### Carolina Farm Credit, ACA FIRST QUARTER 2022

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### CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certify that we have reviewed the March 31, 2022, quarterly report of Carolina Farm Credit, ACA, that the report has been prepared under the oversight of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors and in accordance with all applicable statutory or regulatory requirements, and that the information contained herein is true, accurate, and complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

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May 9, 2022

# Carolina Farm Credit, ACA Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

The Association's principal executives and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, are responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate 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. This process provides 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.

Internal control over financial reporting 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 of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Association's assets that could have a material effect on its Consolidated Financial Statements. The Association's management has completed an assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of March 31, 2022. In making the assessment, management used the framework in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework (2013)*, 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's management concluded that as of March 31, 2022, the internal control over financial reporting was effective based upon the COSO criteria. Additionally, based on this assessment, the Association's management determined that there were no material weaknesses in the internal control over financial reporting as of March 31, 2022.

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May 9, 2022

# Carolina Farm Credit, ACA Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

#### (dollars in thousands, unless otherwise noted)

The following commentary reviews the financial condition and results of operations of Carolina Farm Credit, ACA (Association) for the period ended March 31, 2022. These comments should be read in conjunction with the accompanying consolidated financial statements, notes to the consolidated financial statements, and the 2021 Annual Report of the Association. The accompanying consolidated financial statements were prepared under the oversight of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors.

#### LOAN PORTFOLIO

The Association provides funds to farmers, rural homeowners, and farm-related businesses for financing of short and intermediate-term loans and long-term real estate mortgage loans. The Association's loan portfolio is diversified over a range of agricultural commodities in our region, including parttime farm, poultry, and rural home loans. Farm size varies and many of the borrowers in the region have diversified farming operations. This factor, along with the numerous opportunities for non-farm income in the area, reduces the dependency on a single agricultural commodity.

The gross loan volume of the Association as of March 31, 2022, was \$1,805,370, an increase of \$18,959, as compared to \$1,786,411 at December 31, 2021. Net loans outstanding at March 31, 2022, were \$1,799,885, as compared to \$1,780,317 at December 31, 2021. Net loans accounted for 96.61% of total assets at March 31, 2022, as compared to 95.29% of total assets at December 31, 2021. The increase in loan volume during the reporting period is a result of new loan volume outpacing principal payments and payoffs.

There is an inherent risk in the extension of any type of credit. However, portfolio credit quality continues to be maintained at an acceptable level, and credit administration remains satisfactory.

Nonaccrual loans decreased from \$9,412 at December 31, 2021, to \$9,286 at March 31, 2022. This decrease is primarily the result of transfers of loan volume to nonaccrual being less than regular payments made on nonaccrual loans and nonaccrual loans liquidated or reinstated back to accrual status.

Association management maintains an allowance for loan losses in an amount considered sufficient to absorb probable losses in the loan portfolio based on current and expected future conditions. The allowance for loan losses at March 31, 2022, was \$5,485, compared to \$6,094 at December 31, 2021, and was considered by management to be adequate to cover probable losses. The primary reason for the decrease in allowance for loan losses is a decreased level of general loan loss reserves, reflecting improved credit quality during the period.

#### **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

#### For the three months ended March 31, 2022

Net income for the three months ended March 31, 2022, totaled \$10,160 as compared to \$9,564 for the same period in 2021, which is an increase of \$596, or 6.23 percent.

Net interest income for the three months ended March 31, 2022, totaled \$14,141, as compared to \$13,615 for the same period of 2021, an increase of \$526. At March 31, 2022, total interest income increased \$915, as compared to the same period in 2021. Interest income recognized on nonaccrual loans was \$98 for the three months ended March 31, 2022, as compared to \$150 for the same period in 2021, a decrease of \$52. Interest expense increased \$389 for the three months ended March 31, 2022, as compared to the same period in 2021, a decrease of \$52. Interest expense increased \$389 for the three months ended March 31, 2022, as compared to the same period in 2021.

The Association recorded a provision/(reversal) for loan losses of (\$553) for the three months ended March 31, 2022, as compared to a provision/(reversal) of (\$415) for the same period of 2021.

Noninterest income for the three months ended March 31, 2022, totaled \$5,332, as compared to \$5,653 for the same period of 2021, a decrease of \$321. The decrease in noninterest income is attributed to decreases of \$752 in loan fees, \$29 in fees for financially-related services, and \$123 in gains/(losses) on sales of premises equipment, when compared to the same period in 2021. These decreases were offset by increases of \$9 in lease income, \$293 in patronage refunds from other Farm Credit institutions, \$153 in gains/(losses) on the sale of rural home loans, \$126 in gains/(losses) on other transactions, and \$2 in other noninterest income, when compared to the same period in 2021.

Noninterest expense for the three months ended March 31, 2022, totaled \$9,870, as compared to \$10,115 for the same period of 2021, a decrease of \$245. This decrease in noninterest expense is attributed to decreases of \$508 in salaries and employee

benefits, \$41 in purchased services, and \$20 in data processing, when compared to the same period in 2021. These decreases were offset by increases of \$44 in occupancy and equipment, \$31 in Insurance Fund premiums, and \$249 in other operating expenses, when compared to the same period in 2021.

The Association recorded a provision/(benefit) for income taxes of (\$4) for the three months ended March 31, 2022, as compared to a provision/(benefit) of \$4 for the same period of 2021.

#### FUNDING SOURCES

The principal source of funds for the Association is the borrowing relationship established with AgFirst Farm Credit Bank (Bank) through a General Financing Agreement. The General Financing Agreement utilizes the Association's credit and fiscal performance as criteria for establishing a line of credit on which the Association may draw funds. The funds are advanced by the Bank to the Association in the form of notes payable. The notes payable is segmented into variable rate and fixed rate sections. The variable rate note is utilized by the Association to fund variable rate loan advances and operating funds requirements. The fixed rate note is used specifically to fund fixed rate loan advances made by the Association. The total notes payable to the Bank at March 31, 2022, was \$1,442,097, as compared to \$1,453,937 at December 31, 2021. The decrease during the period is primarily attributable to the payment of AgFirst patronage payable to the Association in January 2022, offset by an increase in loan volume.

The Association had no lines of credit outstanding with third parties as of March 31, 2022.

One of the Bank's primary responsibilities is to maintain sufficient liquidity to fund the lending operations of the District Associations, in addition to its own needs. The Bank's primary source of liquidity is its ability to issue Systemwide Debt Securities through the Funding Corporation. If the effects of COVID-19 were to create market disruptions that caused the Funding Corporation to be unable to continue to issue Systemwide Debt Securities at reasonable rates and desired terms, the Bank and the Association's business, operating results, or financial condition would likely be adversely affected.

#### Future of LIBOR

In 2017, the United Kingdom's Financial Conduct Authority (UK FCA), which regulates LIBOR, announced its intention to stop persuading or compelling the group of major banks that sustains LIBOR to submit rate quotations after 2021.

