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Quarterly Report on FCS Condition December 8, 2022

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## **Topics for Open Session**



- Economic Conditions Affecting the Farm Credit System
  - Macroeconomic update
  - Supply chains and input costs
  - Production risks for 2023
- Farm Credit System Condition and Performance
  - System growth and loan portfolio
  - Earnings and capital
  - Financial Institution Rating System (FIRS)











# Economic Conditions Affecting the Farm Credit System

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## Inflation slows, interest rates continue to climb

- Inflation has plateaued in response to higher interest rates.
- Pressure to raise rates will continue until inflation falls.
- Consumers' response to high rates and prices will play an important role in 2023.



Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics and Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System



### Wages and wholesale prices



- Wholesale inflation and wage growth are leading indicators for inflation.
- Declines suggest consumer inflation will continue to cool off.





# Higher interest rates cool off housing market amid weakening sub-prime credit quality

- Higher rates slowing demand for refinance.
  - Early payment defaults for FHA-backed loans have doubled in the past year.
  - Weakness in housing creates headwinds for economic growth and employment.



Source: US Census Bureau, Freddie Mac



# Natural gas and fertilizer outlook remains volatile

- EU boosted gas storage to lower risk of rationing this winter.
- Continued risk of disruptions and ensuing shortages.
- Natural gas is the primary input for nitrogen fertilizer.
- Fertilizer and other inputs will be crucial for margins in 2023.



Source: New York Mercantile Exchange



# Supply chains have improved, but still problematic for farm equipment and parts



Sources: Federal Reserve Bank of New York and Iron Solutions



## Drought continues in much of the United States, including cattle and wheat regions

- Cattle producers continue to face poor pasture conditions in many areas and high feed costs.
- A poor start for winter wheat crop makes it more vulnerable to winter damage.
- Longer term water concerns
  continue in California and
  Colorado Valley.





# Drought has dropped Mississippi River water levels, snarling barge traffic













# High transportation costs affect farmers through local grain prices



Source: USDA AgTransport data, GeoGrains



# Commodity prices have fallen and stabilized despite war in Ukraine and drought



Sources: Chicago Board of Trade



# Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (H5N1) returns along with wild birds

- Disease has spread since spring.
- Over 50 million birds killed.
- Potential endemic disease.
- Record high turkey and egg retail prices.
  - Turkey: +73% year-on-year
  - Eggs: +87%
  - Chicken: +30%





### Questions









### **THANK YOU**











# Farm Credit System Condition and Performance

as of September 30, 2022

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### System growth reflects a strong farm economy



Source: Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation Information Statements



## System portfolio continues to perform well



Source: Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation Information Statements



# Nonperforming assets rise but overall level remains low

- Nonperforming assets were 0.51% of loans outstanding and other property owned compared with 0.46% at yearend.
- Nonaccrual loans totaled \$1.291 billion, up 9.8% from year-end, but down 3.7% from a year ago.
- 68.5% of nonaccrual loans were current as to principal and interest, compared with 63.7% at year-end.



(1) calculated as a percentage of gross loans outstanding and other property owned (OPO)



### System earnings increase on strong asset growth



Source: Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation Information Statements





### The System continues to be strongly capitalized





- Total Regulatory Capital levels: Banks: 13.7% to 17.1% Associations: 11.6% to 31.7%
- Days of liquidity for the four funding banks ranged from 159 to 214 days
- 83% of System institutions are in the Capital benchmark 1 range and all are in the benchmark 1 or 2 range

Source: Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation Information Statements

#### System Capital (\$B) \$69.5 Total Capital less Restricted \$69.4 \$66.0 \$62.4 \$58.2 \$55.5 \$52.4 Capital-to-Assets Ratio 17.6% 17.4% 17.3% 17.1% 16.9% 16.7% 14.9% Sed 12

**Total System Capital** 



### Strong asset growth and rising interest rates impact capital-to-asset ratio





Source: Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation Information

(1) Accumulated other comprehensive loss

16.1%

14.9%

(5, 299)



### **Composite FIRS ratings remain strong**





- Composite FIRS ratings reflect the System's sound financial condition.
- Almost 94% of System banks and associations have a Composite FIRS rating of 1 or 2.
- Institutions rated 3 or lower represent less than 1.5% of System assets.

#### Composite FIRS Ratings Farm Credit System Banks and Associations





## **Summary and final points**

- Rising interest rates slow inflation but raise borrowing costs.
- Input price risk and supply chain uncertainties an ongoing challenge for ag producers.
- Drought persists in the Western U.S.; pasture conditions remain poor in many areas.



- The Farm Credit System continues to be safe and financially strong. Portfolio quality is very good, but risks are elevated for certain sectors and geographic regions.
- System institutions are strongly capitalized and well positioned to meet the credit needs of agricultural producers and rural America.