019, were distributed in cash during the first quarter of the subsequent year.

The merger between AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA (AgCountry) and Farm Credit Services of North Dakota, ACA (FCS ND) was effective January 1, 2022. The effects of the merger with FCS ND are included in our financial position and results of operations beginning January 1, 2022. Prior year results have not been restated to reflect the impact of the merger.

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, 2024, the System consisted of three Farm Credit Banks, one Agricultural Credit Bank, and 56 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 customers the System serves.

The AgriBank Farm Credit District (AgriBank District or the District) is primarily comprised of AgriBank, FCB (AgriBank), a System Farm Credit Bank, and its District associations. 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 and FCS ND was effective January 1, 2022. The merged entity, AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA, is headquartered in Fargo, ND. The effects of the merger with FCS ND are included in our financial position at December 31, 2023, and 2022. Results of operations, equity, and cash flows reflect the results of AgCountry prior to January 1, 2022, and the merged Association after January 1, 2022.

NOTICE OF SIGNIFICANT OR MATERIAL EVENTS

The Boards of Directors of AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA, Farm Credit Services of America, ACA, and Frontier Farm Credit, ACA entered into an agreement with an effective date of December 29, 2023, that provides for a contractual collaboration among the three Farm Credit associations. Subject to completion of certain shareholder engagement activities and consent from the associations' respective supervisory banks, the agreement provides that the three associations will be jointly managed and will commence sharing income and losses on April 1, 2024, or as soon as reasonably practical thereafter. Mark Jensen, current joint President and CEO of Farm Credit Services of America, ACA and Frontier Farm Credit, ACA, will serve as the joint President and CEO for all three associations and Marc Knisely, current President and CEO of AgCountry, will join the newly formed joint executive leadership team. The associations will deploy a common business approach to the development and delivery of products and services and use common technology platforms which accommodate differences in local marketplace conditions. While the associations will be jointly managed and operate under jointly developed strategic business plans and supporting plans, they will remain separate organizations with strong local representation through independent boards of directors and distinct patronage programs.

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
- Economic fluctuations, including inflationary indicators, 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 government-sponsored 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 and U.S. Treasury 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
- Length and severity of an epidemic or pandemic
- Changes in our assumptions for determining the allowance for credit losses and fair value measurements
- Industry outlooks for agricultural conditions

AGRICULTURAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

The U.S. economy avoided a recession in 2023 and talk of a soft landing continued. The Personal Consumption Expenditures Index held up well during the last quarter of the year despite higher interest rates. The Federal Reserve continued to maintain the federal funds rate of 5.25-5.50% through December 2023. The market generally expects the Federal Reserve to begin reducing rates in 2024.

The Consumer Price Index for all-items increased 3.4% in 2023. Shelter continued to be a large contributor to the monthly all-items increase. There are signs that consumer spending may slow in 2024 although economists do not expect a significant decrease.

The unemployment rate held at 3.7% in December 2023 and the number of unemployed people was unchanged at 6.3 million. Total nonfarm employment rose by 216,000 jobs. Recent data shows some softening in the labor market which may lead to moderate increases in unemployment in 2024.

AgCountry pays close attention to global, national, and local events, and assesses the impact of those events on our customers and our cooperative as we fulfill our mission to serve agriculture and rural America. Despite the current volatile rate environment, AgCountry consistently helps customers succeed by providing constructive credit and financial services products.

AgCountry serves a broad range of commodities and agricultural industries across its three-state territory and participates with other Farm Credit associations in credit delivery across the Nation. The summaries below provide a high-level overview of conditions and outlook for the primary commodities in our local service area. See www.agcountry.com/resources for a more comprehensive discussion of current economic conditions and impact on commodities.

Specific Production Conditions

Corn: Throughout the course of the fourth quarter of 2023, contract lows were set in both old crop and new crop contracts due to an increase in yield estimates in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report as well as a large South American production estimate. In the January 2024 WASDE report, corn yield was increased 2.4 bushels per acre to a record 177.3 bushels per acre thereby increasing estimated production and ending stocks.

Soybeans: Trending in the same direction as the corn market, soybeans are trading at the lowest levels since mid-June of 2023. The January 2024 WASDE report increased soybean yield by 0.7 bushels per acre to 50.6 bushels per acre due to an increase from Illinois, Missouri, and North Dakota. The additional yield resulted in an increase in production of 36 million bushels to 4.165 billion bushels. Ending stocks came in well above pre-report estimates at an increase of 35 million bushels to 280 million bushels.

Wheat: Following the pattern of corn and soybeans, old and new wheat crop contracts continue to set contract lows. The January 2024 USDA WASDE report brought a mostly neutral tone to the wheat market. The USDA decreased all wheat ending stocks by 11 million bushels to 648 million bushels. Total winter wheat planted acres came in at 34.4 million acres, down 6% from last year and below average trade estimate of 35.9 million acres.

Sugar: Due to an increase in production and imports, the U.S. sugar supply increased by 189,687 short tons, raw value, putting pressure on bulk refined sugar prices. Pricing in 2024/2025, while steady between 53 to 55 cents per pound, is relatively lower than prices in the prior 18 months that reached as high as 70 cents. Mexico's production decrease of 267,000 million metric tons has resulted in an increase in U.S. sugar exports of 60,000 to 160,000 short tons raw value destined for Mexico.

Dairy: A lower milk cow inventory and lower-than-expected milk per cow resulted in 2023 milk production being reduced in December 2023. Reduced cheese production and exports weighed down Class III milk prices. Looking into 2024, cheese prices are expected to be lower, while butter, non-fat dry milk, and whey are estimated to be higher.

Biofuels: According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), U.S. ethanol production averaged 1.02 million barrels per day in 2023. The EIA estimates in 2024 production will continue to average 1.02 million barrels per day, up from last month's estimate of 1 million barrels per day. By March 28, 2024, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will issue a final ruling on year-round sales of gasoline containing 15% ethanol (E15). The ruling could lead to eight states being granted year-round sales of E15 thereby increasing demand for ethanol.

LOAN PORTFOLIO

Loan Portfolio

Total loans were \$13.2 billion at December 31, 2023, an increase of \$1.5 billion from December 31, 2022.

Components of Loans

(in thousands)

As of December 31,	2023	2022	2021
Accrual loans:			
Real estate mortgage	\$ 4,893,120	\$ 4,625,358	\$ 3,931,084
Production and intermediate-term	3,097,503	2,686,784	2,103,272
Agribusiness	3,335,278	3,015,229	2,253,251
Other	1,808,030	1,292,071	804,792
Nonaccrual loans	45,840	24,860	11,375
Total loans	<u>\$ 13,179,771</u>	<u>\$ 11,644,302</u>	<u>\$ 9,103,774</u>

The other category is primarily composed of rural infrastructure related loans.

The increase in total loans from December 31, 2022, was primarily due to growth from ongoing business operations.

The Association participates in asset pool programs to effectively leverage District capital and other cooperative benefits, as well as manage concentration risk and portfolio growth. The total outstanding participation interests in loans sold to AgriBank as part of asset pool programs were \$529.2 million, \$511.1 million, and \$375.8 million at December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively.

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. Borrower tax planning strategies resulted in an increase of production and intermediate-term loans at the end of the year, which are generally followed by sharp pay-downs the following quarter.

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.

ICE Benchmark Administration (the entity responsible for calculating the London Inter-bank Offer Rate (LIBOR)) ceased the publication of all USD LIBOR settings after June 30, 2023. As anticipated, the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) published by the CME Group has generally been the fallback to LIBOR. We have transitioned from the use of LIBOR to SOFR, which did not have a material impact on us and as of December 31, 2023, we have no exposure to LIBOR.

Portfolio Distribution

We are chartered to serve thirty-five counties in Minnesota, thirty-five counties in North Dakota, and twelve counties in Wisconsin. Based upon amortized cost, approximately 26.6%, 24.5%, and 5.4% of our loans are to borrowers in the states of Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin, respectively as of December 31, 2023. 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,	2023	2022	2021
Cash grains	42.8%	44.0%	45.7%
Livestock	8.2%	7.5%	6.8%
Sugar beets	7.2%	7.2%	9.0%
Dairy	6.9%	6.8%	7.6%
Rural electric and utilities	5.1%	4.6%	3.7%
Fertilizer and farm supply	5.0%	6.0%	5.3%
Food and beverage	5.0%	4.7%	4.3%
Forestry	4.8%	4.4%	4.2%
Other	15.0%	14.8%	13.4%
Total	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

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 patterns, commodity prices, input costs, and other circumstances.

Portfolio Credit Quality

The credit quality of our portfolio declined from December 31, 2022, and remains within AgCountry's risk tolerance. Adversely classified loans increased to 1.9% of the portfolio at December 31, 2023, from 1.5% of the portfolio at December 31, 2022. 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 credit losses on loans. 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, 2023, \$328.0 million of our loans were substantially guaranteed under these government programs.

Nonperforming Assets

Effective January 1, 2023, we adopted Accounting Standards Update 2016-13 "Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments." This guidance established a single allowance framework for all financial assets measured at amortized cost and certain off-balance sheet credit exposures and replaced the incurred loss guidance. This framework requires that management's estimate reflects credit losses over the asset's remaining expected life and considers expected future changes in macroeconomic conditions and is referred to as the Current Expected Credit Loss (CECL) model. The allowance for credit losses comprises the allowance for credit losses on loans and unfunded commitments.

Components of Nonperforming Assets

(dollars in thousands)

As of December 31,	2023	2022	2021
Loans:			
Nonaccrual	\$ 45,840	\$ 24,860	\$ 11,375
Accruing loans 90 days or more past due	2,103	--	1,427
Total nonperforming loans	47,943	24,860	12,802
Other property owned	77	--	--
Total nonperforming assets	\$ 48,020	\$ 24,860	\$ 12,802
Total nonperforming loans as a percentage of total loans ¹	0.4%	0.2%	0.1%
Nonaccrual loans as a percentage of total loans	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%
Current nonaccrual loans as a percentage of total nonaccrual loans	24.5%	80.4%	56.8%
Total delinquencies as a percentage of total loans ²	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%

¹Prior years' ratios have been updated to conform to the current year's presentation.

²Total delinquencies include accrual and nonaccrual loans 30 days or more past due.

Note: Prior to the adoption of CECL, which was effective January 1, 2023, accruing loans included accrued interest receivable.

Nonperforming assets have increased from December 31, 2022, but remained at acceptable levels. Despite the increase in nonperforming assets, nonperforming loans as a percentage of total loans were well within our established risk management guidelines.

The increase in nonaccrual loans was primarily due to a few large loans that moved to nonaccrual in 2023. Nonaccrual loans remained at an acceptable level at December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021.

Our accounting procedure requires loans past due 90 days or more to be transferred into nonaccrual status unless adequately secured and in the process of collection. Based on our analysis, accruing loans 90 days or more past due were eligible to remain in accruing status.

Allowance for Credit Losses on Loans

Allowance for Credit Losses on Loans Coverage Ratios

As of December 31,	2023	2022	2021
Allowance for credit losses on loans as a percentage of:			
Loans	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
Nonaccrual loans	76.3%	120.9%	201.7%
Total nonperforming loans ¹	73.0%	120.9%	181.1%
Net charge-offs (recoveries) as a percentage of average loans	0.1%	(0.0%)	(0.0%)
Adverse assets to capital and allowance for credit losses on loans	9.4%	6.8%	6.1%

¹Prior years' ratios have been updated to conform to the current year's presentation.

Effective January 1, 2023, the allowance for credit losses on loans is an estimate of credit losses in our portfolio. We determine the appropriate level of allowance for credit losses on loans based on a disciplined process and methodology that incorporates an estimate of expected probabilities of default and loss given default based on historical portfolio performance, forecasts of future economic conditions, and management's judgment with respect to unique aspects of current and expected conditions that may not be contemplated in historical loss experience or forecasted economic conditions. Prior to January 1, 2023, the allowance for loan losses was an estimate of losses incurred on loans in our portfolio that were probable and estimable as of December 31, 2022, and 2021.

Total allowance for credit losses on loans was \$35.0 million, \$30.1 million, and \$22.9 million at December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively. The increase from December 31, 2022, was primarily related to the provision for credit losses on loans recorded for the year ended December 31, 2023, partially offset by the cumulative effect adjustment resulting from the adoption of CECL and the charge-off of two large loans. Additional information regarding the CECL adoption is included in Note 2.

