

A hand holding a glowing lightbulb with a green glow. The lightbulb is the central focus, emitting a bright green light that illuminates the hand and the background. The background is dark, making the lightbulb stand out. The hand is positioned at the bottom, holding the base of the lightbulb. The overall mood is one of innovation and progress.

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AGFIRST FARM CREDIT BANK

FIRST QUARTER | 2015 QUARTERLY REPORT

# ***FIRST QUARTER 2015***

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### **CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned certify that we have reviewed the March 31, 2015 quarterly report of AgFirst Farm Credit Bank, 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 8, 2015

## Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

The Bank'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 Bank's 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 Bank'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 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 Bank, (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 Bank, and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Bank's assets that could have a material effect on its Financial Statements.

The Bank's management has completed an assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of March 31, 2015. 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 Bank's management concluded that as of March 31, 2015, the internal control over financial reporting was effective based upon the COSO criteria. Additionally, based on this assessment, the Bank's management determined that there were no material weaknesses in the internal control over financial reporting as of March 31, 2015.



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# Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion reviews the financial condition and results of operations of AgFirst Farm Credit Bank (AgFirst or Bank) as of and for the three month period ended March 31, 2015. These comments should be read in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements, the Notes to the Financial Statements, and the 2014 Annual Report of AgFirst Farm Credit Bank. AgFirst and its related associations (Associations or District Associations) are collectively referred to as the District. The accompanying financial statements were prepared under the oversight of the Audit Committee of the AgFirst Board of Directors.

Key ratios and data reported below, and in the accompanying financial statements, address the financial performance of AgFirst. However, results of operations for the three months may not be indicative of an entire year due to the seasonal nature of a portion of AgFirst's business.

## FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This quarterly report contains 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 "anticipates," "believes," "could," "estimates," "may," "should," "will," or other variations of these terms are intended to identify the forward-looking statements. These statements are based on assumptions and analyses made in light of experience and other historical trends, current conditions, and expected future developments. However, actual results and developments may differ materially from AgFirst's expectations and predictions due to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond AgFirst's control. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to:

- political, legal, regulatory, financial markets, and economic conditions and developments in the United States and abroad;
- economic fluctuations in the agricultural, rural infrastructure, international, and farm-related business sectors, as well as in the general economy;
- weather-related, disease, and other adverse climatic or biological conditions that periodically occur that impact agricultural productivity and income of District borrowers;
- changes in United States government support of the agricultural industry and the Farm Credit System (System) as a government-sponsored enterprise (GSE), as well as investor and rating agency reactions to events involving the U.S. government, other GSEs and other financial institutions;
- actions taken by the Federal Reserve System in implementing monetary and fiscal policy, as well as other policies and actions of the federal government that impact the financial services industry and the debt markets;
- credit, interest rate and liquidity risk inherent in lending activities; and
- changes in assumptions for determining the allowance for loan losses, other than temporary impairment and fair value measurements.

## FINANCIAL CONDITION

### Loan Portfolio

AgFirst's loan portfolio consists of direct loans to District Associations (Direct Notes), loan participations/syndications purchased (Capital Markets), Correspondent Lending loans (primarily first lien rural residential mortgages), and loans to Other Financing Institutions (OFIs) as shown below:

<b>Loan Portfolio</b> <i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>March 31, 2015</b>		<b>December 31, 2014</b>		<b>March 31, 2014</b>	
Direct Notes*	\$ 13,776,781	67.72%	\$ 14,280,193	68.35%	\$ 13,316,683	67.62%
Capital Markets*	3,934,826	19.34	4,015,056	19.21	3,884,325	19.72
Correspondent Lending	2,535,926	12.47	2,502,858	11.98	2,410,762	12.24
Loans to OFIs	96,733	0.47	95,512	0.46	83,375	0.42
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 20,344,266</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 20,893,619</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 19,695,145</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

\*Net of participations sold.

Total loans outstanding were \$20.344 billion at March 31, 2015, a decrease of \$549.4 million, or 2.63 percent, compared to total loans outstanding at December 31, 2014 and an increase of \$649.1 million, or 3.30 percent, since March 31, 2014. Compared to 2014 year end, excluding Bank patronage payments to Associations of approximately \$307.7 million which were applied to the Association Direct Notes at the beginning of 2015, loan volume at March 31, 2015 decreased 1.16 percent. Loan volume since year-end 2014 was negatively impacted by a decrease in direct notes resulting from the aforementioned patronage and the seasonal nature of Association lending activity as borrowers typically pay down loans during the first quarter using proceeds from crop sales. The increase in loan volume compared to March 31, 2014 resulted from improved economic conditions positively impacting borrowers in economically sensitive segments such as forestry and borrowers dependent on non-farm income. Also, loan demand over the previous twelve months benefitted from improved conditions in specific commodities such as the poultry, cattle, and swine sectors. Future Bank loan demand is difficult to predict; however, it is expected to modestly increase for the remainder of 2015.