On March 5, 2021, ICE Benchmark Administration (IBA) (the entity that is responsible for calculating LIBOR) announced its intention to cease the publication of the one-week and twomonth US dollar LIBOR settings immediately following the LIBOR publication on December 31, 2021, and the remaining US dollar LIBOR settings immediately following the LIBOR publication on June 30, 2023. On the same day, the UK FCA announced that the IBA had notified the UK FCA of its intent, among other things, to cease providing certain US dollar LIBOR settings as of June 30, 2023. In its announcement, the UK FCA confirmed that all 35 LIBOR tenors (including with respect to US dollar LIBOR) will be discontinued or declared nonrepresentative as of either: (a) immediately after December 31, 2021 or (b) immediately after June 30, 2023.

The Association has exposure to LIBOR arising from loans made to customers, and Systemwide Debt Securities that are issued by the Funding Corporation on the Bank's and Association's behalf. Alternative reference rates that replace LIBOR may not yield the same or similar economic results over the lives of the financial instruments, which could adversely affect the value of, and return on, instruments held.

The FCA has issued guidelines with similar guidance as the U.S. prudential regulators but applicable for System institutions to follow as they prepare for the expected phase-out of LIBOR. The guidelines direct each System institution to develop a LIBOR transition plan designed to provide an orderly roadmap of actions that will reduce LIBOR exposure, stop the inflow of new LIBOR volume, and adjust operating processes to implement alternative reference rates.

On December 8, 2021, the FCA issued another informational memorandum to provide additional guidance to Farm Credit System institutions on their transition away from LIBOR. The guidance encourages Farm Credit System institutions to stop entering into new contracts that reference LIBOR as soon as practicable and in any event no later than December 31, 2021. Entering into new LIBOR-referenced contracts after that date would present safety and soundness risk. The guidance also provides clarity on what the FCA considers a new LIBORindexed contract; whether purchases of legacy LIBOR-indexed loans and investments are deemed new contracts; limited exceptions for entering into new LIBOR contracts that reduce or hedge risk in legacy LIBOR contracts; and the due diligence and other procedures required before using other benchmark/reference rate alternatives to LIBOR, including credit-sensitive alternative rates.

The Association has implemented LIBOR transition plans and continues to analyze potential risks associated with the LIBOR transition, including, but not limited to, financial, market, accounting, operational, legal, tax, reputational, and compliance risks.

On July 26, 2021, the Alternative Reference Rates Committee (ARRC) announced it will recommend the CME Group's forward-looking SOFR term rates. The ARRC's formal recommendation of SOFR term rates is a major milestone and is expected to increase the volume of transactions quoted in SOFR, supporting the implementation of the transition away from LIBOR.

On October 20, 2021, the U.S. prudential regulators issued a joint statement emphasizing the expectation that supervised institutions with LIBOR exposure continue to progress toward

an orderly transition away from LIBOR, reiterating that supervised institutions should, with limited exceptions, cease entering into new contracts that use US dollar LIBOR as a reference rate as soon as practicable, but no later than December 31, 2021. They further stated that entering into new contracts, including derivatives, after that date would create safety and soundness risks. The joint statement clarified that entering into such new contracts would include an agreement that (1) creates additional LIBOR disclosure or (2) extends the term of an existing LIBOR contract, but that a draw on an existing agreement that is legally enforceable, e.g., a committed credit facility, would not be a new contract. The joint statement also provided considerations when assessing the appropriateness of alternative reference rates used in lieu of LIBOR and the regulator expectation that new or updated LIBOR contracts include strong and clearly defined fallback rates for when the initial reference rate is discontinued.

The following is a summary of Association variable-rate financial instruments with LIBOR exposure at December 31, 2021:

(dollars in thousands)	1	Due in 2022	Due in 2023 on or before June 30)	Due after June, 30 2023	Total
Loans	\$	3,462	\$ 576	\$ 34,264	\$ 38,302
Total Assets	\$	3,462	\$ 576	\$ 34,264	\$ 38,302
Note Payable to					
AgFirst Farm Credit Bank	\$	2,627	\$ 437	\$ 25,997	\$ 29,061
Total Liabilities	\$	2,627	\$ 437	\$ 25,997	\$ 29,061

The LIBOR transition plan includes implementing fallback language into variable-rate financial instruments maturing after June 30, 2023 which provides the ability to move these instruments to another index if the LIBOR market is no longer viable. At December 31, 2021, less than 9 percent of total loans maturing after June 30, 2023, do not contain fallback provisions.

### CAPITAL RESOURCES

Total members' equity at March 31, 2022, increased to \$367,079, from the December 31, 2021, total of \$357,559. The change in capital is primarily attributable to net earnings in the current year.

Effective January 1, 2017, the regulatory capital requirements for System Banks and Associations were modified. The new regulations ensure that the System's capital requirements are comparable to the Basel III framework and the standardized approach that the federal banking regulatory agencies have adopted. New regulations replaced existing core surplus and total surplus ratios with common equity tier 1 (CET1), tier 1 capital, and total capital risk-based capital ratios. The new regulations also replaced the existing net collateral ratio with a tier 1 leverage ratio and an unallocated retained earnings equivalents (UREE) leverage ratio. The current permanent capital ratio (PCR) remains in effect.

For all periods presented, the Association exceeded minimum standards for all the regulatory capital and leverage ratios, as shown in the following table.

The following sets forth the regulatory capital ratios, which were effective January 1, 2017:

Ratio	Minimum Requirement	Capital Conservation Buffer	Minimum Requirement with Capital Conservation Buffer	Capital Ratios as of March 31, 2022
Risk-adjusted ratios:				
CET1 Capital	4.5%	2.5%	7.0%	19.57%
Tier 1 Capital	6.0%	2.5%	8.5%	19.57%
Total Capital	8.0%	2.5%	10.5%	19.95%
Permanent Capital Ratio	7.0%	0.0%	7.0%	19.72%
Non-risk-adjusted:				
Tier 1 Leverage Ratio	4.0%	1.0%	5.0%	19.14%
UREE Leverage Ratio	1.5%	0.0%	1.5%	18.56%

If the capital ratios fall below the minimum regulatory 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.

#### **REGULATORY MATTERS**

On April 14, 2022, the FCA approved a final rule that amends certain regulations to address changes in accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Such changes reflect the Current Expected Credit Losses (CECL) methodology that will replace the incurred loss methodology upon adoption. Credit loss allowances related to loans, lessor's net investments in leases, and held-to-maturity debt securities would be included in a System institution's Tier 2 capital up to 1.25 percent of the System institution's total risk weighted assets. Credit loss allowances for available-for-sale debt securities and purchased credit impaired assets would not be eligible for inclusion in a System institution's Tier 2 capital. The regulation does not include a transition phase-in period for the CECL day 1 cumulative effect adjustment to retained earnings on a System institution's regulatory capital ratios. In addition, the regulation does not include an exclusion for the CECL day 1 cumulative effective adjustment from the "safe harbor" deemed prior approval provision. The final rule is effective on January 1, 2023. On August 26, 2021, the FCA issued a proposed rule to revise its regulatory capital requirements to define and establish riskweightings for High Volatility Commercial Real Estate (HVCRE) by assigning a 150 percent risk-weighting to such exposures, instead of the current 100 percent. The proposed rule would ensure that the FCA's rule remains comparable with the capital rule of other federal banking regulatory agencies and recognizes the increased risk posed by HVCRE exposures. The public comment period ended on January 24, 2022.

#### RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

Please refer to Note 1, Organization, Significant Accounting Policies, and Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements, in the Notes to the Financial Statements, and the 2021 Annual Report to Shareholders for recently issued accounting pronouncements. Additional information is provided in the following table.

The following ASU was issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB):

Summary of Guidance	Adoption and Potential Financial Statement Impact
ASU 2016-13 - Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic .     Replaces multiple existing impairment standards by establishing a single framework for financial assets to reflect management's estimate of current expected credit losses (CECL) over the entire remaining life of the financial assets.	<ul> <li>326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments</li> <li>Implementation efforts began with establishing a cross-discipline governance structure utilizing common guidance developed across the Farm Credit System. The implementation includes identification of key interpretive issues, scoping of financial instruments, and assessing existing</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Changes the present incurred loss impairment guidance for loans to an expected loss model.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>credit loss forecasting models and processes against the new guidance.</li> <li>The new guidance is expected to result in a change in allowance for credit</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Modifies the other-than-temporary impairment model for debt securities to require an allowance for credit impairment instead of a direct write-down, which allows for reversal of credit impairments in future periods based on improvements in credit quality.</li> <li>Eliminates existing guidance for purchased credit impaired (PCI) loans, and requires recognition of an allowance for expected credit losses on these financial assets.</li> <li>Requires a cumulative-effect adjustment to retained earnings as of the beginning of the reporting period of adoption.</li> <li>Effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early application is permitted.</li> </ul>	<ol> <li>In some super sup</li></ol>
periods while dose listed years. Larry appreador is permitted.	<ul> <li>The extent of anowate characteristics of the financial instrument portfolios, and the macroeconomic conditions and forecasts, at the adoption date.</li> <li>The guidance is expected to be adopted January 1, 2023.</li> </ul>

**NOTE**: Shareholder investment in the Association is materially affected by the financial condition and results of operations of AgFirst Farm Credit Bank. Copies of AgFirst's annual and quarterly reports are available upon request, free of charge, by calling 1-800-845-1745, ext. 2764, or writing Matthew Miller, AgFirst Farm Credit Bank, P.O. Box 1499, Columbia, SC 29202. Information concerning AgFirst Farm Credit Bank can also be obtained at their website, www.agfirst.com. Copies of the Association's annual and quarterly reports are also available upon request, free of charge, by calling 1-800-521-9952, or writing Christopher H. Scott, CFO, Carolina Farm Credit, ACA, P.O. Box 1827, Statesville, NC 28687-1827, or accessing the website, www.carolinafarmcredit.com. The Association prepares a quarterly report within 40 days after the end of each fiscal quarter, except that no report need be prepared for the fiscal quarter that coincides with the end of the fiscal year of the institution.

# Carolina Farm Credit, ACA Consolidated Balance Sheets

(dollars in thousands)	1	March 31, 2022	D	ecember 31, 2021
		(unaudited)		(audited)
Assets Cash	\$	35	\$	100
Investments in debt securities: Held to maturity (fair value of \$682 and \$743, respectively)		702		714
Loans Allowance for loan losses		1,805,370 (5,485)		1,786,411 (6,094)
Net loans		1,799,885		1,780,317
Loans held for sale Other investments Accrued interest receivable Equity investments in other Farm Credit institutions Premises and equipment, net Accounts receivable Other assets		3,097 35 15,761 16,969 18,401 2,934 5,138		1,681 19 13,992 16,786 18,686 30,869 5,243
Total assets	\$	1,862,957	\$	1,868,407
Liabilities Notes payable to AgFirst Farm Credit Bank Accrued interest payable Patronage refunds payable Accounts payable Advanced conditional payments Other liabilities	\$	1,442,097 2,991 1,809 1,952 1,068 45,961	\$	1,453,937 3,018 32,818 3,106 1,067 16,902
Total liabilities		1,495,878		1,510,848
Commitments and contingencies (Note 8)				
<b>Members' Equity</b> Capital stock and participation certificates Retained earnings		10,665		10,575
Allocated Unallocated Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)		204,461 153,172 (1,219)		201,656 146,581 (1,253)
Total members' equity		367,079		357,559
Total liabilities and members' equity	\$	1,862,957	\$	1,868,407

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# Carolina Farm Credit, ACA Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

(unaudited)

	Ended N	ree Months Iarch 31,
(dollars in thousands)	2022	2021
Interest Income		
Loans	\$ 22,954	\$ 22,037
Investments	11	13
Total interest income	22,965	22,050
Interest Expense		
Notes payable to AgFirst Farm Credit Bank	8,824	8,435
Net interest income	14,141	13,615
Provision for (reversal of) allowance for loan losses	(553)	(415
Net interest income after provision for (reversal of) allowance for		
loan losses	14,694	14,030
Noninterest Income		
Loan fees	1,050	1,802
Fees for financially related services	8	37
Lease income	27	18
Patronage refunds from other Farm Credit institutions	3,072	2,779
Gains (losses) on sales of rural home loans, net	869	716
Gains (losses) on sales of premises and equipment, net	21	144
Gains (losses) on other transactions	235	109
Other noninterest income	50	48
Total noninterest income	5,332	5,653
Noninterest Expense		
Salaries and employee benefits	6,567	7,075
Occupancy and equipment	626	582
Insurance Fund premiums	531	500
Purchased services	229	270
Data processing	134	154
Other operating expenses	1,783	1,534
Total noninterest expense	9,870	10,115
Income before income taxes	10,156	9,568
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	(4)	4
Net income	\$ 10,160	\$ 9,564
Other comprehensive income net of tax		
Employee benefit plans adjustments	34	48
Comprehensive income	\$ 10,194	\$ 9,612

# Carolina Farm Credit, ACA Consolidated Statements of Changes in Members' Equity

(unaudited)

(dellars in the agende)	Capital Stock and Participation			Retained		nings	Com	cumulated Other prehensive	N	Total Iembers'
(dollars in thousands)	Ce	rtificates	I	Allocated	llocated U		Income (Loss)			Equity
Balance at December 31, 2020 Comprehensive income	\$	9,965	\$	195,698	\$	139,588 9,564	\$	(1,790) 48	\$	343,461 9,612
Capital stock/participation certificates issued/(retired), net		271								271
Patronage distribution adjustment				785		(2,307)				(1,522)
Balance at March 31, 2021	\$	10,236	\$	196,483	\$	146,845	\$	(1,742)	\$	351,822
Balance at December 31, 2021 Comprehensive income	\$	10,575	\$	201,656	\$	146,581 10,160	\$	(1,253) 34	\$	357,559 10,194
Capital stock/participation certificates issued/(retired), net Patronage distribution adjustment		90		2,805		(3,569)				90 (764)
Balance at March 31, 2022	\$	10,665	\$	204,461	\$	153,172	\$	(1,219)	\$	367,079

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

### Carolina Farm Credit, ACA

### Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

(dollars in thousands, except as noted) (unaudited)

### Note 1 — Organization, Significant Accounting Policies, and Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

#### Organization

The accompanying financial statements include the accounts of Carolina Farm Credit, ACA and its Production Credit Association (PCA) and Federal Land Credit Association (FLCA) subsidiaries (collectively, the Association). A description of the organization and operations, the significant accounting policies followed, and the financial condition and results of operations for the Association as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, are contained in the 2021 Annual Report to Shareholders. These unaudited interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the latest Annual Report to Shareholders.