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,	2023	2022	2021
Net income	\$ 254,338	\$ 208,509	\$ 177,456
Return on average assets	2.0%	1.8%	2.0%
Return on average members' equity	9.8%	8.6%	9.1%

Changes presented in the profitability information chart relate directly to:

- Changes in net 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

(in thousands)	For the year ended December 31,			Increase (decrease) in net income	
	2023	2022	2021	2023 vs 2022	2022 vs 2021
Net interest income	\$ 346,333	\$ 279,942	\$ 210,704	\$ 66,391	\$ 69,238
Provision for credit losses	33,841	4,946	974	(28,895)	(3,972)
Non-interest income	128,234	115,259	101,795	12,975	13,464
Non-interest expense	190,990	181,425	133,660	(9,565)	(47,765)
(Benefit from) provision for income taxes	(4,602)	321	409	4,923	88
Net income	\$ 254,338	\$ 208,509	\$ 177,456	\$ 45,829	\$ 31,053

Net Interest Income

Changes in Net Interest Income

(in thousands)

For the year ended December 31,	2023 vs 2022	2022 vs 2021
Changes in volume	\$ 25,093	\$ 57,284
Changes in interest rates	39,816	11,851
Changes in nonaccrual interest income and other	1,482	103
Net change	\$ 66,391	\$ 69,238

Net interest income included income on nonaccrual loans that totaled \$2.7 million, \$1.2 million, and \$1.1 million in 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively. Nonaccrual interest 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 2.8%, 2.5%, and 2.4% in 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively. Our net interest margin is sensitive to portfolio composition, the interest rate environment, and competition.

Provision for Credit Losses

The "Provision for credit losses" in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income includes a provision for credit losses on loans as well as a reversal of credit losses on unfunded commitments. The increase in provision for credit losses was primarily due to an increase in specific reserves established on a few large loans that moved to nonaccrual during 2023. Additional information is included in Note 3 to the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements.

Non-Interest Income

The change in non-interest income was primarily due to an increase in patronage income.

Patronage Income: We may receive patronage from AgriBank and other Farm Credit institutions. Patronage distributions from AgriBank and other Farm Credit institutions are declared solely at the discretion of each institution's Board of Directors. AgriBank may distribute patronage in the form of cash or stock. All other patronage from other Farm Credit institutions is typically distributed in cash.

Patronage Income			
(in thousands)			
For the year ended December 31,	2023	2022	2021
Patronage from AgriBank	\$ 66,304	\$ 58,372	\$ 49,851
AgDirect partnership distribution	1,435	714	--
Other patronage	114	526	378
Total patronage income	<u>\$ 67,853</u>	<u>\$ 59,612</u>	<u>\$ 50,229</u>
Form of patronage distributions:			
Cash	\$ 52,418	\$ 23,637	\$ 44,219
Stock	15,435	35,975	6,010
Total patronage income	<u>\$ 67,853</u>	<u>\$ 59,612</u>	<u>\$ 50,229</u>

Patronage from AgriBank primarily includes wholesale patronage and asset pool program patronage. See the Relationship with AgriBank section for further discussion on patronage income. In addition, see the Unincorporated Business Entities subsection (within the Other Relationships and Programs section) for further discussion on AgDirect, LLP and the partnership distribution.

Non-Interest Expense

Components of Non-Interest Expense			
(dollars in thousands)			
For the year ended December 31,	2023	2022	2021
Salaries and employee benefits	\$ 111,542	\$ 98,993	\$ 76,927
Other operating expense:			
Purchased and vendor services	19,228	18,231	15,283
Communications	1,892	1,845	2,018
Occupancy and equipment	17,079	14,967	11,326
Advertising and promotion	4,536	10,411	3,131
Examination	3,145	3,541	2,758
Farm Credit System insurance	17,926	17,671	10,993
Other	14,214	13,081	9,195
Other non-interest expense	1,428	2,685	2,029
Total non-interest expense	<u>\$ 190,990</u>	<u>\$ 181,425</u>	<u>\$ 133,660</u>
Operating rate	1.6%	1.6%	1.5%

(Benefit from) Provision for Income Taxes

The change in (benefit from) provision for income taxes was primarily related to our estimate of taxes based on taxable income. Patronage distributions to members reduced our tax liability in 2023, 2022, and 2021. Additional disclosure is included in Note 7 to the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements.

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, 2023, we had \$3.9 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,	2023	2022	2021
Average balance	\$ 10,033,326	\$ 8,963,958	\$ 6,972,990
Average interest rate	4.0%	2.0%	1.2%

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

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, primarily from loans to customers which may not have a component of our line of credit with an exact repricing attribute.

In August 2023, Fitch Ratings lowered the U.S. sovereign's long-term Issuer Default Rating and the long-term debt rating for the Farm Credit System to AA+ from AAA, the F1+ short-term ratings were affirmed, and the outlooks on the long-term debt ratings were revised to stable. As a government-sponsored entity, the Farm Credit System benefits from the implicit government support and, therefore, the ratings are directly linked to the U.S. sovereign rating. Additionally, Fitch Ratings lowered the long-term debt rating for the Farm Credit Banks, including AgriBank, to A+ from AA-, the F1+ short-term rating was affirmed, and the outlook on the long-term debt rating was revised to stable. The reduction in the credit rating by Fitch Ratings for the Farm Credit Banks, including AgriBank, could result in higher funding costs which could impact our costs and, ultimately, retail rates. However, to date we have noticed no significant impact as a result of this rating change.

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 \$81.5 million, \$89.8 million, and \$99.3 million at December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively. We paid Farmer Mac commitment fees totaling \$0.3 million, \$0.3 million, and \$0.4 million in 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively. These amounts are included in "Other operating expense" in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. No loans have been sold to Farmer Mac under this agreement during 2023, 2022, or 2021.

CAPITAL ADEQUACY

Total members' equity was \$2.6 billion, \$2.5 billion, and \$2.0 billion at December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively. Total members' equity increased \$144.8 million from December 31, 2022, primarily due to net income for the year and the cumulative effect of the change in accounting principle, partially offset by patronage distribution accruals. The cumulative effect change of accounting principle was a result of the adoption of CECL effective January 1, 2023. Refer to Note 2 for additional information regarding the CECL adoption.

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. Effective January 1, 2022, the FCA Regulations slightly modified the calculation of the unallocated retained earnings and equivalents leverage ratio to include certain additional deductions. The modification did not have a material impact on this ratio.

Regulatory Capital Requirements and Ratios

As of December 31,	2023	2022	2021	Regulatory Minimums	Capital Conservation Buffer	Total
Risk-adjusted:						
Common equity tier 1 ratio	15.1%	16.6%	17.6%	4.5%	2.5%	7.0%
Tier 1 capital ratio	15.1%	16.6%	17.6%	6.0%	2.5%	8.5%
Total capital ratio	15.3%	16.8%	17.9%	8.0%	2.5%	10.5%
Permanent capital ratio	15.1%	16.6%	17.7%	7.0%	N/A	7.0%
Non-risk-adjusted:						
Tier 1 leverage ratio	17.7%	19.2%	20.3%	4.0%	1.0%	5.0%
Unallocated retained earnings and equivalents leverage ratio	17.7%	19.2%	21.6%	1.5%	N/A	1.5%

Our capital plan is designed to maintain an adequate amount of surplus and allowance for credit 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. The decrease in the permanent capital ratio was primarily due to loan growth experienced during 2023. Additional information on regulatory ratios and members' equity information is included in Note 6 to the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements and information on off-balance sheet commitments is included in Note 10 to the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements.

In addition to these regulatory requirements, 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 is 14% to 16%, as defined in our 2024 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 2024.

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 described 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, 2023, we were required by AgriBank to maintain an investment equal to 3.0% of the average quarterly balance of our note payable. The required investment increased to 3.1% for 2024. In addition to the required investment based on the note payable, asset pool programs are typically capitalized at a higher rate that is mutually agreed upon in the asset pool program agreements.

We are also required to hold additional investment in AgriBank based on a contractual agreement under any asset pool program in which we participate.

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

We purchase certain business services, primarily financial reporting, 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 Capital Markets: We have participation relationships with associations across the Farm Credit System. AgCountry may serve as lead lender or facilitating agent for these participations in loans to eligible borrowers. Each participating association makes an independent credit decision to purchase these loans based on the participating association's capacity and preferences.

ProPartners Financial: We participate in ProPartners Financial (ProPartners) with certain Farm Credit 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.

Agri-Access: We participate in the Agri-Access asset pool program which focuses on providing financing for agricultural real estate loans and leases through a network of non-Farm Credit lenders across the U.S. The program is facilitated by another AgriBank District association where all loans and leases in the program are originated and serviced. We pay the facilitating association fees to originate and service the loans. We sell to AgriBank our entire interest in the loans associated with Agri-Access. 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 in each of the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021.

SunStream Business Services: We have a relationship with SunStream Business Services, a System service corporation, which involves purchasing tax reporting and insurance services. 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, 2023, 2022, and 2021, 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 investment in FPI of \$3.9 million, \$4.0 million, and \$3.9 million as of December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively.

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 \$12.6 million, \$9.7 million, and \$8.0 million at December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively. We also receive a partnership distribution resulting from our participation in the program, which is included in "Patronage income" in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

FGHC, LLC: We incorporated a single member Delaware LLC in 2017 to hold real property located near or adjacent to an AgCountry office building. Our investment in FGHC, LLC is \$0, as this entity does not and never has held any real estate assets.

Programs

We are involved in the following 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. They also consider internal controls to the extent necessary to design audit procedures that comply with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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.



Lynn Pietig
Board Chair
AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA



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



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

March 6, 2024

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 expenditures are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Association, and (3) provide reasonable 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, 2023. 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, 2023, the internal control over financial reporting was effective based upon the COSO criteria. Additionally, based on this assessment, the Association determined that there were no material weaknesses in the internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2023.



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



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

March 6, 2024

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 internal controls and the preparation of the Consolidated Financial Statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. PwC is responsible for performing an independent audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and to issue their report based on their audit. 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, 2023, 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 the audited Consolidated Financial Statements be included in the Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2023.



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

Members of the Audit Committee:

Leif Aakre, Vice Chair
Thomas Henry
Ryan Klussendorf
Michael Long

March 6, 2024



Report of Independent Auditors

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

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA and its subsidiaries (the "Association"), which comprise the consolidated statements of condition as of December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, and the related consolidated statements of comprehensive income, changes in members' equity and 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 Association as of December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, 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.

Basis for Opinion

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 section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Association and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, the Association changed the manner in which it accounts for the allowance for credit losses in 2023. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Consolidated Financial Statements

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 internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

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 to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with US GAAS will always detect a material misstatement 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 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 consolidated financial statements.