### Credit Quality

Credit quality of AgFirst's loans is shown below:

<b>Total Loan Portfolio Credit Quality as of:</b>			
<b>Classification</b>	<b>March 31, 2015</b>	<b>December 31, 2014</b>	<b>March 31, 2014</b>
Acceptable	95.14%	95.16%	89.07%
OAEM *	4.23%	4.40%	10.16%
Adverse **	0.63%	0.44%	0.77%

\*Other Assets Especially Mentioned

\*\*Adverse loans include substandard, doubtful, and loss loans.

Loan portfolio credit quality remained relatively constant at March 31, 2015 compared to December 31, 2014. The improvement in credit quality at March 31, 2015 compared to March 31, 2014 reflected in the table above was primarily due to changes in credit quality of the Direct Notes which is discussed in the *Direct Notes* section below. Loan portfolio credit quality at the producer level reflected improvement primarily due to the stabilization of economic conditions. Grain prices have declined due to higher than expected inventory and harvest levels. This benefitted the poultry, cattle, and swine sectors but pressured margins of grain producers. Due to the geographic location, District borrowers are predominately net grain consumers. Improved housing starts continue to positively impact certain housing-related segments such as forestry and nursery/greenhouse.

The credit conditions discussed above directly affect the credit quality of the Bank's participation/syndication loan portfolio. They also affect the credit quality of loan portfolios and earnings performance of the individual District Associations, which impacts the quality of the Bank's Direct Notes. Credit quality is expected to remain stable for the remainder of 2015 given anticipated economic conditions.

**Direct Notes**

AgFirst’s primary business is to provide funding, operational support, and technology services to District Associations. Each Association, in addition to the Bank, is a federally chartered instrumentality of the United States and is regulated by the Farm Credit Administration (FCA). AgFirst provides a revolving line of credit, referred to as a Direct Note, to each of the District Associations. Each of the Associations funds its earning assets primarily by borrowing under its Direct Note. Lending terms are specified in a separate General Financing Agreement (GFA) between AgFirst and each Association. Each GFA contains minimum borrowing base margin, capital, and earnings requirements that must be maintained by the Association.

At March 31, 2015, the total Direct Note volume outstanding was \$13.777 billion, a decrease of \$503.4 million, or 3.53 percent, compared to December 31, 2014. When compared to 2014 year end, excluding Bank patronage payments of approximately \$307.7 million referenced in the *Loan Portfolio* section above, Direct Note volume decreased 1.37 percent. See the *Loan Portfolio* section above for the primary reasons for the decline in the Direct Note volume from December 2014 to March 2015.

The following table presents selected statistics related to the credit quality of the Direct Note portfolio including accrued interest:

Classification	Direct Note Credit Quality as of					
	March 31, 2015		December 31, 2014		March 31, 2014	
	%	#	%	#	%	#
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
Acceptable	94.64%	17	94.71%	17	85.84%	14
OAEM *	5.36%	2	5.29%	2	14.16%	5
Adverse **	–%	–	–%	–	–%	–

\*Other Assets Especially Mentioned  
 \*\*Adverse loans include substandard, doubtful, and loss loans.

As reflected in the table above for the period ended March 31, 2015 compared to March 31, 2014, the classification of the Direct Notes for three District Associations improved from OAEM to Acceptable due to sustained satisfactory financial and operational performance at these Associations.

Presently, collection of the full Direct Note amount due is expected from all Associations in accordance with the contractual terms of the debt arrangements, and no allowance has been recorded for Direct Notes. All assets of the various Associations are pledged as collateral for their respective Direct Notes. In the opinion of management, all Association Direct Notes are adequately collateralized. The risk funds of an Association, including both capital and the allowance for loan losses, also protect the interest of the Bank should a Direct Note default.

As of March 31, 2015, two District Associations with combined total assets of \$994.8 million were operating under written supervisory agreements with the FCA. Those agreements require the District Associations to take corrective actions with respect to certain identified practices including, respectively, one or more of the following: asset quality, earnings and liquidity, senior management, collateral risk management, corporate governance and related items. Also, as of March 31, 2015, one District Association was operating under a special credit agreement pursuant to its GFA as a result of events of default under the GFA. Neither these enforcement actions nor GFA events of default are expected to have a significant adverse impact on the Bank’s or District’s financial condition or results of operations.