#### **Basis of Presentation**

In the opinion of management, the accompanying consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments necessary for a fair statement of results for the periods presented. These adjustments are of a normal recurring nature, unless otherwise disclosed.

Certain amounts in the prior period's consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation. Such reclassifications had no effect on the prior period net income or total capital as previously reported.

The results of any interim period are not necessarily indicative of those to be expected for a full year.

#### Significant Accounting Policies

The Association's accounting and reporting policies conform with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and practices in the financial services industry. To prepare the financial statements in conformity with GAAP, management must make estimates based on assumptions about future economic and market conditions (for example, unemployment, market liquidity, real estate prices, etc.) that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, income and expenses during the reporting period, and the related disclosures. Although these estimates contemplate current conditions and expectations of change in the future, it is reasonably possible that actual conditions may be different than anticipated, which could materially affect results of operations and financial condition.

Management has made significant estimates in several areas, including loans and allowance for loan losses (Note 2, *Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses*), investment securities and

other-than-temporary impairment (Note 3, *Investments*), and financial instruments (Note 6, *Fair Value Measurement*). Actual results could differ from those estimates.

For further details of significant accounting policies, see Note 2, *Summary of Significant Accounting Policies*, from the latest Annual Report.

# Accounting Standards Updates (ASUs) Issued During the Period and Applicable to the Association

The following ASU was issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) since the most recent year-end:

- In March 2022, the FASB issued ASU 2022-02 Financial Instruments—Credit Losses (Topic 326): Troubled Debt Restructurings and Vintage Disclosures. This Update responds to feedback received during the Post Implementation Review process conducted by the FASB related to Topic 326.
  - 1. <u>Troubled Debt Restructurings (TDRs) by</u> <u>Creditors</u>

The amendments eliminate the accounting guidance for TDRs by creditors in Subtopic 310-40, Receivables—Troubled Debt Restructurings by Creditors, while enhancing disclosure requirements for certain loan refinancings and restructurings by creditors when a borrower is experiencing financial difficulty. Specifically, rather than applying the recognition and measurement guidance for TDRs, an entity must apply the loan refinancing and restructuring guidance in paragraphs 310-20-35-9 through 35-11 to determine whether a modification results in a new loan or a continuation of an existing loan.

 <u>Vintage Disclosures—Gross Writeoffs</u> For public business entities, the amendments in this Update require that an entity disclose current period gross writeoffs by year of origination for financing receivables and net investments in leases within the scope of Subtopic 326-20, Financial Instruments—Credit Losses—Measured at Amortized Cost.

These amendments will be implemented in conjunction with the adoption of ASU 2016-13.

#### ASUs Pending Effective Date

For a detailed description of the ASUs below, see the latest Annual Report.

Potential effects of ASUs issued in previous periods:

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13 Financial Instruments-Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments. This Update, and subsequent clarifying guidance issued, is intended to improve financial reporting by requiring timelier recording of credit losses on financial instruments. It requires an organization to measure all expected credit losses for financial assets held at the reporting date through the life of the financial instrument. Financial institutions and other organizations will use forwardlooking information to estimate their credit losses. Additionally, the ASU amends the accounting for credit losses on available-for-sale debt securities and purchased financial assets with credit deterioration. For public companies that are not SEC filers, it will take effect for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Evaluation of any possible effects the guidance may have on the statements of financial condition and results of operations is in progress.

#### Accounting Standards Effective During the Period

There were no changes in the accounting principles applied from the latest Annual Report.

#### Note 2 — Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses

The Association maintains an allowance for loan losses at a level considered adequate by management to provide for probable and estimable losses inherent in the loan portfolio as of the report date. The allowance for loan losses is increased through provisions for loan losses and loan recoveries and is decreased through loan charge-offs and allowance reversals. A review of individual loans in each respective portfolio is performed periodically to determine the appropriateness of risk ratings and to ensure loss exposure to the Association has been identified. See Note 3, *Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses*, from the latest Annual Report for further discussion.

Credit risk arises from the potential inability of an obligor to meet its repayment obligation. The Association manages credit risk associated with lending activities through an assessment of the credit risk profile of an individual obligor. The Association sets its own underwriting standards and lending policies that provide direction to loan officers and are approved by the board of directors.

A summary of loans outstanding at period end follows:

	March 31, 2022	D	ecember 31, 2021
Real estate mortgage	\$ 1,221,676	\$	1,205,898
Production and intermediate-term	413,666		404,781
Loans to cooperatives	9,700		6,557
Processing and marketing	39,888		53,804
Farm-related business	13,308		9,961
Communication	3,473		2,943
Power and water/waste disposal	374		456
Rural residential real estate	97,934		96,662
International	5,351		5,349
Total loans	\$ 1,805,370	\$	1,786,411

A substantial portion of the Association's lending activities is collateralized, and exposure to credit loss associated with lending activities is reduced accordingly.

The Association may purchase or sell participation interests with other parties in order to diversify risk, manage loan volume, and comply with Farm Credit Administration (FCA) regulations. The following tables present the principal balance of participation loans at periods ended:

		March 31, 2022															
	1	Vithin AgF	irst D	istrict	Within Farm Credit System				Outside Farm Credit System					Total			
	Parti	cipations	Par	ticipations	Participations		Participations		Participations		Participations		Participations		Par	ticipations	
	Pu	rchased		Sold	P	urchased		Sold	Pı	urchased		Sold	Р	urchased		Sold	
Real estate mortgage	\$	8,675	\$	17,689	\$	144	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	8,819	\$	17,689	
Production and intermediate-term		17,612		76,378		7,527		_		-		_		25,139		76,378	
Loans to cooperatives		9,708		_		-		_		-		_		9,708		-	
Processing and marketing		18,360		19,004		473		_		_		_		18,833		19,004	
Farm-related business		-		3,413		83		_		-		-		83		3,413	
Communication		3,480		_		-		_		_		_		3,480		_	
Power and water/waste disposal		379		_		-		_		_		_		379		_	
International		5,360		-		_		-		_		_		5,360		_	
Total	\$	63,574	\$	116,484	\$	8,227	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	71,801	\$	116,484	