In performing an audit 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 audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- 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 Association's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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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 audit.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the information included in the 2023 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.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Minneapolis, Minnesota
March 6, 2024

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CONDITION

AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA

(in thousands)

As of December 31,	2023	2022	2021
ASSETS			
Loans	\$ 13,179,771	\$ 11,644,302	\$ 9,103,774
Allowance for credit losses on loans	34,987	30,068	22,946
Net loans	13,144,784	11,614,234	9,080,828
Investment in AgriBank, FCB	414,736	336,682	227,709
Accrued interest receivable	170,941	127,779	80,619
Premises and equipment, net	46,898	48,103	35,783
Other assets	141,874	112,737	108,393
Total assets	\$ 13,919,233	\$ 12,239,535	\$ 9,533,332
LIABILITIES			
Note payable to AgriBank, FCB	\$ 10,974,200	\$ 9,521,014	\$ 7,379,556
Accrued interest payable	115,426	71,908	20,097
Deferred tax liabilities, net	476	1,305	1,889
Patronage distribution payable	125,000	83,500	67,500
Other liabilities	61,852	64,370	51,664
Total liabilities	11,276,954	9,742,097	7,520,706
Contingencies and commitments (Note 10)			
MEMBERS' EQUITY			
Capital stock and participation certificates	13,158	13,144	11,755
Capital stock and participation certificates receivable	(13,158)	(13,144)	(11,755)
Additional paid-in capital	662,638	662,638	304,385
Unallocated surplus	1,987,117	1,843,363	1,718,268
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(7,476)	(8,563)	(10,027)
Total members' equity	2,642,279	2,497,438	2,012,626
Total liabilities and members' equity	\$ 13,919,233	\$ 12,239,535	\$ 9,533,332

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA

(in thousands)

For the year ended December 31,	2023	2022	2021
Interest income	\$ 752,186	\$ 460,138	\$ 291,209
Interest expense	405,853	180,196	80,505
Net interest income	346,333	279,942	210,704
Provision for credit losses	33,841	4,946	974
Net interest income after provision for credit losses	312,492	274,996	209,730
Non-interest income			
Patronage income	67,853	59,612	50,229
Financially related services income	44,546	42,912	33,613
Fee income	15,568	12,319	17,823
Other non-interest income	267	416	130
Total non-interest income	128,234	115,259	101,795
Non-interest expense			
Salaries and employee benefits	111,542	98,993	76,927
Other operating expense	78,020	79,747	54,704
Other non-interest expense	1,428	2,685	2,029
Total non-interest expense	190,990	181,425	133,660
Income before income taxes	249,736	208,830	177,865
(Benefit from) provision for income taxes	(4,602)	321	409
Net income	\$ 254,338	\$ 208,509	\$ 177,456
Other comprehensive income (loss)			
Employee benefit plans activity	\$ 1,087	\$ 1,931	\$ (365)
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	1,087	1,931	(365)
Comprehensive income	\$ 255,425	\$ 210,440	\$ 177,091

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY

AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA

(in thousands)

	Capital Stock and Participation Certificates and Receivable, Net	Additional Paid-in Capital	Unallocated Surplus	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Total Members' Equity
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	806	--	--	--	806
Capital stock and participation certificates retired	(987)	--	--	--	(987)
Reductions to capital stock and participation certificates receivable, net	181	--	--	--	181
Balance as of December 31, 2021	--	304,385	1,718,268	(10,027)	2,012,626
Adjustments due to merger	1,817	358,253	--	(467)	359,603
Net income	--	--	208,509	--	208,509
Other comprehensive income	--	--	--	1,931	1,931
Unallocated surplus designated for patronage distributions	--	--	(83,414)	--	(83,414)
Capital stock and participation certificates issued	682	--	--	--	682
Capital stock and participation certificates retired	(1,108)	--	--	--	(1,108)
Additions to capital stock and participation certificates receivable, net	(1,391)	--	--	--	(1,391)
Balance as of December 31, 2022	--	662,638	1,843,363	(8,563)	2,497,438
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	--	--	14,416	--	14,416
Net income	--	--	254,338	--	254,338
Other comprehensive income	--	--	--	1,087	1,087
Unallocated surplus designated for patronage distributions	--	--	(125,000)	--	(125,000)
Capital stock and participation certificates issued	874	--	--	--	874
Capital stock and participation certificates retired	(859)	--	--	--	(859)
Additions to capital stock and participation certificates receivable, net	(15)	--	--	--	(15)
Balance as of December 31, 2023	\$ --	\$ 662,638	\$ 1,987,117	\$ (7,476)	\$ 2,642,279

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA

(in thousands)

For the year ended December 31,	2023	2022	2021
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net income	\$ 254,338	\$ 208,509	\$ 177,456
Depreciation on premises and equipment	2,639	2,906	2,150
Loss (gain) on sale of premises and equipment, net	96	(132)	25
Amortization of (discounts) premiums on loans, net	(188)	(94)	45
Amortization of yield related to loans and notes payable acquired in merger, net	(1,035)	(1,131)	(361)
Provision for credit losses	33,841	4,946	974
Stock patronage received from Farm Credit institutions	(15,473)	(44,343)	(6,054)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Increase in accrued interest receivable	(48,554)	(36,151)	(4,036)
(Increase) decrease in other assets	(26,114)	6,001	(12,967)
Increase in accrued interest payable	43,518	49,663	515
(Decrease) increase in other liabilities	(2,840)	8,781	1,190
Net cash provided by operating activities	240,228	198,955	158,937
Cash flows from investing activities			
Increase in loans, net	(1,542,048)	(1,148,256)	(627,139)
Purchases of investment in AgriBank, FCB, net	(62,619)	(31,053)	(9,405)
Purchases of investment in other Farm Credit institutions, net	(2,923)	(1,695)	(4,423)
Proceeds from sales of other property owned	12	--	--
Purchases of premises and equipment, net	(1,530)	(1,412)	(2,021)
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,609,108)	(1,182,416)	(642,988)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Increase in note payable to AgriBank, FCB, net	1,452,365	1,060,791	548,264
Patronage distributions paid	(83,500)	(76,864)	(64,050)
Capital stock and participation certificates issued (retired), net	15	(466)	(181)
Net cash provided by financing activities	1,368,880	983,461	484,033
Net change in cash	--	--	(18)
Cash at beginning of year	--	--	18
Cash at end of year	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
Supplemental schedule of non-cash activities			
Impact of merger transactions:			
Assets acquired	\$ --	\$ 1,456,226	\$ --
Liabilities assumed	--	1,096,623	--
Equity issued	--	359,603	--
Supplemental information			
Interest paid	\$ 361,514	\$ 127,471	\$ 79,555
Taxes paid, net	--	422	--

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements.

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, 2024, the System consisted of three Farm Credit Banks, one Agricultural Credit Bank, and 56 borrower-owned cooperative lending institutions (associations). The AgriBank Farm Credit District (AgriBank District or the District) is primarily comprised of AgriBank, FCB (AgriBank), a System Farm Credit Bank, and its District associations. The AgriBank District associations consist of 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 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, Mahnommen, 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, Benson, Bottineau, Burke, Cass, Cavalier, Dickey, Divide, Eddy, Foster, Grand Forks, Griggs, LaMoure, McHenry, McKenzie, northern McLean, Mountrail, Nelson, Pembina, Pierce, Ramsey, Ransom, Renville, Richland, Rolette, Sargent, northern Sheridan, Steele, Stutsman, Towner, Traill, Walsh, Ward, Wells, and Williams 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.

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.

Merger Activity

Effective January 1, 2022, Farm Credit Services of North Dakota, ACA (FCS ND) merged into AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA (AgCountry). AgCountry acquired 100% of the assets and liabilities of FCS ND. The merged Association, AgCountry Farm Credit Services, ACA, is headquartered in Fargo, ND. The primary reason for the merger was to strategically position the associations to best serve member needs, now and in the future. The effects of the merger are included in the merged Association's results of operations, statement of condition, average balances, and related metrics beginning January 1, 2022.

The acquisition method of accounting requires the financial statement presentation of combined balances as of the date of merger, but not for previous periods. The Consolidated Statements of Condition reflect the merged balances as of December 31, 2023, and 2022. The Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income, the Consolidated Statements of Changes in Members' Equity, and the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows reflect the results of the merged Association after January 1, 2022, and AgCountry prior to January 1, 2022. Information in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for 2023 and 2022 reflect balances of the merged Association.

As cooperative organizations, Farm Credit associations operate for the mutual benefit of their members and other customers and not for the benefit of equity investors. As such, capital stock provides no significant interest in corporate earnings or growth. Specifically, due to restrictions in applicable regulations and the bylaws, the associations can issue stock only at its par value of \$5 per share, the stock is not tradable, and the stock can be retired only for the lesser of par value or book value. The shares of FCS ND stock were converted in the merger into shares of AgCountry stock with identical rights and attributes. For this reason, the conversion of FCS ND stock pursuant to the merger occurred at a one-for-one exchange ratio (i.e., each FCS ND share was converted into one share of AgCountry stock with an equal par value).

The capital stock and participation certificates acquired from FCS ND are currently included within members' equity on the Consolidated Statements of Condition. During 2022, FCS ND stock was transitioned to accounts receivable stock, consistent with our current policy. A contra receivable for the stock was established and included in the line item titled "Capital stock and participation certificates receivable". This change had no impact on the capital stock or participation certificates owned by the borrowers, and borrowers retain all rights afforded to them by the Farm Credit Act. In addition, while this change reduced our equity, it did not have a material impact on our capital ratios.

Management believes that because the stock in each association is fixed in value, the book value of the AgCountry stock issued as part of the merger does not reflect a purchase price estimate. In the absence of a purchase price determination, AgCountry undertook a process to estimate the acquisition-date fair value of FCS ND's equity interests instead of the acquisition-date fair value of AgCountry's equity interests transferred as consideration. The fair value of net assets acquired, including specific intangible assets and liabilities assumed from FCS ND, were measured based on various estimates using assumptions that management believes are reasonable and using information available as of the merger date.

The merger was accounted for as a business combination under the acquisition method of accounting. Pursuant to these rules, AgCountry acquired the assets and assumed the liabilities of FCS ND at their acquisition-date fair value. The fair value of the net identifiable assets acquired (\$359.6 million) approximated the fair value of the equity interest exchanged in the merger. In addition, no material amounts of intangible assets were acquired. As a result, no goodwill was recorded. A net increase of \$359.6 million was recorded in members' equity related to the merger.

The following condensed statement of net assets acquired reflects the fair value assigned to FCS ND's net assets as of the acquisition date. There were no subsequent changes to the initial fair value measurements since the merger.

Condensed Statement of Net Assets Acquired	
(in thousands)	
As of January 1, 2022	FCS ND
Assets	
Net loans	\$ 1,384,102
Accrued interest receivable	14,824
Other assets	57,300
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,456,226</u>
Liabilities	
Notes payable	\$ 1,079,753
Accrued interest payable	2,148
Other liabilities	14,722
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 1,096,623</u>
Fair value of net assets acquired	<u>\$ 359,603</u>

Fair value adjustments to FCS ND's assets and liabilities included a \$4.7 million decrease to loans and a \$3.6 million decrease to notes payable to reflect credit discounts, changes in interest rates, and other market conditions since the time these instruments were issued. These differences are being accreted or amortized into net interest income over the remaining life of the loan portfolio and debt instruments. The Association expects to collect the majority of the contractual amounts of the acquired loans not considered to be purchased credit deteriorated, which totaled \$1.4 billion at January 1, 2022. Refer to Note 2 for further information on purchased credit deteriorated loans.

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting Principles and Reporting Policies

Our accounting and reporting policies conform to generally accepted accounting principles 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 net charge-offs, unamortized deferred fees and costs on originated loans, 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.

A loan is considered contractually past due when any principal repayment or interest payment required by the loan instrument is not received on or before the due date. A loan remains contractually past due until certain modifications are completed or until the entire amount past due, including principal, accrued interest and penalty interest incurred as the result of past due status is collected or otherwise discharged in full.

Generally, loans are placed in nonaccrual status when principal or interest is delinquent for 90 days or more (unless 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 immediately reverse current year accrued interest to the extent principal plus accrued interest exceeds the net realizable value of the collateral prior to reclassification. When we deem a loan to be uncollectible, we charge the loan principal and prior year(s) accrued interest against the allowance for credit losses on loans. Subsequent recoveries, if any, are added to the allowance for credit losses on loans. Any cash received on nonaccrual loans is applied to reduce the carrying amount in the loan, except in those cases where the collection of the carrying amount 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 (typically based on payment frequency).

Loan modifications may be granted to borrowers experiencing financial difficulty. Modifications are one or a combination of principal forgiveness, interest rate reduction, other-than-insignificant term extension, or other-than-insignificant payment deferrals. Other-than-insignificant term extensions are defined as those greater than or equal to six months. Covenant waivers and modifications of contingent acceleration clauses are not considered term extensions. Other-than-insignificant payment deferrals are defined as cumulative or individual payment delays greater than or equal to six months.

Prior to January 1, 2023, in situations where, for economic or legal reasons related to the borrower's financial difficulties, we granted a concession for other than an insignificant period of time to the borrower that we would not otherwise consider, the related loan was classified as a troubled debt restructuring (TDR), also known as a formally restructured loan for regulatory purposes. A concession was generally granted to minimize economic loss and avoid foreclosure. Concessions varied by program and borrower and may have included interest rate reductions, term extensions, payment deferrals, or an acceptance of additional collateral in lieu of payments. In limited circumstances, principal may have been forgiven. Loans classified as TDRs were considered risk loans. There may have been modifications made in the normal course of business that were not considered 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 all the conditions have been met to be accounted for as a sale.