**Capital Markets**

The Capital Markets portfolio consists primarily of loan participations and syndications. As of March 31, 2015, this portfolio totaled \$3.935 billion, a decrease of \$80.2 million, or 2.00 percent, from December 31, 2014. The decrease is primarily due to first quarter seasonality as mentioned above and lower participations purchased from District Associations. Borrower demand in this portfolio is anticipated to reflect modest improvement for the remainder of 2015.

AgFirst employs a number of management techniques to limit credit risk, including underwriting standards, limits on the amounts of loans purchased from a single originator, and maximum hold positions to a single borrower and commodity. Although the participations/syndications portfolio is comprised of a small number of relatively large loans, it is diversified both geographically and on a commodity basis. Management makes adjustments to credit policy and underwriting standards when appropriate as a part of the ongoing risk management process.

Credit quality statistics for the participations/syndications portfolio are shown in the following chart:

Classification	Participations/Syndications Credit Quality as of:		
	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	March 31, 2014
Acceptable	93.71%	93.65%	93.12%
OAEM	3.13%	4.09%	3.02%
Adverse	3.16%	2.26%	3.86%

*\*Other Assets Especially Mentioned*

*\*\*Adverse loans include substandard, doubtful, and loss loans.*

The overall favorable credit quality of the participations/syndications portfolio reflects the incremental improvement in general economic conditions, including employment, the housing market, and real estate values.

### ***Correspondent Lending***

The Correspondent Lending portfolio consists primarily of first lien residential mortgages. As of March 31, 2015, the Correspondent Lending portfolio totaled \$2.536 billion. From December 31, 2014 to March 31, 2015, this portfolio increased \$33.1 million, or 1.32 percent.

Substantially all loans originated on or before July 31, 2013 in the Correspondent Lending portfolio have guarantees from the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and/or the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation (Farmer Mac), thereby limiting credit risk to AgFirst. The guarantees are in the form of Long-Term Standby Commitments to Purchase which give AgFirst the right to deliver delinquent loans to the guarantor at par. The Fannie Mae guarantee program ended on July 31, 2013. Subsequent to this date, new loans in this portfolio purchased by the Bank are held without a Fannie Mae guarantee. At March 31, 2015, \$1.954 billion (77.04% of the total) of loans in the Correspondent Lending portfolio were guaranteed and \$582.3 million (22.96%) were unguaranteed. The Bank has adjusted its methodology of establishing and maintaining the allowance for loan losses related to this portfolio to reflect the discontinuation of the Fannie Mae guarantee program.

At March 31, 2015, 99.90 percent of the Correspondent Lending portfolio was classified as acceptable and 0.10 percent was classified as substandard.

Rural home loans, combined with Rural Home Mortgage-backed Securities (see Note 3, *Investments*, for further discussion of these securities), are limited to 15 percent of total loans outstanding as defined by FCA. Based on March 31, 2015 levels, the Bank has unused capacity of \$154.8 million under a total limit of \$3.126 billion. The Bank monitors this position and will consider options to reduce the Rural Home asset level with actions including, but not limited to, securitizing and selling a portion of its future rural home loan production.

### ***Nonaccrual Loans***

Nonaccrual loans represent all loans for which there is a reasonable doubt as to the collection of principal and/or interest under the contractual terms of the loan. Nonaccrual loans for the Bank totaled \$46.3 million at March 31, 2015, a decrease of 5.77 percent compared to \$49.2 million at December 31, 2014. The decrease of \$2.8 million resulted primarily from loan balances reinstated to accrual status of \$3.4 million, Correspondent Lending loans conveyed to a guarantor (see *Correspondent Lending* section above) of \$2.1 million, repayments of \$1.1 million, and \$928 thousand transferred to Other Property Owned, partially offset by \$3.2 million of loan balances transferred to nonaccrual status and \$1.5 million of advances on nonaccrual loans. The ten largest nonaccrual borrower relationships accounted for 85.96 percent of the total nonaccrual balance. At March 31, 2015, total nonaccrual loans were primarily classified in the tree fruits and nuts (28.96 percent of the total), forestry (28.65 percent), and

nursery/greenhouse (26.96 percent) segments. Nonaccrual loans were 0.23 percent and 0.24 percent of total loans outstanding at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively.

### ***Troubled Debt Restructurings***

A troubled debt restructuring (TDR) occurs when a borrower is experiencing financial difficulties and a concession is granted to the borrower that the Bank would not otherwise consider. Concessions are granted to borrowers based on either an assessment of the borrower's ability to return to financial viability or a court order. The concessions can be in the form of a modification of terms, rates, or amounts owed. Acceptance of other assets and/or equity as payment may also be considered a concession. The type of alternative financing granted is chosen in order to minimize the loss incurred by the Bank. TDRs increased \$5.0 million since December 31, 2014 and totaled \$40.4 million at March 31, 2015. TDRs at March 31, 2015 were comprised of \$15.6 million of accruing restructured loans and \$24.8 million of nonaccrual restructured loans. Restructured loans were primarily in the nursery/greenhouse (32.13 percent of the total), forestry (24.26 percent), and tree fruits and nuts (16.15 percent) segments.