	December 31, 2021															
		Within AgF	irst D	istrict	Within Farm Credit System				Outside Farm Credit System				Total			
		icipations rchased	Par	ticipations Sold		icipations rchased		icipations Sold		ticipations urchased	Par	ticipations Sold		ticipations urchased	Paı	ticipations Sold
Real estate mortgage	\$	8,894	\$	17,782	\$	148	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	9,042	\$	17,782
Production and intermediate-term		16,953		66,067		7,480		-		-		-		24,433		66,067
Loans to cooperatives		6,566		-		-		-		-		-		6,566		-
Processing and marketing		17,533		25,658		493		-		-		-		18,026		25,658
Farm-related business		· _		1,723		93		-		-		-		93		1,723
Communication		2,951		-		-		-		-		-		2,951		-
Power and water/waste disposal		461		-		-		-		-		-		461		-
International		5,360		_		-		_		_		_		5,360		_
Total	\$	58,718	\$	111,230	\$	8,214	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	66,932	\$	111,230

The recorded investment in a receivable is the face amount increased or decreased by applicable accrued interest, unamortized premium, discount, finance charges, or acquisition costs and may also reflect a previous direct write-down of the investment.

The following table shows the recorded investment of loans, classified under the FCA Uniform Loan Classification System, as a percentage of the recorded investment of total loans by loan type as of:

	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021		March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Real estate mortgage:			Communication:		
Acceptable	97.58%	97.72%	Acceptable	100.00%	100.00%
OAEM	1.55	1.46	OAEM	-	-
Substandard/doubtful/loss	0.87	0.82	Substandard/doubtful/loss	-	-
	100.00%	100.00%		100.00%	100.00%
Production and intermediate-term:			Power and water/waste disposal:		
Acceptable	94.70%	94.68%	Acceptable	100.00%	100.00%
OAEM	4.01	4.05	OAEM	_	_
Substandard/doubtful/loss	1.29	1.27	Substandard/doubtful/loss	_	-
	100.00%	100.00%		100.00%	100.00%
Loans to cooperatives:			Rural residential real estate:		
Acceptable	100.00%	100.00%	Acceptable	98.66%	98.31%
OAEM	-	_	OAEM	1.06	1.43
Substandard/doubtful/loss	-	_	Substandard/doubtful/loss	0.28	0.26
	100.00%	100.00%		100.00%	100.00%
Processing and marketing:			International:		
Acceptable	100.00%	100.00%	Acceptable	100.00%	100.00%
OAEM	-	_	OAEM	-	-
Substandard/doubtful/loss	-	_	Substandard/doubtful/loss	-	-
	100.00%	100.00%		100.00%	100.00%
Farm-related business:			Total loans:		
Acceptable	91.89%	80.57%	Acceptable	97.02%	97.05%
OAEM	4.83	0.09	OAEM	2.06	1.98
Substandard/doubtful/loss	3.28	19.34	Substandard/doubtful/loss	0.92	0.97
	100.00%	100.00%		100.00%	100.00%

The following tables provide an aging analysis of the recorded investment of past due loans as of:

				March 31, 202	22				
	89 E	fhrough Days Past Due	00 Days or More Past Due	Fotal Past Due	Le	Past Due or ss Than 30 ys Past Due	Total Loans		
Real estate mortgage	\$	4,292	\$ 1,976	\$ 6,268	\$	1,226,958	\$	1,233,226	
Production and intermediate-term		3,275	2,360	5,635		411,652		417,287	
Loans to cooperatives		-	-	-		9,706		9,706	
Processing and marketing		-	-	-		39,972		39,972	
Farm-related business		158	277	435		12,948		13,383	
Communication		-	-	-		3,476		3,476	
Power and water/waste disposal		-	-	-		374		374	
Rural residential real estate		665	56	721		97,618		98,339	
International		-	-	-		5,365		5,365	
Total	\$	8,390	\$ 4,669	13,059	\$	1,808,069	\$	1,821,128	

				De	cember 31, 2	021			
	89 E	Fhrough Days Past Due	Days or ore Past Due	T	otal Past Due	Le	Past Due or ess Than 30 ys Past Due	Т	otal Loans
Real estate mortgage	\$	4,108	\$ 2,532	\$	6,640	\$	1,208,984	\$	1,215,624
Production and intermediate-term		1,006	2,361		3,367		405,248		408,615
Loans to cooperatives		-	· _		· -		6,559		6,559
Processing and marketing		-	-		-		53,915		53,915
Farm-related business		136	272		408		9,602		10,010
Communication		_	-		-		2,943		2,943
Power and water/waste disposal		-	-		-		456		456
Rural residential real estate		455	15		470		96,447		96,917
International		-	_		-		5,361		5,361
Total	\$	5,705	\$ 5,180	\$	10,885	\$	1,789,515	\$	1,800,400

Nonperforming assets (including related accrued interest as applicable) and related credit quality statistics at period end were as follows:

	N	Iarch 31, 2022	Dece	mber 31, 2021
Nonaccrual loans:				
Real estate mortgage	\$	5,022	\$	5,675
Production and intermediate-term		3,887		3,403
Farm-related business		277		272
Rural residential real estate		100		62
Total	\$	9,286	\$	9,412
Accruing restructured loans:				
Real estate mortgage	\$	880	\$	898
Production and intermediate-term		165		173
Rural residential real estate		82		83
Total	\$	1,127	\$	1,154
Accruing loans 90 days or more past due:				
Total	\$		\$	
Total nonperforming loans	\$	10,413	\$	10,566
Other property owned		-		-
Total nonperforming assets	\$	10,413	\$	10,566
Nonaccrual loans as a percentage of total loans		0.51%		0.53%
Nonperforming assets as a percentage of total				
loans and other property owned		0.58%		0.59%
Nonperforming assets as a percentage of capital		2.84%		2.96%

The following table presents information related to the recorded investment of impaired loans at period end. Impaired loans are loans for which it is probable that all principal and interest will not be collected according to the contractual terms of the loan.

	 March 31, 2022	Dec	ember 31, 2021
Impaired nonaccrual loans:			
Current as to principal and interest	\$ 3,469	\$	2,986
Past due	5,817		6,426
Total	\$ 9,286	\$	9,412
Impaired accrual loans:			
Restructured	\$ 1,127	\$	1,154
90 days or more past due	-		-
Total	\$ 1,127	\$	1,154
Total impaired loans	\$ 10,413	\$	10,566
Additional commitments to lend	\$ 1	\$	1

The following tables present additional impaired loan information at period end. Unpaid principal balance represents the contractual principal balance of the loan.