Purchased Credit Deteriorated (PCD) Loans: The adoption of the Current Expected Credit Loss (CECL) guidance resulted in a change in the accounting for purchased credit-impaired loans, which are considered PCD loans under CECL. Purchased loans are recorded at their fair value at the acquisition date. All PCD loans were acquired through merger. An allowance for credit loss on loans is recorded on the purchased loans at the purchase date through a provision for credit losses on loans. Any loans that have experienced a more-than-insignificant deterioration in credit quality since origination are identified as PCD assets and we are required to estimate and record an allowance for credit losses on loans for these assets at the time of purchase. This allowance is then added to the purchase price to establish the initial amortized cost basis of the PCD assets, rather than being reported as a credit loss expense. The difference between the unpaid principal balance and the amortized cost basis is recorded into interest income over the life of the loan. Any subsequent changes in expected credit losses are recorded through the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income with a provision for credit loss on loans.

Allowance for Credit Losses: Effective January 1, 2023, we adopted Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-13 "Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments." This guidance established a single allowance framework for all financial assets measured at amortized cost and certain off-balance sheet credit exposures, and replaced the incurred loss guidance. This framework requires that management's estimate reflects credit losses over the asset's remaining expected life and considers expected future changes in macroeconomic conditions and is referred to as the CECL model. The allowance for credit losses (ACL) comprises the allowance for credit losses on loans and unfunded commitments.

Allowance for Credit Losses on Loans

Beginning January 1, 2023, the allowance for credit losses on loans (ACLL) represents the estimated current expected credit losses on the loan portfolio over the remaining contractual life of the loan portfolio adjusted for expected prepayments. The ACLL takes into consideration relevant information about past events, current conditions, and reasonable and supportable macroeconomic forecasts of future conditions. The contractual term excludes expected extensions, renewals, and modifications unless the extension or renewal options are not unconditionally cancellable.

The ACLL is increased through provisions for credit losses on loans and loan recoveries and is decreased through reversals of provision for credit losses on loans and loan charge-offs. The provision activity is included as part of the "Provision for credit losses" in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

Determining the appropriateness of the ACLL is complex and requires judgment by management about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain. Loans are evaluated on the amortized cost basis, which includes unamortized premiums and discounts on purchased loans and unamortized adjustments to fair value on loans acquired through merger.

We employ a disciplined process and methodology to establish the ACLL that has two basic components: first, an asset-specific component involving individual loans that do not share risk characteristics with other loans and the measurement of expected credit losses for such individual loans; and second, a pooled component for estimated expected credit losses for pools of loans that share similar risk characteristics. When a loan does not share risk characteristics with other loans, expected credit loss is measured as the difference between the amortized cost basis in the loan and the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate except that, for collateral-dependent loans, credit loss is measured as the difference between the amortized cost basis in the loan and the fair value of the underlying collateral. If the calculated expected credit loss is determined to be permanent, fixed or non-recoverable, the credit loss portion of the loan will be charged-off against the ACLL. For more information see the Collateral Dependent Loans policy in the significant accounting policies section of this report.

In estimating the pooled component of the ACLL that share common risk characteristics, loans are pooled and segregated into loan classes based on loan type. We utilize a model to calculate an expected life-of-loan loss percentage for each loan pool by considering the probability of default, based on the migration of loans from performing to loss by internal risk rating, and the loss given default, based on historical experience. Loan borrower characteristics are also utilized and include internal risk ratings, and the remaining term of the loan.

In order to calculate this estimated migration of loans from performing to loss, we utilize a weighted average of three economic scenarios over a reasonable and supportable forecast period of three years. The economic forecasts are updated on a quarterly basis and include macroeconomic variables such as unemployment rates, U.S. corporate credit ratings, and stock market volatility and performance. Subsequent to the forecast period, our model applies a two-year smoothed reversion period to historical loss experience to estimate losses for the remaining estimated contractual life of the portfolio.

The final credit loss estimate also considers factors not reflected in the economic forecast and historical loss experience due to the unique aspects of current conditions and expectations. These factors may include but are not limited to: lending policies and procedures, experience and depth of lending staff, credit quality and delinquency trends, individual borrower and industry concentrations, national, regional, and local economic business conditions and developments, collateral value trends, and expected performance of specific industry sectors not reflected in the economic forecast. Consideration of these factors, as well as the imprecision inherent in the process and methodology may lead to a management adjustment to the modeled ACLL results. Expected credit loss estimates also include consideration of expected cash recoveries on loans previously charged-off or expected recoveries on collateral dependent loans where recovery is expected through sale of the collateral.

Prior to January 1, 2023, the allowance for loan losses was an estimate of losses inherent in our loan portfolio as of the financial statement date. We determined the appropriate level of allowance for loan losses based on quarterly evaluation of factors such as loan loss history, estimated probability of default, estimated loss given default, portfolio quality, and current economic and environmental conditions.

Allowance for Credit Losses on Unfunded Commitments

Under CECL, we evaluate the need for an allowance for credit losses on unfunded commitments, which is included in "Other liabilities" in the Consolidated Statements of Condition. The related provision is included as part of the "Provision for credit losses" in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. The amount of expected losses is determined by calculating a commitment usage factor over the contractual period for exposures by the Association and applying the loss factors used in the ACLL methodology to the results of the usage calculation.

Collateral Dependent Loans: Collateral dependent loans are loans secured by collateral, including but not limited to real estate, equipment, inventory, livestock, and income-producing property. We measure the expected credit losses based on the fair value of collateral at the reporting date when we determine that foreclosure is probable. Under the fair value practical expedient measurement approach, the expected credit losses are based on the difference between the fair value of the collateral less estimated costs to sell and the amortized cost basis of the loan.

The fair value of the collateral is adjusted for the estimated cost to sell if repayment or satisfaction of a loan is dependent on the sale (rather than only on the operation) of the collateral. In accordance with our appraisal policy, the fair value of collateral-dependent loans is based upon in-house or independent third-party appraisals or on in-house collateral valuations. When an updated appraisal or collateral valuation is received, management reassesses the need for adjustments to the loan's expected credit loss measurements and, where appropriate, records an adjustment.

Additionally, when a borrower is experiencing financial difficulty, we apply the fair value practical expedient measurement approach for loans when the repayment is expected to be provided substantially through the operation or sale of the collateral.

Accrued Interest Receivable: Accrued interest receivable on loans is presented separately in the Consolidated Statements of Condition.

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 credit losses on loans. 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.

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. 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.

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" in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. Service costs are included in "Salaries and employee benefits" in 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. We evaluate the need for an allowance for credit losses on unfunded commitments, which is included in "Other liabilities" in the Consolidated Statements of Condition. For more information see the allowance for credit losses on unfunded commitments policy in the significant accounting policies section of this report.

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 business 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 June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13 “Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments.” 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 qualified for the deferral of the mandatory effective date. As a result of the change, the standard was effective for the first quarter of 2023 and early adoption was permitted. Additionally, the FASB issued several updates during 2019 refining and clarifying Topic 326.	This guidance replaced the 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.	We adopted the standard and related updates as of January 1, 2023. As a result of adoption of this guidance, the allowance for credit losses on loans decreased by \$15.0 million and the allowance for credit losses on unfunded commitments decreased by \$1.1 million with a cumulative-effect increase, net of tax balances, to retained earnings of \$14.4 million.
In March 2022, the FASB issued ASU 2022-02 “Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326): Troubled Debt Restructurings and Vintage Disclosures.” The guidance was effective with adoption of ASU 2016-13.	This guidance eliminated the accounting guidance for troubled debt restructurings by creditors in Subtopic 310-40, Receivables - Troubled Debt Restructurings by Creditors, while enhancing disclosure requirements for certain loan refinancings and restructurings. The expanded Vintage Disclosures are not applicable to nonpublic business entities.	We adopted the standard on January 1, 2023. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on our financial statements but modified certain disclosures beginning in 2023.
In December 2023, the FASB issued ASU 2023-09, “Income Taxes (Topic 740): Improvements to Income Tax Disclosures.” This guidance is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2025.	This guidance requires more transparency about income tax information through improvements to income tax disclosures. The improvements applicable to our Association will require adding percentages and information by state jurisdiction to the rate reconciliation and income taxes paid disclosures.	We expect to adopt the standard as of January 1, 2026. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have a material impact on our financial statements but will modify certain disclosures.

NOTE 3: LOANS AND ALLOWANCE FOR CREDIT LOSSES ON LOANS

As a result of the merger, which was effective January 1, 2022, we acquired \$1.4 billion in loans, of which 94.4% were categorized as having acceptable credit quality and 99.8% were current in payment status. A portion of the acquired loans were considered to be purchased with deteriorated credit. However, they are not significant to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Loans by Type

(dollars in thousands)

As of December 31,	2023		2022		2021	
	Amortized Cost	%	Amortized Cost	%	Amortized Cost	%
Real estate mortgage	\$ 4,895,569	37.1%	\$ 4,629,271	39.8%	\$ 3,936,204	43.2%
Production and intermediate-term	3,119,147	23.7%	2,689,594	23.1%	2,106,315	23.1%
Agribusiness	3,347,974	25.4%	3,031,138	26.0%	2,254,031	24.8%
Other	1,817,081	13.8%	1,294,299	11.1%	807,224	8.9%
Total	\$ 13,179,771	100.0%	\$ 11,644,302	100.0%	\$ 9,103,774	100.0%

The other category is primarily composed of rural infrastructure related loans.

Throughout Note 3 accrued interest receivable on loans of \$170.9 million at December 31, 2023, has been excluded from the amortized cost of loans and is presented in "Accrued interest receivable" in the Consolidated Statements of Condition.

Portfolio Concentrations

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

As of December 31, 2023, amortized cost on loans plus commitments, reduced by government guaranteed portions of loans, to our ten largest borrowers totaled an amount equal to 4.4% 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

(in thousands)	AgriBank		Other Farm		Non-Farm		Total	
	Participations		Credit Institutions		Credit Institutions		Participations	
	Purchased	Sold	Purchased	Sold	Purchased	Sold	Purchased	Sold
As of December 31, 2023								
Real estate mortgage	\$ --	\$ (241,693)	\$ 446,207	\$ (324,821)	\$ --	\$ (16,704)	\$ 446,207	\$ (583,218)
Production and intermediate-term	--	(358,902)	1,096,317	(325,973)	26,020	(16,478)	1,122,337	(701,353)
Agribusiness	--	(246,817)	1,816,235	(1,307,451)	189,877	(340)	2,006,112	(1,554,608)
Other	--	(55,190)	2,474,836	(611,267)	--	--	2,474,836	(666,457)
Total	\$ --	\$ (902,602)	\$ 5,833,595	\$ (2,569,512)	\$ 215,897	\$ (33,522)	\$ 6,049,492	\$ (3,505,636)
As of December 31, 2022								
Real estate mortgage	\$ --	\$ (226,500)	\$ 396,596	\$ (249,469)	\$ --	\$ (14,378)	\$ 396,596	\$ (490,347)
Production and intermediate-term	--	(347,988)	972,782	(288,529)	17,645	(28,775)	990,427	(665,292)
Agribusiness	--	(152,885)	1,684,265	(1,483,079)	115,254	(1,579)	1,799,519	(1,637,543)
Other	--	(6,405)	1,853,685	(561,615)	--	--	1,853,685	(568,020)
Total	\$ --	\$ (733,778)	\$ 4,907,328	\$ (2,582,692)	\$ 132,899	\$ (44,732)	\$ 5,040,227	\$ (3,361,202)

As of December 31, 2021	AgriBank		Other Farm Credit Institutions		Non-Farm Credit Institutions		Total	
	Participations		Participations		Participations		Participations	
	Purchased	Sold	Purchased	Sold	Purchased	Sold	Purchased	Sold
Real estate mortgage	\$ --	\$ (208,020)	\$ 328,458	\$ (294,294)	\$ 44	\$ (11,110)	\$ 328,502	\$ (513,424)
Production and intermediate-term	--	(230,611)	566,359	(287,429)	17,009	(25,037)	583,368	(543,077)
Agribusiness	--	(21,329)	1,267,342	(1,529,178)	83,373	(2,771)	1,350,715	(1,553,278)
Other	--	(224)	1,420,678	(630,813)	--	--	1,420,678	(631,037)
Total	\$ --	\$ (460,184)	\$ 3,582,837	\$ (2,741,714)	\$ 100,426	\$ (38,918)	\$ 3,683,263	\$ (3,240,816)

Credit Quality and Delinquency

Credit risk arises from the potential inability of a borrower to meet its payment obligation and exists in our outstanding loans, letters of credit, and unfunded loan commitments. We manage credit risk associated with our lending activities through an analysis of the credit risk profile of an individual borrower based on management established underwriting standards and board approved lending policies. The evaluation of the borrower's credit risk profile may include analysis of several factors including, but not limited to, credit history, repayment capacity, financial position, and collateral. Real estate mortgage loans must be secured by first liens on the real estate. As required by the FCA regulations, each institution that makes loans on a secured basis must have collateral evaluation policies and procedures. Real estate mortgage loans may be made only in amounts up to 85% of the original appraised value of the property taken as security or up to 97% of the appraised value if guaranteed by a state, federal, or other governmental agency. The actual loan to appraised value when loans are made is generally lower than the statutory maximum percentage. Loans other than real estate mortgage may be made on a secured or unsecured basis.