### ***Other Property Owned***

Other property owned (OPO) consists primarily of assets once pledged as loan collateral that were acquired through foreclosure or deeded to the Bank (or a lender group) in satisfaction of secured loans. OPO is generally comprised of real estate, equipment, and equity interests in companies or partnerships. OPO increased \$906 thousand since December 31, 2014 and totaled \$3.7 million at March 31, 2015. The increase was primarily due to a land holding received in settlement of loans of \$928 thousand. The three largest OPO holdings at March 31, 2015 were three land holdings which totaled \$2.7 million (72.67 percent of the total).

### ***Allowance for Loan Losses***

The Bank maintains an allowance for loan losses at a level management considers adequate to provide for probable and estimable credit losses within the loan portfolio as of each reported balance sheet date. The allowance for loan losses was \$16.9 million at March 31, 2015, as compared with \$15.5 million at December 31, 2014. The increase of \$1.4 million resulted primarily from provision expense of \$1.4 million which included \$70 thousand provision expense for specific reserves and \$1.3 million provision expense for general reserves. See *Provision for Loan Losses* section below for additional details. The allowance at March 31, 2015 included specific reserves of \$4.0 million (23.55 percent of the total) and general reserves of \$12.9 million (76.45 percent). The general reserves at March 31, 2015 included \$1.1 million of allowance provided by the Bank for loans in the Correspondent Lending portfolio purchased after July 31, 2013 which are being held without a Fannie Mae guarantee. See further discussion in the *Correspondent Lending* section above. None of the allowance relates to the Direct Note portfolio as mentioned in the *Direct Notes* section above. The total allowance at March 31, 2015 was comprised primarily of reserves for the forestry (14.72 percent of the total), nursery/greenhouse (13.82 percent), tree fruits and nuts (12.03 percent), utilities (11.77 percent), and processing (10.38 percent) segments. See Note 2, *Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses*, in the Notes to the Financial Statements for further information.

### ***Liquidity and Funding Sources***

One of AgFirst's primary responsibilities is to maintain sufficient liquidity to fund the lending operations of the District Associations, in addition to its own needs. Along with normal cash flows associated with lending operations, AgFirst has two primary sources of liquidity: the capacity to issue Systemwide Debt Securities through the Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation; and cash and investments. The Bank also maintains several lines of credit with commercial banks, as well as securities repurchase agreement facilities.

The U.S. government does not guarantee, directly or indirectly, Systemwide Debt Securities. However, the Farm Credit System, as a GSE, has benefited from broad access to the domestic and global capital markets. This access has provided the System with a dependable source of competitively priced debt which is critical for supporting the System's mission of providing credit to agriculture and rural America. The implied link between the credit rating of the System and the U.S. government, given the System's status as a GSE and continued concerns regarding the government's borrowing limit and budget imbalances, could pose risk to the System in the future.



AgFirst's primary source of liquidity comes from its ability to issue Systemwide Debt Securities, which are the general unsecured joint and several obligations of the System banks. AgFirst continually raises funds in the debt markets to support its mission, to repay maturing Systemwide Debt Securities, and to meet other obligations.

The System does not have a guaranteed line of credit from the U.S. Treasury or the Federal Reserve. However, the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation (FCSIC) has an agreement with the Federal Financing Bank (FFB), a federal instrumentality subject to the supervision and direction of the U.S. Treasury, pursuant to which the FFB could advance funds to the FCSIC. Under its existing statutory authority, the FCSIC may use these funds to provide assistance to the System banks in exigent market circumstances which threaten the banks' ability to pay maturing debt obligations. The agreement provides for advances of up to \$10 billion and terminates on September 30, 2015, unless otherwise renewed. The decision whether to seek funds from the FFB is at the discretion of the FCSIC. Each funding obligation of the FFB is subject to various terms and conditions and, as a result, there can be no assurance that funding would be available if needed by AgFirst or the System.

Currently, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, Moody's Investor Service and Fitch Ratings have assigned long-term debt ratings for the System of AA+, Aaa, and AAA and short-term debt ratings of A-1+, P-1, and F1, respectively. All three ratings agencies' outlook for the System is stable. The Standard & Poor's Ratings Services rating of the System's long-term debt reflects a previous downgrade of the U.S. sovereign rating. These rating agencies base their ratings on many quantitative and qualitative factors, including the System's status as a GSE. Negative changes to the System's credit ratings could reduce earnings by increasing debt funding costs, and could also have a material adverse effect on liquidity, the ability to conduct normal business operations, and the Bank's overall financial condition and results of operations. However, AgFirst anticipates continued access to funding necessary to support the District's and Bank's needs.