			Marc	ch 31, 2022	2		Thr	ee Months	Ended	March 31, 2022
Impaired loans:		ecorded vestment	Unpaid Principal Balance			elated owance	In	verage 1paired Loans	Interest Income Recognized on Impaired Loans	
With a related allowance for credi	it losse	s:								
Real estate mortgage	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Production and intermediate-term		642		661		271		633		7
Farm-related business		-		-		-		-		-
Rural residential real estate		-		-		-		-		-
Total	\$	642	\$	661	\$	271	\$	633	\$	7
With no related allowance for cree	dit loss	ses:								
Real estate mortgage	\$	5,902	\$	6,744	\$	-	\$	5,825	\$	65
Production and intermediate-term		3,410		4,258		-		3,366		37
Farm-related business		277		277		-		273		3
Rural residential real estate		182		266		-		180		2
Total	\$	9,771	\$	11,545	\$	_	\$	9,644	\$	107
Total impaired loans:										
Real estate mortgage	\$	5,902	\$	6,744	\$	_	\$	5,825	\$	65
Production and intermediate-term		4,052		4,919		271		3,999		44
Farm-related business		277		277		-		273		3
Rural residential real estate		182		266		-		180		2
Total	\$	10,413	\$	12,206	\$	271	\$	10,277	\$	114

			Dece	mber 31, 2	021		Y	ear Ended I	December	31, 2021
Impaired loans:		ecorded vestment	P	Unpaid rincipal Balance		Kelated Iowance	Average Impaired Loans		Interest Income Recognized on Impaired Loans	
With a related allowance for credi	it loss	es:								
Real estate mortgage	\$	939	\$	955	\$	64	\$	1,286	\$	80
Production and intermediate-term		348		370		181		475		30
Farm-related business		-		-		-		-		-
Rural residential real estate		-		-		-		-		-
Total	\$	1,287	\$	1,325	\$	245	\$	1,761	\$	110
With no related allowance for cree	dit los	ses:								
Real estate mortgage	\$	5,634	\$	6,849	\$	-	\$	7,711	\$	484
Production and intermediate-term		3,228		4,348		-		4,419		277
Farm-related business		272		294		-		372		23
Rural residential real estate		145		232		-		199		12
Total	\$	9,279	\$	11,723	\$	-	\$	12,701	\$	796
Total impaired loans:										
Real estate mortgage	\$	6,573	\$	7,804	\$	64	\$	8,997	\$	564
Production and intermediate-term		3,576		4,718		181		4,894		307
Farm-related business		272		294		-		372		23
Rural residential real estate		145		232		-		199		12
Total	\$	10,566	\$	13,048	\$	245	\$	14,462	\$	906

A summary of changes in the allowance for loan losses and recorded investment in loans for each reporting period follows:

		eal Estate Mortgage		duction and termediate- term	Agr	ibusiness*	C	ommunication	W	ower and ater/Waste Disposal		Rural esidential eal Estate	In	ternational		Total
Activity related to the allowand	ce for	credit losses:														
Balance at December 31, 2021	\$	2,438	\$	2,911	\$	640	\$	6	\$	1	\$	94	\$	4	\$	6,094
Charge-offs		(658)		(93)		-		-		-		(1)		-		(752)
Recoveries		629		67		-		-		-		_		-		696
Provision for loan losses		(128)		(54)		(369)		-		-		(2)		-		(553)
Balance at March 31, 2022	\$	2,281	\$	2,831	\$	271	\$	6	\$	1	\$	91	\$	4	\$	5,485
Balance at December 31, 2020	\$	4,110	\$	3,652	\$	1,115	\$	11	\$	2	\$	173	\$	6	\$	9,069
Charge-offs		(68)		(15)		(2)		-		_		(19)		_		(104)
Recoveries		69		36		-		-		_		_		-		105
Provision for loan losses		(254)		(118)		(59)		(1)		-		18		(1)		(415)
Balance at March 31, 2021	\$	3,857	\$	3,555	\$	1,054	\$	10	\$	2	\$	172	\$	5	\$	8,655
Allowance on loans evaluated f	or im	pairment:														
Individually	\$	-	\$	271	\$	_	\$	-	\$	_	\$	_	\$	-	\$	271
Collectively		2,281		2,560		271		6		1		91		4		5,214
Balance at March 31, 2022	\$	2,281	\$	2,831	\$	271	\$	6	\$	1	\$	91	\$	4	\$	5,485
Individually	\$	64	\$	181	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	245
Collectively		2,374		2,730		640		6		1		94		4		5,849
Balance at December 31, 2021	\$	2,438	\$	2,911	\$	640	\$	6	\$	1	\$	94	\$	4	\$	6,094
Recorded investment in loans of	evalua	ated for impa	irmeı	nt:												
Individually	\$	5,022	\$	3,887	\$	277	\$	-	\$	_	\$	100	\$	-	\$	9,286
Collectively		1,228,204		413,400		62,784		3,476		374		98,239		5,365		1,811,842
Balance at March 31, 2022	\$	1,233,226	\$	417,287	\$	63,061	\$	3,476	\$	374	\$	98,339	\$	5,365	\$	1,821,128
Individually	\$	5,675	\$	3,403	\$	272	\$	_	\$	_	\$	62	\$	_	\$	9,412
Collectively		1,209,949		405,212		70,212		2,943		456	-	96,855		5,361	ĺ.	1,790,988
Balance at December 31, 2021	\$	1,215,624	\$	408,615	\$	70,484	\$	2,943	\$	456	\$	96,917	\$	5,361	\$	1,800,400

\*Includes the loan types: Loans to cooperatives, Processing and marketing, and Farm-related business.

A restructuring of a debt constitutes a troubled debt restructuring (TDR) if the creditor, for economic or legal reasons related to the debtor's financial difficulties, grants a concession to the debtor that it would not otherwise consider. There were no new TDRs that occurred during the three month periods ended March 31, 2022 and 2021.

Interest concessions may include interest forgiveness and interest deferment. Principal concessions may include principal forgiveness, principal deferment, and maturity extension. Other concessions may include additional compensation received which might be in the form of cash or other assets.

The following table presents the outstanding recorded investment for TDRs that occurred during the previous twelve months and for which there was a subsequent payment default during the period. Payment default is defined as a payment that was thirty days or more past due.

	Thi	ee Months E	nded Ma	arch 31,
		2022		2021
Defaulted troubled debt restructurings:				
Production and intermediate-term	\$	-	\$	42
Total	\$	_	\$	42

The following table provides information at period end on outstanding loans restructured in troubled debt restructurings. These loans are included as impaired loans in the impaired loan table:

		Tota	l TDRs		Nonaccrual TDRs					
	Mar	ch 31, 2022	December 31, 2021		Mai	ch 31, 2022	December 31, 2021			
Real estate mortgage	\$	3,088	\$	2,971	\$	2,208	\$	2,073		
Production and intermediate-term		264		275		99		102		
Farm-related business		277		272		277		272		
Rural residential real estate		82		83		-		-		
Total loans	\$	3,711	\$	3,601	\$	2,584	\$	2,447		
Additional commitments to lend	\$	-	\$	-						

#### Note 3 — Investments

#### Investments in Debt Securities

The Association's investments consist primarily of Rural America Bonds (RABs), which are private placement securities purchased under the Mission Related Investment (MRI) program approved by the FCA. In its Conditions of Approval for the program, the FCA generally considers a RAB ineligible if its investment rating, based on the internal 14-point risk rating scale used to also grade loans, falls below 9 and requires System institutions to provide notification to FCA when a security becomes ineligible. Any other bonds purchased under the MRI program, approved on a case-by-case basis by FCA, may have different eligibility requirements. At March 31, 2022, the Association held no RABs whose credit quality had deteriorated beyond the program limits.