We use a two-dimensional risk rating model based on an internally generated combined System risk rating guidance that incorporates a 14-point probability of default rating scale to identify and track the probability of borrower default and a separate 6-point scale addressing loss given default. Probability of default is our assumption of the probability that a borrower will experience a default during the life of the loan. The loss given default is our assumption as to the anticipated principal loss on a specific loan assuming default occurs during the remaining life of the loan. A default is considered to have occurred if the lender believes the borrower will not be able to pay its obligation in full or the borrower or the loan is classified as nonaccrual. This credit risk rating process incorporates objective and subjective criteria to identify inherent strengths, weaknesses, and risks in a particular relationship. We review the probability of default category periodically in accordance with our policy, or when a credit action is taken.

Each of the probability of default categories carries a distinct percentage of default probability. The probability of default rate between one and nine of the acceptable categories is very narrow and would reflect almost no default to a minimal default percentage. The probability of default rate grows more rapidly as a loan moves from acceptable to other assets especially mentioned and grows significantly as a loan moves to a substandard (viable) level. A substandard (non-viable) rating indicates that the probability of default is almost certain.

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, 2023, 2022, or 2021.

Credit Quality of Loans at Amortized Cost¹

(dollars in thousands)	Acceptable		Special Mention		Substandard/ Doubtful		Total	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
As of December 31, 2023								
Real estate mortgage	\$ 4,759,254	97.2%	\$ 69,098	1.4%	\$ 67,217	1.4%	\$ 4,895,569	100.0%
Production and intermediate-term	3,030,201	97.1%	49,415	1.6%	39,531	1.3%	3,119,147	100.0%
Agribusiness	3,122,759	93.3%	106,782	3.2%	118,433	3.5%	3,347,974	100.0%
Other	1,739,900	95.8%	55,214	3.0%	21,967	1.2%	1,817,081	100.0%
Total	\$ 12,652,114	96.0%	\$ 280,509	2.1%	\$ 247,148	1.9%	\$ 13,179,771	100.0%

As of December 31, 2022	Acceptable		Special Mention		Substandard/ Doubtful		Total	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Real estate mortgage	\$ 4,604,579	98.0%	\$ 52,803	1.1%	\$ 41,804	0.9%	\$ 4,699,186	100.0%
Production and intermediate-term	2,645,838	97.0%	17,630	0.6%	66,263	2.4%	2,729,731	100.0%
Agribusiness	2,929,959	96.2%	57,375	1.9%	57,944	1.9%	3,045,278	100.0%
Other	1,277,687	98.4%	13,857	1.1%	6,342	0.5%	1,297,886	100.0%
Total	<u>\$ 11,458,063</u>	<u>97.3%</u>	<u>\$ 141,665</u>	<u>1.2%</u>	<u>\$ 172,353</u>	<u>1.5%</u>	<u>\$ 11,772,081</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

As of December 31, 2021	Acceptable		Special Mention		Substandard/ Doubtful		Total	
	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	<u>\$ 8,826,580</u>	<u>96.1%</u>	<u>\$ 233,403</u>	<u>2.5%</u>	<u>\$ 124,410</u>	<u>1.4%</u>	<u>\$ 9,184,393</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

¹Prior to the adoption of CECL, which was effective January 1, 2023, accruing loans included accrued interest receivable.

Aging Analysis of Loans at Amortized Cost¹

(in thousands)	30-89 Days		90 Days or More		Total		Not Past Due or Less Than 30 Days Past Due		Accruing Loans 90 Days or More Past Due	
	Past Due		Past Due		Past Due		Days Past Due	Total	Total	More Past Due
As of December 31, 2023										
Real estate mortgage	\$ 5,345	\$	\$ 418	\$	\$ 5,763	\$	\$ 4,889,806	\$ 4,895,569	\$	148
Production and intermediate-term	33,006		2,549		35,555		3,083,592	3,119,147		1,955
Agribusiness	--		1,327		1,327		3,346,647	3,347,974		--
Other	44		--		44		1,817,037	1,817,081		--
Total	<u>\$ 38,395</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 4,294</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 42,689</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 13,137,082</u>	<u>\$ 13,179,771</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>2,103</u>

As of December 31, 2022	30-89 Days		90 Days or More		Total		Not Past Due or Less Than 30 Days Past Due		Accruing Loans 90 Days or More Past Due	
	Past Due		Past Due		Past Due		Days Past Due	Total	Total	More Past Due
Real estate mortgage	\$ 4,364	\$	\$ 1,253	\$	\$ 5,617	\$	\$ 4,693,569	\$ 4,699,186	\$	--
Production and intermediate-term	9,269		1,282		10,551		2,719,180	2,729,731		--
Agribusiness	4,086		--		4,086		3,041,192	3,045,278		--
Other	--		--		--		1,297,886	1,297,886		--
Total	<u>\$ 17,719</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 2,535</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 20,254</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 11,751,827</u>	<u>\$ 11,772,081</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>--</u>

As of December 31, 2021	30-89 Days		90 Days or More		Total		Not Past Due or Less Than 30 Days Past Due		Accruing Loans 90 Days or More Past Due	
	Past Due		Past Due		Past Due		Days Past Due	Total	Total	More Past Due
Real estate mortgage	\$ 2,058	\$	\$ 4,285	\$	\$ 6,343	\$	\$ 3,979,664	\$ 3,986,007	\$	1,427
Production and intermediate-term	893		1,757		2,650		2,127,670	2,130,320		--
Agribusiness	1,116		--		1,116		2,258,714	2,259,830		--
Other	--		--		--		808,236	808,236		--
Total	<u>\$ 4,067</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 6,042</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 10,109</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 9,174,284</u>	<u>\$ 9,184,393</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,427</u>

¹Prior to the adoption of CECL, which was effective January 1, 2023, accruing loans included accrued interest receivable.

Nonaccrual Loans

Nonaccrual Loans by Loan Type

(in thousands)	2023		2022		2021
As of December 31,					
Real estate mortgage	\$	2,449	\$	3,914	\$ 5,119
Production and intermediate-term		21,644		2,810	3,044
Agribusiness		12,696		15,909	780
Other		9,051		2,227	2,432
Total	\$	45,840	\$	24,860	\$ 11,375

Additional Nonaccrual Loans Information

(in thousands)	As of		For the year ended	
	December 31, 2023		December 31, 2023	
	Amortized Cost		Interest Income	
	Without Allowance		Recognized	
Real estate mortgage	\$	2,449	\$	2,498
Production and intermediate-term		693		170
Agribusiness		764		--
Other		--		3
Total	\$	3,906	\$	2,671

Reversals of interest income on loans that moved to nonaccrual status were not material for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Loan Modifications Granted to Borrowers Experiencing Financial Difficulty

Included within our loans are loan modifications; some of which are granted to borrowers experiencing financial difficulty.

Loan Modifications at Amortized Cost¹

(dollars in thousands)	Interest Rate Reduction	Term Extension	Principal Forgiveness	Combination -		Total	Percentage of Total Loans
				Interest Rate Reduction and Term Extension	Interest Rate Reduction and Term Extension		
For the year ended December 31, 2023							
Real estate mortgage	\$ 1,447	\$ 25	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 1,472	\$ 1,472	0.0%
Production and intermediate-term	--	1,027	9	7,210	8,246	8,246	0.1%
Agribusiness	--	29,680	--	--	29,680	29,680	0.2%
Total	\$ 1,447	\$ 30,732	\$ 9	\$ 7,210	\$ 39,398	\$ 39,398	0.3%
Loan modifications granted as a percentage of total loans	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%		

¹Excludes loans that were modified during the year, but were paid off or sold prior to year end.

Accrued interest receivable related to loan modifications granted to borrowers experiencing financial difficulty was not material at December 31, 2023.

Financial Effect of Loan Modifications

(dollars in thousands)	Weighted Average Interest Rate Reduction	Weighted Average Term Extension (months)	Principal Forgiveness (\$)
For the year ended December 31, 2023			
Real estate mortgage			
Interest rate reduction	1.3%		
Term extension		60	
Production and intermediate-term			
Term extension		13	
Principal forgiveness			601
Combination - interest rate reduction and term extension	1.0%	12	
Agribusiness			
Term extension		22	

There were no loans to borrowers experiencing financial difficulty that defaulted subsequent to the modification date during the year ended December 31, 2023.

Payment Status of Loan Modifications that Occurred Within the Previous 12 Months at Amortized Cost¹

(in thousands)	Not Past Due or Less than 30 Days Past Due	30-89 Days Past Due	90 Days or More Past Due
As of December 31, 2023			
Real estate mortgage	\$ 125	\$ 1,347	\$ --
Production and intermediate-term	8,237	--	9
Agribusiness	29,680	--	--
Total	<u>\$ 38,042</u>	<u>\$ 1,347</u>	<u>\$ 9</u>

¹Excludes loans that were modified during the year, but were paid off or sold prior to year end.

Additional commitments to lend to borrowers experiencing financial difficulty whose loans have been modified during the period were \$16.7 million at December 31, 2023.

Allowance for Credit Losses

Our loan portfolio is divided into segments used to estimate the allowance for credit losses. As our lending authorities limit the types of loans we can originate, our portfolio is concentrated in the agriculture sector. The credit risk associated with each of our portfolio segments includes a strong correlation to agricultural commodity prices and input costs. Specifically for our real estate mortgage segment, the value of agricultural land that serves as collateral is a key risk characteristic. Additionally, unemployment rates and gross domestic product levels are additional key risk characteristics attributable to our portfolio. We consider these characteristics, among others, in assigning internal risk ratings and forecasting credit losses on our loan portfolio and related unfunded commitments.

We develop our reasonable and supportable forecast by considering various macroeconomic variables. Our forecasts of BBB Spread, Dow Jones Total Stock Market Index, Market Volatility Index, and U.S. unemployment rate, represent the key macroeconomic variables that most significantly affect the estimate of the allowance for credit losses on loans and unfunded commitments.

We utilize three macroeconomic scenarios in the estimate of the allowance for credit losses on loans and unfunded commitments which include base, adverse, and positive scenarios. The adverse scenario includes macroeconomic factors reflecting downside potential relative to the base scenario. The positive scenario includes potential upside in the macroeconomic factors above the base scenario. Subsequent changes in the macroeconomic forecasts will be reflected in the provision for credit losses in future periods.

Changes in Allowance for Credit Losses

(in thousands)	2023	2022	2021
As of December 31,			
Allowance for Credit Losses on Loans			
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 30,068	\$ 22,946	\$ 22,344
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	(14,996)	--	--
Provision for credit losses on loans	33,916	7,076	490
Loan recoveries	1,045	49	149
Loan charge-offs	(15,046)	(3)	(37)
Balance at end of year	<u>\$ 34,987</u>	<u>\$ 30,068</u>	<u>\$ 22,946</u>
Allowance for Credit Losses on Unfunded Commitments			
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 2,192	\$ 4,322	\$ 3,838
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	(1,054)	--	--
Provision for credit losses on unfunded commitments	(75)	(2,130)	484
Balance at end of year	<u>\$ 1,063</u>	<u>\$ 2,192</u>	<u>\$ 4,322</u>
Total allowance for credit losses	<u>\$ 36,050</u>	<u>\$ 32,260</u>	<u>\$ 27,268</u>

The change in the allowance for credit losses on loans from December 31, 2022, was primarily driven by increases in specific reserves established on a few large loans that moved to nonaccrual in 2023, partially offset by the cumulative effect of change in accounting principle resulting from the adoption of CECL and the charge-off of two large loans.