At March 31, 2015, AgFirst had \$26.522 billion in total debt outstanding compared to \$26.847 billion at December 31, 2014. Total interest-bearing liabilities declined slightly primarily due to lower funding needs related to decreases in loans and liquidity investments as discussed elsewhere in this report.

Cash and cash equivalents, which increased \$87.9 million from December 31, 2014 to a total of \$935.3 million at March 31, 2015, consist primarily of cash on deposit and money market securities that are short-term in nature (from overnight maturities to maturities that range up to 90 days). Incremental movements in cash balances are due primarily to changes in liquidity needs in relation to upcoming debt maturities between reporting periods.

Investment securities totaled \$7.328 billion, or 25.34 percent of total assets at March 31, 2015, compared to \$7.414 billion, or 25.13 percent, as of December 31, 2014. Investment securities decreased \$86.2 million (1.16 percent), compared to December 31, 2014. Management maintains the available-for-sale liquidity investment portfolio size generally proportionate with that of the loan portfolio and within regulatory and policy guidelines. In March 2015, the Bank sold 204 agency mortgage-backed securities totaling \$28.0 million which resulted in gains of \$1.1 million. The proceeds were used to purchase one U.S. government guaranteed security. These transactions benefitted the Bank by reducing carrying costs and improving liquidity.

Investment securities classified as being available-for-sale totaled \$6.686 billion at March 31, 2015. Available-for-sale investments at March 31, 2015 included \$3.701 billion in U.S. government guaranteed securities, \$2.340 billion in U.S. government agency guaranteed securities, \$497.3 million in non-agency asset-backed securities, and \$148.3 million in non-agency collateralized mortgage obligations. Since the majority of the portfolio is invested in U.S. government guaranteed and agency securities, the portfolio is highly liquid and potential credit loss exposure is limited.

As of March 31, 2015, AgFirst exceeded all applicable regulatory liquidity requirements. FCA regulations require that the Bank have a liquidity policy that establishes a minimum total "coverage" level of 90 days and that short-term liquidity requirements must be met by certain high quality investments or cash. "Coverage" is defined as the number of days that maturing debt could be funded with eligible cash, cash equivalents, and available-for-sale investments maintained by the Bank.

The FCA classifies eligible liquidity investments according to four liquidity quality levels with level 1 being the highest. The first 15 days of minimum liquidity coverage are met using only level 1 instruments, which include cash and cash equivalents. Days 16 through 30 of minimum liquidity coverage are met using level 1 and level 2 instruments. Level 2 consists primarily of U.S. government guaranteed securities. Days 31 through 90 are met using level 1, level 2, and level 3 securities. Level 3 consists primarily of U.S. agency investments. The fourth level is a supplemental liquidity buffer in excess of the 90-day minimum liquidity reserve which is set to provide coverage to at least 120 days.

At March 31, 2015, AgFirst met all individual level criteria and had a total of 204 days of maturing debt coverage compared to 222 days at December 31, 2014. Cash provided by the Bank's operating activities, primarily generated from net interest income in excess of operating expenses and maturities in the loan portfolio, is an additional source of liquidity for the Bank that is not reflected in the coverage calculation.

Net unrealized gains related to investment securities were \$105.1 million at March 31, 2015, compared to \$107.6 million at December 31, 2014. These net unrealized gains are reflected in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (AOCI) in the Financial Statements. The net unrealized gains stem from normal market factors such as the current interest rate environment.

The Bank performs periodic credit reviews, including other-than-temporary impairment analyses, on its entire investment securities portfolio. Based on the results of all analyses, the Bank recognized other-than-temporary credit related impairment of \$107 thousand and \$1.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, which was included in Net Other-than-temporary Impairment Losses in the Statements of Income. See Note 3, *Investments*, in the Notes to the Financial Statements for further information.

### ***Capital Resources***

Total shareholders' equity increased \$80.1 million (3.63 percent) from December 31, 2014 to a total of \$2.288 billion at March 31, 2015. This increase is primarily attributed to 2015 unallocated retained earnings from net income of \$83.5 million slightly offset by decreases of \$2.5 million in unrealized gains on investment securities.