A summary of the amortized cost and fair value of investment securities held-to-maturity follows:

		Mar	ch 31, 2022		
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Yield
ABs	\$ 702	\$ -	\$ (20)	\$ 682	5.91%
		Decen	nber 31, 2021		
		Decen Gross	1ber 31, 2021 Gross		
	Amortized		,	Fair	
		Gross	Gross	Fair Value	Yield

A summary of the contractual maturity, amortized cost, and estimated fair value of investment securities held-to-maturity follows:

	Marc	h 31, 2022	
		Fair Value	Weighted Average Yield
\$ -	\$	-	- %
19		19	4.19
_		-	-
683		663	5.96
\$ 702	\$	682	5.91 %
	683	Amortized <u>Cost</u> \$ - \$ 19 - 683	Cost         Value           \$ -         \$ -           19         19           -         683           663         663

Some of these investments have contractual maturities in excess of ten years. However, expected maturities for these types of securities can differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to prepay obligations with or without prepayment penalties.

An investment is considered impaired if its fair value is less than its cost. The following table shows the fair value and gross unrealized losses for investments that were in a continuous unrealized loss position aggregated by investment category at each reporting period. A continuous unrealized loss position for an investment is measured from the date the impairment was first identified. The Association had no investments that were in a continuous unrealized loss position at December 31, 2021.

	March 31, 2022										
	ss Than Months		Months Greater								
Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses								
\$ 663	\$ (20)	\$ -	\$ -								

ABSs

The recording of an impairment is predicated on: (1) whether or not management intends to sell the security, (2) whether it is more likely than not that management would be required to sell the security before recovering its costs, and (3) whether management expects to recover the security's entire amortized cost basis (even if there is no intention to sell). If the Association intends to sell the security or it is more likely than not that it would be required to sell the security, the impairment loss equals the full difference between amortized cost and fair value of the security. When the Association does not intend to sell securities in an unrealized loss position and it is not more likely than not that it would be required to sell the securities, other-than-temporary impairment loss is separated into credit loss and non-credit loss. Credit loss is defined as the shortfall of the present value of the cash flows expected to be collected in relation to the amortized cost basis.

The Association performs periodic credit reviews, including other-than-temporary impairment analyses, on its investment securities portfolio. The objective is to quantify future possible loss of principal or interest due on securities in the portfolio.

The Association has not recognized any credit losses as any impairments were deemed temporary and resulted from noncredit related factors. The Association has the ability and intent to hold these temporarily impaired investments until a recovery of unrealized losses occurs, which may be at maturity, and at this time expects to collect the full principal amount and interest due on these securities, especially after considering credit enhancements.

*Equity Investments in Other Farm Credit System Institutions* Equity investments in other Farm Credit System institutions are generally nonmarketable investments consisting of stock and participation certificates, allocated surplus, and reciprocal investments in other institutions regulated by the FCA. These investments are carried at cost and evaluated for impairment based on the ultimate recoverability of the par value rather than by recognizing temporary declines in value.

Associations are required to maintain ownership in AgFirst (AgFirst or the Bank) in the form of Class B or Class C stock as determined by the Bank. The Bank may require additional capital contributions to maintain its capital requirements. The Association owned 5.90 percent of the issued stock of the Bank as of March 31, 2022, net of any reciprocal investment. As of that date, the Bank's assets totaled \$39.1 billion and shareholders' equity totaled \$2.0 billion. The Bank's earnings were \$113 million for the first three months of 2022. In addition, the Association held investments of \$1,822 related to other Farm Credit institutions.

### Note 4 — Debt

### *Notes Payable to AgFirst Farm Credit Bank* The Association's indebtedness to the Bank represents borrowings by the Association to fund its earning assets. This indebtedness is collateralized by a pledge of substantially all of

the Association's assets. The contractual terms of the revolving line of credit are contained in the General Financing Agreement (GFA). The GFA also defines Association performance criteria for borrowing from the Bank, which includes borrowing base margin, earnings and capital covenants, among others.

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#### Note 5 — Members' Equity

#### Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (AOCI)

	8	Comprehensive Income by Component					
Three Months Ended March 31,							
	2022		2021				
\$	(1,253)	\$	(1,790)				
	-		-				
	34		48				
	34		48				
\$	(1,219)	\$	(1,742)				
	Com	Comprehensive Inco Three Months 2022 \$ (1,253) 	S         (1,253)         S           34         34         34				

	Ree	classification	s Out of	Accumulated O	Other Comprehensive Income (b)
	Thr	ee Months E	nded M	arch 31,	
		2022		2021	Income Statement Line Item
Defined Benefit Pension Plans:					
Periodic pension costs	\$	(34)	\$	(48)	See Note 7.
Net amounts reclassified	\$	(34)	\$	(48)	

(a) Amounts in parentheses indicate debits to AOCI.(b) Amounts in parentheses indicate debits to profit/loss.

#### Note 6 — Fair Value Measurement

Fair value is defined as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability.

Accounting guidance establishes a hierarchy for disclosure of fair value measurements to maximize the use of observable inputs, that is, inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. The hierarchy is based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability as of the measurement date. A financial instrument's categorization within the hierarchy tiers is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

The classifications within the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1 inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets; quoted prices in markets that are not active; and inputs that are observable, or can be corroborated, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability. Level 3 inputs are unobservable and supported by little or no market activity. Valuation is determined using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or similar techniques, and could include significant management judgment or estimation. Level 3 assets and liabilities also could include instruments whose price has been adjusted based on dealer quoted pricing that is different than the third-party valuation or internal model pricing.

For a complete discussion of the inputs and other assumptions considered in assigning various assets and liabilities to the fair value hierarchy levels, see the latest Annual Report to Shareholders.

There were no Level 3 assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis for the periods presented. The Association had no transfers of assets or liabilities into or out of Level 1 or Level 2 during the periods presented. Fair values are estimated at each period end date for assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis. Other Financial Instruments are not measured at fair value in the statement of financial position, but their fair values are estimated as of each period end date. The following tables summarize the carrying amounts of these assets and liabilities at period end, and their related fair values.