Changes in Allowance for Credit Losses on Loans by Loan Type

(in thousands)	Real Estate Mortgage	Production and Intermediate-Term	Agribusiness	Other	Total
Allowance for credit losses on loans:					
Balance as of December 31, 2022	\$ 1,464	\$ 7,634	\$ 16,738	\$ 4,232	\$ 30,068
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	(287)	(6,110)	(6,438)	(2,161)	(14,996)
Provision for credit losses on loans	(120)	13,944	14,846	5,246	33,916
Loan recoveries	960	85	--	--	1,045
Loan charge-offs	--	(7,934)	(6,528)	(584)	(15,046)
Balance as of December 31, 2023	\$ 2,017	\$ 7,619	\$ 18,618	\$ 6,733	\$ 34,987

	Real Estate Mortgage	Production and Intermediate-Term	Agribusiness	Other	Total
Allowance for credit losses on loans:					
Balance as of December 31, 2021	\$ 1,799	\$ 9,769	\$ 8,702	\$ 2,676	\$ 22,946
Provision for credit losses on loans	(334)	(2,153)	8,007	1,556	7,076
Loan recoveries	2	18	29	--	49
Loan charge-offs	(3)	--	--	--	(3)
Balance as of December 31, 2022	\$ 1,464	\$ 7,634	\$ 16,738	\$ 4,232	\$ 30,068

	Real Estate Mortgage	Production and Intermediate-Term	Agribusiness	Other	Total
Allowance for credit losses on loans:					
Balance as of December 31, 2020	\$ 2,855	\$ 9,264	\$ 8,611	\$ 1,614	\$ 22,344
Provision for credit losses on loans	(1,169)	525	72	1,062	490
Loan recoveries	114	16	19	--	149
Loan charge-offs	(1)	(36)	--	--	(37)
Balance as of December 31, 2021	\$ 1,799	\$ 9,769	\$ 8,702	\$ 2,676	\$ 22,946

Previously Required Disclosures

The disclosures in this section were required prior to January 1, 2023. Upon the adoption of CECL, these disclosures are no longer required prospectively.

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.

Risk Loan Information

(in thousands)	2022	2021
As of December 31,		
Nonaccrual loans:		
Current as to principal and interest	\$ 19,992	\$ 6,464
Past due	4,868	4,911
Total nonaccrual loans	24,860	11,375
Accruing restructured loans	4,426	2,322
Accruing loans 90 days or more past due	--	1,427
Total risk loans	\$ 29,286	\$ 15,124
Volume with specific allowance	\$ 17,918	\$ 3,897
Volume without specific allowance	11,368	11,227
Total risk loans	\$ 29,286	\$ 15,124
Total specific allowance	\$ 4,063	\$ 1,322
For the year ended December 31,	2022	2021
Income on accrual risk loans	\$ 272	\$ 294
Income on nonaccrual loans	1,189	1,086
Total income on risk loans	\$ 1,461	\$ 1,380
Average risk loans	\$ 21,333	\$ 17,052

Note: Accruing loans include accrued interest receivable.

Additional Impaired Loan Information by Loan Type

(in thousands)	As of December 31, 2022			For the year ended December 31, 2022	
	Recorded Investment ¹	Unpaid Principal Balance ²	Related Allowance	Average Impaired Loans	Interest Income Recognized
Impaired loans with a related allowance for loan losses:					
Real estate mortgage	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
Production and intermediate-term	553	1,229	475	871	--
Agribusiness	15,138	15,568	3,055	5,363	--
Other	2,227	2,378	533	2,457	--
Total	\$ 17,918	\$ 19,175	\$ 4,063	\$ 8,691	\$ --
Impaired loans with no related allowance for loan losses:					
Real estate mortgage	\$ 8,307	\$ 10,832	\$ --	\$ 9,155	\$ 1,247
Production and intermediate-term	2,290	3,162	--	2,453	199
Agribusiness	771	1,659	--	924	15
Other	--	--	--	110	--
Total	\$ 11,368	\$ 15,653	\$ --	\$ 12,642	\$ 1,461
Total impaired loans:					
Real estate mortgage	\$ 8,307	\$ 10,832	\$ --	\$ 9,155	\$ 1,247
Production and intermediate-term	2,843	4,391	475	3,324	199
Agribusiness	15,909	17,227	3,055	6,287	15
Other	2,227	2,378	533	2,567	--
Total	\$ 29,286	\$ 34,828	\$ 4,063	\$ 21,333	\$ 1,461
As of December 31, 2021					
	Recorded Investment ¹	Unpaid Principal Balance ²	Related Allowance	Average Impaired Loans	Interest Income Recognized
Impaired loans with a related allowance for loan losses:					
Real estate mortgage	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
Production and intermediate-term	1,441	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:					
Real estate mortgage	\$ 7,752	\$ 9,857	\$ --	\$ 9,652	\$ 1,117
Production and intermediate-term	2,719	3,326	--	2,746	244
Agribusiness	756	1,732	--	759	19
Other	--	--	--	230	--
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

Note: Impaired loans include purchased credit deteriorated loans.

¹The 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 merger and may also reflect a previous direct charge-off of the investment.

²Unpaid principal balance represents the contractual principal balance of the loan.

Year End Recorded Investments by Loan Type

(in thousands)	Real Estate Mortgage	Production and Intermediate-Term	Agribusiness	Other	Total
As of December 31, 2022					
Allowance for loan losses:					
Ending balance: individually evaluated for impairment	\$ --	\$ 475	\$ 3,055	\$ 533	\$ 4,063
Ending balance: collectively evaluated for impairment	\$ 1,464	\$ 7,159	\$ 13,683	\$ 3,699	\$ 26,005
Recorded investment in loans outstanding:					
Ending balance	\$ 4,699,186	\$ 2,729,731	\$ 3,045,278	\$ 1,297,886	\$ 11,772,081
Ending balance: individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 8,307	\$ 2,843	\$ 15,909	\$ 2,227	\$ 29,286
Ending balance: collectively evaluated for impairment	\$ 4,690,879	\$ 2,726,888	\$ 3,029,369	\$ 1,295,659	\$ 11,742,795
As of December 31, 2021					
Allowance for loan losses:					
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	\$ 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

Troubled Debt Restructurings: Prior to the adoption of CECL, a restructuring of a loan constituted a troubled debt restructuring, also known as formally restructured, if the creditor for economic or legal reasons related to the borrower's financial difficulties granted a concession to the borrower that it would not otherwise consider. Concessions varied by program and were borrower-specific and could include interest rate reductions, term extensions, payment deferrals, or the acceptance of additional collateral in lieu of payments. In limited circumstances, principal may have been forgiven.

TDR Activity

(in thousands)	2022		2021	
For the year ended December 31,	Pre-modification	Post-modification	Pre-modification	Post-modification
Real estate mortgage	\$ 2,321	\$ 2,336	\$ 1,856	\$ 1,856
Production and intermediate-term	566	566	1,081	1,081
Agribusiness	--	--	1,443	1,443
Total	\$ 2,887	\$ 2,902	\$ 4,380	\$ 4,380

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 merger and may also reflect a previous direct charge-off of the investment.

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

There were no TDRs that defaulted during the years ended December 31, 2022, or 2021, in which the modification was within twelve months of the respective reporting period.

TDRs Outstanding

(in thousands)

As of December 31,	2022	2021
Accrual status:		
Real estate mortgage	\$ 4,392	\$ 1,205
Production and intermediate-term	34	1,117
Agribusiness	--	--
Total TDRs in accrual status	\$ 4,426	\$ 2,322
Nonaccrual status:		
Real estate mortgage	\$ 1,147	\$ 1,287
Production and intermediate-term	613	161
Agribusiness	765	770
Total TDRs in nonaccrual status	\$ 2,525	\$ 2,218
Total TDRs:		
Real estate mortgage	\$ 5,539	\$ 2,492
Production and intermediate-term	647	1,278
Agribusiness	765	770
Total TDRs	\$ 6,951	\$ 4,540

Note: Accruing loans include accrued interest receivable.

NOTE 4: INVESTMENT IN AGRIBANK

As of December 31, 2023, we were required by AgriBank to maintain an investment equal to 3.0% of the average quarterly balance of our note payable.

We are also required to hold AgriBank stock based on a contractual agreement under any asset pool program in which we participate. The required investment amount varies by asset 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 AgriBank by distributing all available AgriBank 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 at a variable rate as governed by a GFA and substantially all of our assets serve as collateral.

Note Payable Information

(dollars in thousands)

As of December 31,	2023	2022	2021
Line of credit	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 11,600,000	\$ 10,000,000
Outstanding principal under the line of credit ¹	10,977,502	9,525,137	7,381,040
Interest rate	4.4%	3.4%	1.1%

¹Excludes merger related fair value adjustments

Our note payable was scheduled to mature on December 31, 2024. However, it was renewed early for \$15.0 billion with a maturity date of June 30, 2026. 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, 2023, 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 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, which is reflected on the Consolidated Statements of Condition as a contra line item titled "Capital stock and participation certificates receivable". 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.

Regulatory Capitalization Requirements

Regulatory Capital Requirements and Ratios

As of December 31,	2023	2022	2021	Regulatory Minimums	Capital Conservation Buffer	Total
Risk-adjusted:						
Common equity tier 1 ratio	15.1%	16.6%	17.6%	4.5%	2.5%	7.0%
Tier 1 capital ratio	15.1%	16.6%	17.6%	6.0%	2.5%	8.5%
Total capital ratio	15.3%	16.8%	17.9%	8.0%	2.5%	10.5%
Permanent capital ratio	15.1%	16.6%	17.7%	7.0%	N/A	7.0%
Non-risk-adjusted:						
Tier 1 leverage ratio	17.7%	19.2%	20.3%	4.0%	1.0%	5.0%
Unallocated retained earnings and equivalents leverage ratio	17.7%	19.2%	21.6%	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 credit losses on loans 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 credit losses on loans 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.

As of December 31,	Number of Shares		
	2023	2022	2021
Class B common stock (at-risk)	2,584,034	2,588,692	2,308,229
Class E participation certificates (at-risk)	47,496	40,141	42,827

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, whether held jointly or individually, 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, 2023, 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 \$125.0 million, \$83.5 million, and \$67.5 million at December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively. The patronage distributions are paid in cash, generally 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.

NOTE 7: INCOME TAXES

(Benefit from) Provision for Income Taxes

(Benefit from) Provision for Income Taxes

(dollars in thousands)

For the year ended December 31,	2023	2022	2021
Current:			
Federal	\$ (1,903)	\$ 713	\$ (1,607)
State	(235)	--	--
Total current	\$ (2,138)	\$ 713	\$ (1,607)
Deferred:			
Federal	\$ (2,213)	\$ (549)	\$ 1,840
State	(251)	157	176
Total deferred	(2,464)	(392)	2,016
(Benefit from) provision for income taxes	\$ (4,602)	\$ 321	\$ 409
Effective tax rate	(1.8%)	0.2%	0.2%

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

(in thousands)

For the year ended December 31,	2023	2022	2021
Federal tax at statutory rates	\$ 52,445	\$ 43,854	\$ 37,351
State tax, net	(403)	(16)	207
Patronage distributions	--	(1,850)	(3,039)
Effect of non-taxable entity	(56,151)	(42,159)	(32,294)
Other	(493)	492	(1,816)
(Benefit from) provision for income taxes	\$ (4,602)	\$ 321	\$ 409

Refer to the income taxes policy in Note 2 for information on exemptions related to our non-taxable entity.