### ***Regulatory Capital Ratios***

AgFirst's regulatory ratios are shown in the following table:

	<b>Regulatory Minimum</b>	<b>3/31/15</b>	<b>12/31/14</b>	<b>3/31/14</b>
Permanent Capital Ratio	7.00%	20.59%	21.83%	21.34%
Total Surplus Ratio	7.00%	20.54%	21.80%	21.30%
Core Surplus Ratio	3.50%	18.19%	19.38%	18.70%
Net Collateral Ratio	103.00%	107.39%	106.79%	107.59%

The FCA sets minimum regulatory capital adequacy requirements for System banks and associations. These requirements are based on regulatory ratios as defined by the FCA, which include permanent capital, total surplus, core surplus, and for System banks only, net collateral. The permanent capital ratio is calculated by dividing permanent capital by a risk-adjusted asset base. The total surplus ratio is calculated by dividing total surplus by a risk-adjusted asset base and the core surplus ratio is calculated by dividing core surplus by a risk-adjusted asset base. Risk-adjusted assets refer to the total dollar amount of the institution's assets adjusted by an appropriate credit conversion factor as defined by regulation. Generally, higher credit conversion factors are applied to assets with more inherent risk. Unlike the permanent capital, total surplus and core surplus ratios, the net collateral ratio does not incorporate any risk-adjusted weighting of assets. The net collateral ratio is calculated by dividing the Bank's collateral, as defined by FCA regulations, by total liabilities. The permanent capital, total surplus, and core surplus ratios are calculated using three-month average daily balances and the net collateral ratio is calculated using period end balances.

For all periods presented, AgFirst exceeded minimum regulatory standards for all of the ratios. The Bank's permanent capital, total surplus, and core surplus ratios decreased at March 31, 2015 as compared to December 31, 2014. Because these three ratios are calculated using a three month average daily balance for both capital and assets, total Bank declared patronage of \$315.2 million in 2014, which represented approximately 82.88 percent of 2014 net income and was primarily accrued in the fourth quarter of 2014, was fully reflected in these three ratios at March 31, 2015.

On September 4, 2014, the FCA published a proposed rule to modify the regulatory capital requirements for System banks and associations. See *Regulatory Matters* section below for further discussion on the proposed rule.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Net income for the three months ended March 31, 2015 was \$83.5 million compared to \$88.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014, a decrease of \$5.0 million, or 5.64 percent. See below for further discussion of change in net income by major components.

### *Key Results of Operations Comparisons*

	Annualized for the three months ended March 31, 2015	For the year ended December 31, 2014	Annualized for the three months ended March 31, 2014
Return on average assets	1.17%	1.34%	1.29%
Return on average shareholders' equity	15.00%	16.49%	16.30%
Net interest margin	1.65%	1.76%	1.76%
Operating expense as a percentage of net interest income and noninterest income	26.38%	24.83%	24.39%
Net (charge-offs) recoveries to average loans	-%	0.01%	-%

The first three ratios above have declined in 2015 primarily due to a decrease in net interest income. For the operating expense as a percentage of net interest income and noninterest income ratio, operating expense consists primarily of noninterest expense excluding losses (gains) from other property owned. This ratio also was negatively impacted by the decline in net interest income. The net (charge-offs) recoveries to average loans ratio has remained constant. See *Allowance for Loan Losses, Net Interest Income, Noninterest Income, and Noninterest Expenses* sections for further discussion.

### *Net Interest Income*

Net interest income for the three months ended March 31, 2015 was \$113.8 million compared to \$116.7 million for the same period of 2014, a decrease of \$2.9 million or 2.51 percent. The net interest margin, which is net interest income as a percentage of average earning assets, was 1.65 percent for the first quarter of 2015 compared to 1.76 percent for the prior year, a decrease of 11 basis points. The decline was primarily the result of lower yields on investments. In addition, it was negatively impacted by higher rates paid and higher average balances for interest bearing liabilities. Over time, as interest rates change and as assets prepay or reprice, the positive impact on the net interest margin that the Bank has experienced over the last several years from calling debt will continue to diminish. The positive impact of higher average balances of earning assets partially offset some of the decline in net interest income.

The effects of changes in volume and interest rates on net interest income in the first quarter of 2015, as compared with the first quarter of 2014, are presented in the following table. The table distinguishes between the changes in interest income and interest expense related to average outstanding balances and to the levels of average interest rates. Accordingly, the benefit derived from funding earning assets with interest-free funds (principally capital) is reflected solely as a volume increase.

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>For the three months ended March 31, 2015 vs. March 31, 2014</b>		
	<b>Increase (decrease) due to changes in:</b>		
	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Total</b>
Interest Income:			
Loans	\$ 4,305	\$ 951	\$ 5,256
Investments & Cash Equivalents	2,002	(5,412)	(3,410)
Total Interest Income	\$ 6,307	\$ (4,461)	\$ 1,846
Interest Expense:			
Interest-Bearing Liabilities	\$ 1,784	\$ 2,994	\$ 4,778
Changes in Net Interest Income	\$ 4,523	\$ (7,455)	\$ (2,932)

### ***Provision for Loan Losses***

AgFirst measures risks inherent in its loan portfolio on an ongoing basis and, as necessary, recognizes provision for loan loss expense so that appropriate allowances for loan losses are maintained. Loan loss provision was \$1.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to \$549 thousand for the corresponding period in 2014. For the three months ended March 31, 2015, the provision for loan losses, which included expenses of \$70 thousand for specific reserves and \$1.3 million for general reserves, primarily related to borrowers in the processing (\$693 thousand) and tree fruits and nuts (\$535 thousand) segments. See Note 2, *Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses*, in the Notes to the Financial Statements for further information.