	March 31, 2022								
		Total Carrying Amount		Level 1		Level 2	Level 3		Total Fair Value
Recurring Measurements									
Assets:									
Assets held in trust funds	\$	4,457	\$	4,457	\$	-	\$ -	\$	4,457
Recurring Assets	\$	4,457	\$	4,457	\$	-	\$ -	\$	4,457
Liabilities:									
Recurring Liabilities	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-
Nonrecurring Measurements									
Assets:					<u>_</u>			<u>_</u>	
Impaired loans	\$	371	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 371	\$	371
Other property owned		-		-		-	 -		
Nonrecurring Assets	\$	371	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 371	\$	371
Other Financial Instruments									
Assets:									
Cash	\$	35	\$	35	\$	-	\$ -	\$	35
Investments in debt securities, held-to-maturity		702		-		-	682		682
Loans		1,802,611		-		-	1,751,550		1,751,550
Other Financial Assets	\$	1,803,348	\$	35	\$	-	\$ 1,752,232	\$	1,752,267
Liabilities:									
Notes payable to AgFirst Farm Credit Bank	\$	1,442,097	\$	_	\$	_	\$ 1,386,347	\$	1,386,347
Other Financial Liabilities	\$	1,442,097	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 1,386,347	\$	1,386,347

	December 31, 2021									
		Total Carrying Amount		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Total Fair Value
<b>Recurring Measurements</b>										
Assets:										
Assets held in trust funds	\$	4,534	\$	4,534	\$	-	\$	-	\$	4,534
Recurring Assets	\$	4,534	\$	4,534	\$	-	\$	-	\$	4,534
Liabilities:										
Recurring Liabilities	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Nonrecurring Measurements Assets:										
Impaired loans	\$	1,042	\$	_	\$	_	\$	1,042	\$	1,042
Other property owned	*	-,	+	_	*	_	*	-,		-,
Nonrecurring Assets	\$	1,042	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,042	\$	1,042
Other Financial Instruments										
Assets:										
Cash	\$	100	\$	100	\$	_	\$	_	\$	100
Investments in debt securities, held-to-maturity		714		_		_		743		743
Loans		1,780,956		-		-		1,786,383		1,786,383
Other Financial Assets	\$	1,781,770	\$	100	\$	-	\$	1,787,126	\$	1,787,226
Liabilities:										
Notes payable to AgFirst Farm Credit Bank	\$	1,453,937	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,444,347	\$	1,444,347
Other Financial Liabilities	\$	1,453,937	\$	-	\$	_	\$	1,444,347	\$	1,444,347

#### Uncertainty in Measurements of Fair Value

Discounted cash flow or similar modeling techniques are generally used to determine the recurring fair value measurements for Level 3 assets and liabilities. Use of these techniques requires determination of relevant inputs and assumptions, some of which represent significant unobservable inputs as indicated in the tables that follow. Accordingly, changes in these unobservable inputs may have a significant impact on fair value.

Certain of these unobservable inputs will (in isolation) have a directionally consistent impact on the fair value of the instrument for a given change in that input. Alternatively, the

fair value of the instrument may move in an opposite direction for a given change in another input. Where multiple inputs are used within the valuation technique of an asset or liability, a change in one input in a certain direction may be offset by an opposite change in another input having a potentially muted impact to the overall fair value of that particular instrument. Additionally, a change in one unobservable input may result in a change to another unobservable input (that is, changes in certain inputs are interrelated with one another), which may counteract or magnify the fair value impact.

#### Investments in Debt Securities

The fair values of predominantly all Level 3 investments in debt securities have consistent inputs, valuation techniques, and correlation to changes in underlying inputs. The models used to determine fair value for these instruments use certain significant unobservable inputs within a discounted cash flow or market comparable pricing valuation technique. Such inputs generally include discount rate components including risk premiums, prepayment estimates, default estimates, and loss severities.

These Level 3 assets would decrease (increase) in value based upon an increase (decrease) in discount rates, defaults, or loss severities. Conversely, the fair value of these assets would generally increase (decrease) in value if the prepayment input were to increase (decrease).

Generally, a change in the assumption used for defaults is accompanied by a directionally similar change in the risk premium component of the discount rate (specifically, the portion related to credit risk) and a directionally opposite change in the assumption used for prepayments. Unobservable inputs for loss severities do not normally increase or decrease based on movements in the other significant unobservable inputs for these Level 3 assets.

#### Inputs to Valuation Techniques

Management determines the Association's valuation policies and procedures. The Bank performs the majority of the Association's valuations, and its valuation processes are calibrated annually by an independent consultant. The fair value measurements are analyzed on a quarterly basis. For other valuations, documentation is obtained for third party information, such as pricing, and periodically evaluated alongside internal information and pricing that is available.

Quoted market prices are generally not available for the instruments presented below. Accordingly, fair values are based on judgments regarding anticipated cash flows, future expected loss experience, current economic conditions, risk characteristics of various financial instruments, and other factors. These estimates involve uncertainties and matters of judgment, and therefore cannot be determined with precision. Changes in assumptions could significantly affect the estimates.

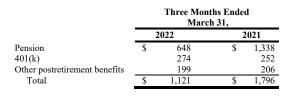
#### *Quantitative Information about Recurring and Nonrecurring Level 3 Fair Value Measurements*

With regard to nonrecurring measurements for impaired loans and other property owned, it is not practicable to provide specific information on inputs as each collateral property is unique. System institutions utilize appraisals to value these loans and other property owned and take into account unobservable inputs such as income and expense, comparable sales, replacement cost, and comparability adjustments.

	Valuation Technique(s)	Input				
Cash	Carrying value	Par/principal and appropriate interest yield				
Loans	Discounted cash flow	Prepayment forecasts				
		Probability of default				
		Loss severity				
Investments in debt securities, held-to-maturity	Discounted cash flow	Prepayment rates				
		Risk adjusted discount rate				
Notes payable to AgFirst Farm Credit Bank	Discounted cash flow	Prepayment forecasts				
		Probability of default				
		Loss severity				

#### Note 7 — Employee Benefit Plans

The following is a table of retirement and other postretirement benefit expenses for the Association:



Expenses in the above table are computed using allocated estimates of funding for multi-employer plans in which the Association participates. These amounts may change when a total funding amount and allocation is determined by the respective Plan's Sponsor Committee. Also, market conditions could impact discount rates and return on plan assets which could change contributions necessary before the next plan measurement date of December 31, 2022.

Further details regarding employee benefit plans are contained in the 2021 Annual Report to Shareholders.

#### Note 8 — Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

From time to time, legal actions are pending against the Association in which claims for money damages are asserted. On at least a quarterly basis, the Association assesses its liabilities and contingencies in connection with outstanding legal proceedings utilizing the latest information available. While the outcome of legal proceedings is inherently uncertain, on the basis of information presently available, management, after consultation with legal counsel, is of the opinion that the ultimate liability, if any, from these actions, would not be material in relation to the financial position of the Association. Because it is remote that the Association will incur a loss or the loss is not estimable, no liability has been recorded for any claims that may be pending.

#### Note 9 — Subsequent Events

The Association evaluated subsequent events and determined there were none requiring disclosure through May 9, 2022, which was the date the financial statements were issued.