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,	2023	2022	2021
Allowance for credit losses on loans	\$ 3,324	\$ 2,355	\$ 2,969
Accrued incentive	384	405	200
Accrued patronage income not received	(724)	--	(987)
Accrued pension asset	(6,221)	(6,518)	(4,894)
Other assets	4,101	3,755	1,968
Other liabilities	(1,340)	(1,302)	(1,145)
Deferred tax liabilities, net	\$ (476)	\$ (1,305)	\$ (1,889)
Gross deferred tax assets	\$ 7,809	\$ 6,515	\$ 5,137
Gross deferred tax liabilities	\$ (8,285)	\$ (7,820)	\$ (7,026)

A valuation allowance for the deferred tax assets was not necessary at December 31, 2023, 2022, or 2021.

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 \$1.7 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, 2023. In addition, we believe we are no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2020.

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 2023 Annual Report.

The Farm Credit Foundations Plan Sponsor and Trust Committees provide oversight of the benefit plans for which AgriBank and District associations are participating employers. 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,	2023	2022	2021
Unfunded liability	\$ 31,065	\$ 87,688	\$ 46,421
Projected benefit obligation	1,245,052	1,204,130	1,500,238
Fair value of plan assets	1,213,987	1,116,442	1,453,817
Accumulated benefit obligation	1,140,936	1,083,610	1,384,554
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For the year ended December 31,	2023	2022	2021
Total plan expense	\$ 55,535	\$ 30,475	\$ 28,048
Our allocated share of plan expenses	8,853	4,496	3,998
Contributions by participating employers	45,000	90,385	90,000
Our allocated share of contributions	7,138	14,254	12,833

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.

Benefits paid to participants in the District were \$71.3 million in 2023. 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 2024 is \$40.0 million. Our allocated share of these pension contributions is expected to be \$6.4 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,	2023	2022	2021
Our unfunded liability	\$ 12,757	\$ 12,289	\$ 12,862
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For the year ended December 31,	2023	2022	2021
Our cash contributions	\$ 448	\$ 1,606	\$ 1,702

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. 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 employer 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 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 defined contribution plan if it were not for certain IRS limitations.

Employer contribution expenses for these plans, included in "Salaries and employee benefits" in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income, were \$5.7 million, \$5.1 million, and \$3.7 million in 2023, 2022, and 2021, 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, 2023, involved more than a normal risk of collectability. There were no material related party transactions other than the loan transactions disclosed in the related party loans information chart.

Related Party Loans Information

(in thousands)

As of December 31,	2023	2022	2021
Total related party loans	\$ 56,392	\$ 39,347	\$ 51,747
For the year ended December 31,	2023	2022	2021
Advances to related parties	\$ 130,321	\$ 108,517	\$ 83,520
Repayments by related parties	110,373	101,431	71,459

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 described 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, which includes a partnership distribution from AgDirect, LLP, was \$67.7 million, \$59.1 million, and \$49.9 million in 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively. Patronage income for 2023, 2022, and 2021 was received in cash and AgriBank stock.

In addition, we received compensation from AgriBank for servicing loans of \$0.8 million, \$0.5 million, and \$0.5 million in 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively.

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

We purchase certain business services, primarily financial reporting, from AgriBank. We also purchase tax reporting and insurance services from SunStream Business Services (SunStream). In addition, we 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 following table in 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 investment in FPI.

Additional Related Party Information

(in thousands)

As of December 31,	2023	2022	2021
Investment in AgriBank	\$ 414,736	\$ 336,682	\$ 227,709
Investment in AgDirect, LLP	12,630	9,689	8,035
Investment in Foundations	96	96	80
Investment in FPI	3,940	3,958	3,934
For the year ended December 31,	2023	2022	2021
AgriBank District purchased services	\$ 2,084	\$ 3,010	\$ 1,272
FPI purchased services	12,080	11,832	10,786

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, 2023, we had commitments to extend credit and unexercised commitments related to standby letters of credit of \$5.2 billion. We had \$79.1 million of issued standby letters of credit as of December 31, 2023.

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 have off-balance sheet credit risk because their contractual amounts are not reflected on the balance sheet until funded or drawn upon. 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.

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, 2023, 2022, or 2021.

Non-Recurring Basis

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

Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Non-Recurring Basis

(in thousands)

As of December 31, 2023	Fair Value Measurement Using			Total Fair Value
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Loans	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 28,179	\$ 28,179
Other property owned	--	--	80	80

As of December 31, 2022	Fair Value Measurement Using			Total Fair Value
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Loans	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 14,548	\$ 14,548
Other property owned	--	--	--	--

As of December 31, 2021	Fair Value Measurement Using			Total Fair Value
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Loans	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 2,704	\$ 2,704
Other property owned	--	--	--	--

Valuation Techniques

Loans: Represents the carrying amount of loans evaluated individually for credit losses and are deemed to be collateral dependent. The carrying value amount is based on the estimated value of the underlying collateral, less costs to sell. When the fair value of the collateral, less costs to sell, is less than the amortized cost basis of the loan, a specific allowance for expected credit losses is established. Costs to sell represent transaction costs and are not included as a component of the collateral's estimated fair value. Typically, 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 and, therefore, are classified as Level 3 fair value measurements.

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 6, 2024, which is the date the Consolidated Financial Statements were available to be issued. There have been no material subsequent events that would require recognition in our 2023 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	Location	Description	Usage
Ada, MN	Owned	Branch	Litchfield, MN	Leased	Branch
Alexandria, MN	Owned	Branch	Madison, MN	Owned	Branch
Bottineau, ND	Owned	Branch	Marshall, MN	Owned	Branch
Bowbells, ND	Leased	Bowbells Crop Insurance Office	Marshfield, WI	Owned	Branch
Carrington, ND	Owned	Branch	Medford, WI	Owned	Branch
Cavalier, ND	Owned	Branch	Minneapolis, MN	Leased	Branch
Crookston, MN	Owned	Branch	Minot, ND	Owned	Branch
Crosby, ND	Owned	Branch	Minot, ND	Owned	Ward County Crop Insurance Office
Detroit Lakes, MN	Owned	Branch	Morris, MN	Owned	Branch
Devils Lake, ND	Owned	Branch	Olivia, MN	Owned	Branch
Elbow Lake, MN	Owned	Branch	Redwood Falls, MN	Owned	Branch
Fargo, ND	Owned	Headquarters/Branch	Roseau, MN	Owned	Branch
Fergus Falls, MN	Owned	Branch	Rugby, ND	Owned	Branch
Fosston, MN	Owned	Branch	Stevens Point, WI	Owned	Branch
Graceville, MN	Owned	Branch	Thief River Falls, MN	Leased	Branch
Grafton, ND	Owned	Branch	Thorp, WI	Owned	Branch
Grand Forks, ND	Owned	Branch	Valley City, ND	Owned	Branch
Hallock, MN	Owned	Branch	Wahpeton, ND	Owned	Branch
Hillsboro, ND	Owned	Branch	Warren, MN	Owned	Branch
Jamestown, ND	Owned	Branch	Wausau, WI	Owned	Branch
LaMoure, ND*	Owned	Branch	Williston, ND	Owned	Branch
Langdon, ND	Owned	Branch	Willmar, MN	Owned	Branch
Lisbon, ND	Owned	Branch			

*In 2023, construction of a new branch facility began in LaMoure, ND with completion anticipated in 2024.

Legal Proceedings

Information regarding legal proceedings is included in Note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in this Annual Report. We were not subject to any enforcement actions as of December 31, 2023.

Description of Capital Structure

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

Description of Liabilities

Information regarding liabilities is included 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, 2023, including business experience during the last five years

Name	Principal occupation and other business affiliations
Lynn Pietig Board Chair Board Service Began: 2015 Current Term Expires: 2027	Principal occupation: Owner of Pietig Book-Works, an accounting and tax practice Self-employed grain and livestock farmer Other business affiliations: Treasurer: Morgan Memorial Foundation Inc., a nursing home and assisted living facility
Steven Perdue Board Vice Chair Board Service Began: 2009 Current Term Expires: 2026	Principal occupation: Self-employed grain farmer Other business affiliations: Director: Ray Farmers Union Elevator, grain elevator and agronomy sales Director: North Dakota Farm Credit Council, a trade association representing the Farm Credit System Director: U.S. Durum Growers Association, promotes the production and marketing of durum wheat and semolina
Leif Aakre Board Service Began: 2011 Current Term Expires: 2027	Principal occupation: Self-employed grain farmer
Suzanne Allen Appointed Outside Director Financial Expert Board Service Began: 2011 Current Term Expires: 2027	Principal occupation: President of Allen CFO Services, a consulting company (May 2020-present) CFO of Unity Holdings, Inc., a holding company (May 2019-April 2020) CFO of Compudyne, a technology company (September 2016-May 2019) Other business affiliations: Director: American Transmission Company, owns and operates high-voltage electric transmission systems
Bryan Ankenbauer Board Service Began: 2005 Current Term Expires: 2025	Principal occupation: Self-employed grain farmer Other business affiliations: Partner: EG Acres LLC, a farm management company Director: North Dakota Farm Credit Council, a trade association representing the Farm Credit System
Justin Dagen Board Service Began: 2018 Current Term Expires: 2026	Principal occupation: Self-employed grain and certified seed potato grower Other business affiliations: Board Chair: Board of Supervisors Spring Brook Township, a county government
Kurt Elliott Board Service Began: 2016 Current Term Expires: 2024	Principal occupation: Self-employed grain and livestock farmer Other business affiliations: Commissioner: Traill County Commission, a political subdivision Board Member: Lake Agassiz Regional Development Board, a nonprofit economic development organization

Name	Principal occupation and other business affiliations
Mark Ellison Board Service Began: 1995 Current Term Expires: 2024	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
Edward Hegland Board Service Began: 2012 Current Term Expires: 2025	Principal occupation: Self-employed grain farmer President: Hegland Farms of Appleton, Inc. Other business affiliations: Director: AgriBank District Farm Credit Council, a trade association representing the AgriBank District
Thomas Henry Board Service Began: 2010 Current Term Expires: 2024	Principal occupation: Self-employed grain farmer Other business affiliations: Director: North Dakota Farm Credit Council, a trade association representing the Farm Credit System Director: Bottineau Country Farm Bureau, an organization for farmer advocacy Director: Northwest Land Owners Association, an advocate for property rights
Karen Kerner Board Service Began: 2021 Current Term Expires: 2025	Principal occupation: Self-employed grain and livestock farmer
Ryan Klussendorf Board Service Began: 2023 Current Term Expires: 2027	Principal occupation: Self-employed dairy and crop farmer Other business affiliations: Board Vice President: Medford Cooperative, provides agriculture, retail, and energy supplies and services
Michael Long Board Service Began: 1997 Current Term Expires: 2025	Principal occupation: Self-employed grain and livestock farmer Other business affiliations: Director: North Dakota Farm Credit Council, a trade association representing the Farm Credit System
Greg Nelson Board Service Began: 2008 Current Term Expires: 2026	Principal occupation: Self-employed grain farmer Other business affiliations: Director: AgriBank District Farm Credit Council, a trade association representing the AgriBank District
William Oemichen Appointed Outside Director Board Service Began: 2009 Current Term Expires: 2025	Principal occupation: Professor of Practice - Law, University of Wisconsin-Madison (February 2023 - present) Senior Research Fellow in Food Systems Security and Preparedness, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2018-January 2023) Partner at Community and Co-operative Counsel, a law firm providing co-operative law and other legal services to Canadian co-operatives (2022-present) Other business affiliations: Board Treasurer: Group Health Cooperative of South Central Wisconsin, a health care insurance company Board of Trustees Chair: Wisconsin College Savings Program, oversight for the Edvest and Tomorrow's Scholar 529 plans Board Member: Slipstream, Inc., an energy conservation company Director: Farm Credit Council Services, Inc. (FCCS), an education and insurance company Board Member: Farm Land Title, title insurance Board Member/President: New Glarus Board of Education, K-12 primary education 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 and agricultural risk research
Richard Price Board Service Began: 2022 Current Term Expires: 2026	Principal occupation: Self-employed dairy and crop farmer
Greg Sabolik Board Service Began: 2013 Current Term Expires: 2025	Principal occupation: Self-employed grain and dairy farmer President: Bred and Butter Dairy Other business affiliations: President: 709 LLC, land ownership Board Member: Minnesota Dairy Initiative, advocate for dairy farmers