### ***Noninterest Income***

The following table illustrates the changes in noninterest income:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>For the three months ended March 31,</b>		
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>
Change in Noninterest Income			
Loan fees	\$ 2,078	\$ 2,398	\$ (320)
Building lease income	911	1,012	(101)
Net impairment losses on investments	(107)	(1,351)	1,244
Gains (losses) on investments, net	1,126	53	1,073
Gains (losses) on called debt	(4,304)	(2,863)	(1,441)
Gains (losses) on other transactions	221	259	(38)
Other noninterest income	1,630	1,350	280
Total noninterest income	\$ 1,555	\$ 858	\$ 697

For the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to the corresponding period in 2014, noninterest income increased \$697 thousand. The increase was primarily due to higher gains and lower impairment losses on investments, partially offset by increased losses on called debt.

Loan fees for the three month period decreased \$320 thousand, primarily due to a decrease of \$310 thousand in fee income from the participation loan portfolio resulting from competitive capital market conditions.

Lower net impairment losses on investments of \$1.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to the same period of 2014 resulted primarily from improvement in credit quality of home equity loans which collateralize most of the Bank's impaired investments.

For the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to the corresponding period in 2014, gains on investments increased \$1.1 million. In March 2015, the Bank sold 204 agency mortgage-backed securities totaling \$28.0 million which resulted in gains of \$1.1 million. The proceeds were used to purchase one U.S. government guaranteed security. These transactions benefitted the Bank by reducing carrying costs and improving liquidity. See discussion of investments in *Liquidity and Funding Sources* section above and in Note 3, *Investments*, in the Notes to the Financial Statements for further information.

Concession or debt issuance expense is amortized over the life of the underlying debt security. When debt securities are called prior to maturity, any unamortized concession is expensed. Losses on called debt increased \$1.4 million for the three month period in 2015 compared to the three month period in 2014. Call options were exercised on bonds totaling \$2.042 billion during the first quarter of 2015 compared to \$2.855 billion for the same period in 2014. The called debt expense is more than offset by interest expense savings realized as called debt is replaced by new debt issued at a lower rate of interest. Over time, the favorable effect on net interest income is diminished as earning assets reprice downward.

### ***Noninterest Expenses***

The following table illustrates the changes in noninterest expense:

Change in Noninterest Expenses  <i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	For the three months ended March 31,		
	2015	2014	Increase/ (Decrease)
Salaries and employee benefits	\$ 14,517	\$ 13,392	\$ 1,125
Occupancy and equipment	5,080	5,083	(3)
Insurance Fund premiums	2,843	2,299	544
Other operating expenses	7,991	7,910	81
Losses (gains) from other property owned	65	(125)	190
Total noninterest expenses	\$ 30,496	\$ 28,559	\$ 1,937

Noninterest expense for the three months ended March 31, 2015 increased \$1.9 million compared to the corresponding period in 2014. The increase resulted primarily from increases in salaries and employee benefits and insurance fund premiums.

Salaries and employee benefits increased \$1.1 million for the three month period. This increase resulted primarily from a \$776 thousand increase in salaries due mainly to normal salary administration and a \$287 thousand increase in pension and other postretirement benefits expenses. The higher pension and other postretirement expenses in 2015 resulted primarily from a decrease in the discount rate in 2015 used to calculate net periodic pension and other postretirement benefit costs as well as from the adoption of updated mortality tables reflecting increases in life expectancy.

Insurance Fund premiums increased \$544 thousand for the first three months of 2015 compared to the same period in 2014. This increase resulted primarily from an increase in the base annual premium rate and a change in the composition of the investment portfolio. The base annual premium rate was increased to 13 basis points in 2015 from 12 basis points in 2014. The FCSIC Board makes premium rate adjustments, as necessary, to maintain the secure base amount which is based upon insured debt outstanding at System banks. The Bank's investment portfolio in the first quarter of 2015 reflected a reduction in federally guaranteed investments and an increase in GSE guaranteed and other investments compared to the first quarter of 2014. Therefore, less of the investment portfolio balance is excluded from the insurance premium calculation.