Name	Principal occupation and other business affiliations
Curtis Trost Board Service Began: 2020 Current Term Expires: 2024	Principal occupation: Self-employed grain farmer President: Curtis Trost Farming, Inc. Other business affiliations: Board Vice Chairperson: Serenity Suites Senior Living, an assisted living and memory care facility
Dale Zahradka Board Service Began: 2002 Current Term Expires: 2026	Principal occupation: Self-employed grain farmer Other business affiliations: Director: North Dakota Farm Credit Council, a trade association representing the Farm Credit System
Michael Zenker Board Service Began: 2015 Current Term Expires: 2027	Principal occupation: Self-employed grain farmer Seed dealer

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 2023, each director received an annual base retainer of \$50,400. In addition, the Board Chairperson received an additional \$11,400, the Vice Chairperson and the Audit Committee Chairperson received an additional \$8,100, the Human Resources and Compensation Committee Chairperson, Governance Committee Chairperson, and Risk Committee Chairperson received an additional \$5,100, and each Audit Committee member, other than the Chairperson, received an additional \$1,800. Each member of the Risk Committee received an additional \$600 per day each time the Committee met. 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 2023 follows:

Name	Number of Days Served			Compensation Paid for Service on a Board Committee	Name of Committee	Total Compensation Earned in 2023
	Board Meetings	Other Official Activities	On a Committee			
Leif Aakre	10.50	20.00	3.50	\$ 1,800	Audit	\$ 59,418
Suzanne Allen	10.50	4.00	3.50	8,100	Audit	67,433
Bryan Ankenbauer	10.50	17.25	2.75	-	Governance	63,231
Justin Dagen	10.50	10.50	3.50	5,100	Governance	62,338
Kurt Elliott	10.50	13.50	3.50	1,800	Audit	52,050
Mark Ellison	10.50	27.00	2.00	1,200	Risk	62,999
			2.50	-	Compensation	
Edward Hegland	10.50	18.50	3.50	1,800	Audit	50,697
Thomas Henry	10.50	24.50	3.50	1,800	Audit	67,398
James Jarvis*	7.75	8.50	1.25	-	Governance	42,165
Karen Kerner	9.50	22.50	3.50	1,800	Audit	66,501
Ryan Klussendorf**	3.25	5.75	-	-	-	19,524
Michael Long	10.50	15.50	2.50	-	Compensation	59,130
Greg Nelson	10.50	15.00	2.50	-	Compensation	58,680
William Oemichen	10.50	19.00	2.00	5,100	Risk	74,851
			2.75	-	Compensation	
Steven Perdue	10.50	16.00	2.50	-	Compensation	62,960
Lynn Pietig	10.50	21.50	2.00	1,200	Risk	75,693
			3.50	-	Governance	
Richard Price	9.50	11.75	2.00	-	Compensation	62,950
Greg Sabolik	10.50	22.75	3.25	-	Governance	72,180
Curtis Trost	10.50	22.25	3.50	1,800	Audit	61,352
			2.00	1,200	Risk	
Dale Zahradka	10.00	9.50	2.00	1,200	Risk	60,614
			3.00	-	Governance	
Michael Zenker	10.50	11.50	2.50	5,100	Compensation	62,629
						<u>\$ 1,264,793</u>

*No longer on the Board at December 31, 2023

**Elected to the Board in 2023

Senior Officers

Senior Officers as of December 31, 2023, including business experience during the last five years

Name and Position	Business experience and other business affiliations
Marcus L. Knisely President and Chief Executive Officer	Business experience: President and Chief Executive Officer since 1998 Other business affiliations: Board member of Farm Credit Financial Partners, Inc., a related entity discussed in the Other Relationships and Programs section of the Management's Discussion and Analysis
Randy Aberle EVP Agribusiness and Capital Markets	Business experience: EVP Agribusiness and Capital Markets from November 2011 to present Other business affiliations: Board Chairperson for ProPartners Financial, a related alliance discussed in the Other Relationships and Programs section of the Management's Discussion and Analysis
Troy Andreassen Chief Marketplace Officer	Business experience: Chief Marketplace Officer from January 2022 to present Regional President from September 2018 to December 2021
Jessica Fyre Chief Operations Officer and General Counsel	Business experience: Chief Operations Officer and General Counsel from October 2020 to present EVP General Counsel from July 2013 to September 2020 Other business affiliations: Board Member of Farm Credit Financial Partners, Inc., a related entity discussed in the Other Relationships and Programs section of the Management's Discussion and Analysis Board Member of Grand Farm, a nonprofit focused on helping solve problems in agriculture through AgTech and innovation
Gordon Hanson Chief Strategy Officer	Business experience: Chief Strategy Officer from January 2022 to present President and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Services of North Dakota from July 2019 to December 2021 Senior Vice President and Chief Risk Officer, Farm Credit Mid-America from January 2014 to May 2019
Howard Olson SVP Government and Public Affairs	Business experience: SVP Government and Public Affairs from January 2020 to present SVP Insurance and Communications from August 2016 to December 2019 Other business affiliations: Board Past-President 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 Board member of BisonX, a non-profit startup studio and venture capital fund
Jeffrey A. Schmidt Chief Risk Officer	Business experience: Chief Risk Officer from August 2018 to present
Jeni Strand EVP Human Resources	Business experience: EVP Human Resources from January 2007 to present Other business affiliations: Member of Rural Leadership North Dakota Council, a program to strengthen leadership skills
Rebecca A. Thibert Chief Financial Officer	Business experience: 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
Kim Zeltinger Chief Credit Officer	Business experience: Chief Credit Officer from August 2018 to present

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. 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 Human Resources and Compensation Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. Plan participation is contingent on signing a non-solicitation and non-disclosure 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 success measures. 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.

In 2023, the short-term incentive plan payable in 2024 was modified to place greater emphasis on teamwork, and all goals are now related to team and/or Association performance.

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 continuous dates of service with the Association or, in certain situations, with other participating District employers. These plans 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, 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.

Compensation to the CEO and Senior Officers

(in thousands)									
Name	Year	Salary	Short-Term Incentive	Deferred/Perquisites*	Long-Term Incentive	Other	Total		
Marcus L. Knisely, President and CEO	2023	\$ 830	\$ 500	\$ 13	\$ 383	\$ 1,351	\$ 3,077		
Marcus L. Knisely, President and CEO	2022	760	456	12	346	315	1,889		
Marcus L. Knisely, President and CEO	2021	715	425	12	333	616	2,101		
Aggregate Number of Senior Officers, excluding CEO									
Nine	2023	\$ 2,840	\$ 1,176	\$ 33	\$ 711	\$ 2,019	\$ 6,779		
Nine**	2022	2,659	960	121	617	(564)	3,793		
Eight	2021	2,176	1,026	25	556	937	4,720		

*Includes amounts related to relocation expense for two Senior Officers in 2022.

**Includes two Senior Officers who joined the executive leadership team in 2022. One was a new position and the other was a replacement role.

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.
- Employer match on District-wide Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan available to certain 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 above and beyond awards.

No tax reimbursements are made to the CEO or 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 can also be significantly impacted by changes in interest rates as of the measurement date.

Pension Benefits Attributable to the CEO and Senior Officers

(dollars in thousands)

2023

Name	Plan	Years of Credited Service	Present Value of Accumulated Benefits	Payments Made During the Reporting Period
Marcus L. Knisely, President and CEO	AgriBank District Retirement Plan	45.6	\$ 3,320	--
	AgriBank District Pension Restoration Plan	45.6	6,614	--
Aggregate Number of Senior Officers, excluding CEO				
Five	AgriBank District Retirement Plan	34.0	\$ 10,101	--
	AgriBank District Pension Restoration Plan	37.1	1,689	--

The change in composition of the aggregate number of 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.

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. Not all senior officers or highly compensated employees are eligible to participate in this plan.

Transactions with Senior Officers and Directors

Information regarding related party transactions is included 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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 Fargo, ND 58108-6020
 (855) 402-7849
 www.agcountry.com

The total directors' travel, subsistence, and other related expenses were \$0.6 million, \$0.4 million, and \$0.2 million in 2023, 2022, and 2021, 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, 2024, or at any time during 2023.

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 2023 were \$295 thousand. Our engagement letter commits to reimbursing the external auditor for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses as incurred for travel. In addition, we also incurred \$175 thousand for work related to our implementation of new accounting guidance, which was pre-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 (YBS)

Effective January 1, 2024, the annual gross sales threshold for a small farmer, rancher, or producer or harvester of aquatic products increased from \$250 thousand to \$350 thousand and changed from measuring gross sales to gross cash farm income. Effective February 1, 2024, the FCA amended certain YBS regulations which now require banks that fund the direct-lender associations to annually review and approve each association's YBS programs. The amended regulations also require direct-lender associations to enhance their YBS programs within their strategic plans. None of these changes impact the disclosures as of December 31, 2023.

Information regarding credit and services to young, beginning, and small farmers and ranchers, and producers or harvesters of aquatic products is included 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 date the loan is originally made.
- **Beginning Farmer:** A farmer or rancher who has 10 years or less of farming or ranching experience as of the date the loan is originally made.
- **Small Farmer:** A farmer or rancher who normally generates less than \$250,000 in annual gross sales of agricultural products at the date the loan is originally made.

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 owners and 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 services).
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 45 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:** 22.6%

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

- **Status:**
 - **Annual:** 25%
 - **Three-Year:** 25%
 - **Actual:** 41.8%

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

- **Status:**
 - **Annual:** 35%
 - **Three-Year:** 35%
 - **Actual:** 32.5%

Goal: Educational/informational opportunities provided to YBFs annually.

- **Status:**
 - **Annual:** 350
 - **Three-Year:** 900
 - **Actual:** 457

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:** Young and Beginning: 85% | Small: 94%
 - **Three-Year:** Young and Beginning: 85% | Small: 94%
 - **Actual:** Young and Beginning: 99.8% | Small: 99.5%

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

- **Status:**
 - **Annual:** 25%
 - **Three-Year:** 25%
 - **Actual:** 28.3%

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

- **Status:**
 - **Annual:** 50%
 - **Three-Year:** 50%
 - **Actual:** 40.8%

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 17 YBFs with new loans.

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

- **Status:**
 - These services were provided to 184 YBFs.

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

- **Status:**

Services	Number Served
Tax	698
Farm Accounting	236
Succession & Retirement	184
Crop Insurance	709

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 2023:
 - AgFocus Conference educational event (in-person and virtual) was held in January:
 - YBF registered: 66
 - Two AgCountry Young Farmer Advisory Committees, comprised of 22 YBF families, met semi-annually. The committees provide feedback for the Association, receive updates from our Directors and staff, and network with their peers:
 - Central Region: 11 YBF families
 - Southern Region: 11 YBF families
 - YBF breakfast at the International Crop Expo:
 - YBF registered: 53
 - Resources targeted to YBF were shared via social media throughout the year.
 - Podcasts produced by AgCountry are made available to YBF as resources.

Goal: Customer feedback meetings will be held periodically with select groups of young and beginning or small farmers.

- **Status:** YBF attendees: 13

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

▪ **Status:**

- More than \$205,000 was donated to such programs, including 4-H, FFA, farm management/leadership programs, farm safety camps, and educational seminars offered through county Extension Service offices.
- \$250,000 was donated to the Farming for the Future Foundation in Wisconsin. It will be used in the Food + Farming Exploration Center.
- AgCountry annually supports scholarships for The Executive Program for Agricultural Producers (TEPAP) at Texas A&M University.
- \$50,000 in scholarships were awarded to 50 high school seniors in our territory who came from a farming family or are pursuing a career in agriculture.
- \$28,500 in grants were awarded to 19 North Dakota State University (NDSU) and University of Minnesota Crookston (UMC) students in the Farm Credit Fellows program.
- \$10,000 in scholarships were awarded to 10 Upperclassmen who are pursuing a degree in an ag related field.
- A total of \$29,284 was paid in 2023 as part of the Center for Risk and Trade Scholarship Endowment donation to the NDSU Foundation.

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 2020	AgCountry Producer Loan and Lease Portfolio
35 years of age or less	8.67%	31.3%
10 years or less of experience farming	20.71%	35.9%
Farms less than \$250,000 Value Farm Sales	79.6%	40.8%

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.
- Of the farms reporting to the Census report, 31% 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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