## REGULATORY MATTERS

On July 25, 2014, the FCA published a proposed rule in the Federal Register to revise the requirements governing the eligibility of investments for System banks and associations. The public comment period ended on October 23, 2014. The stated objectives of the proposed rule are as follows:

- To strengthen the safety and soundness of System banks and associations.
- To ensure that System banks hold sufficient liquidity to continue operations and pay maturing obligations in the event of market disruption.
- To enhance the ability of the System banks to supply credit to agricultural and aquatic producers.
- To comply with the requirements of section 939A of the Dodd-Frank Act.
- To modernize the investment eligibility criteria for System banks.
- To revise the investment regulation for System associations to improve their investment management practices so they are more resilient to risk.

On September 4, 2014, the FCA published a proposed rule in the Federal Register to modify the regulatory capital requirements for System banks and associations. The public comment period ended on February 16, 2015. The stated objectives of the proposed rule are as follows:

- To modernize capital requirements while ensuring that institutions continue to hold sufficient regulatory capital to fulfill their mission as a government-sponsored enterprise.
- To 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, but also to ensure that the rules recognize the cooperative structure and the organization of the System.
- To make System regulatory capital requirements more transparent.
- To meet the requirements of section 939A of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act).

## FINANCIAL REGULATORY REFORM

See discussion of the Dodd-Frank Act in the *Financial Regulatory Reform* section of the 2014 Annual Report of AgFirst Farm Credit Bank.

## 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 2014 Annual Report of AgFirst Farm Credit Bank for recently issued accounting pronouncements.

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**NOTE:** Shareholder investment in a District 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. 2832, or writing Susanne Caughman, Reporting Manager, AgFirst Farm Credit Bank, P.O. Box 1499, Columbia, SC 29202. Combined information concerning AgFirst Farm Credit Bank and District Associations can also be obtained at the Bank's website, [www.agfirst.com](http://www.agfirst.com). AgFirst prepares a quarterly report within 40 days after the end of each fiscal quarter, except that no quarterly report need be prepared for the fiscal quarter that coincides with the end of the fiscal year of the institution.

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# Balance Sheets

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>March 31, 2015</b>	<b>December 31, 2014</b>
	<i>(unaudited)</i>	<i>(audited)</i>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 716,194	\$ 622,503
Cash equivalents	219,097	224,847
Investment securities:		
Available for sale (amortized cost of \$6,581,033 and \$6,646,772, respectively)	6,686,141	6,754,419
Held to maturity (fair value of \$673,558 and \$686,970, respectively)	641,590	659,520
Total investment securities	7,327,731	7,413,939
Loans	20,344,266	20,893,619
Allowance for loan losses	(16,868)	(15,535)
Net loans	20,327,398	20,878,084
Accrued interest receivable	63,188	63,945
Accounts receivable	62,098	98,864
Investments in other Farm Credit System institutions	67,840	67,850
Premises and equipment, net	64,238	66,568
Other property owned	3,714	2,808
Other assets	63,607	63,814
Total assets	<b>\$ 28,915,105</b>	<b>\$ 29,503,222</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Systemwide bonds payable	\$ 22,256,493	\$ 22,814,656
Systemwide notes payable	4,265,935	4,032,590
Accrued interest payable	46,576	47,375
Accounts payable	11,589	345,342
Other liabilities	46,964	55,852
Total liabilities	<b>26,627,557</b>	<b>27,295,815</b>
Commitments and contingencies (Note 8)		
<b>Shareholders' Equity</b>		
Perpetual preferred stock	125,250	125,250
Capital stock and participation certificates	302,917	303,180
Additional paid-in-capital	36,580	36,580
Retained earnings		
Allocated	692	692
Unallocated	1,722,754	1,639,757
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	99,355	101,948
Total shareholders' equity	<b>2,287,548</b>	<b>2,207,407</b>
Total liabilities and equity	<b>\$ 28,915,105</b>	<b>\$ 29,503,222</b>

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

# Statements of Income

(unaudited)

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	For the three months ended March 31,	
	2015	2014
<b>Interest Income</b>		
Investment securities and other	\$ 30,041	\$ 33,451
Loans	141,843	136,587
Total interest income	171,884	170,038
<b>Interest Expense</b>	58,088	53,310
Net interest income	113,796	116,728
Provision for loan losses	1,369	549
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	112,427	116,179
<b>Noninterest Income</b>		
Loan fees	2,078	2,398
Building lease income	911	1,012
Total other-than-temporary impairment losses	—	(74)
Portion of loss recognized in other comprehensive income	(107)	(1,277)
Net other-than-temporary impairment losses	(107)	(1,351)
Gains (losses) on investments, net	1,126	53
Gains (losses) on called debt	(4,304)	(2,863)
Gains (losses) on other transactions	221	259
Other noninterest income	1,630	1,350
Total noninterest income	1,555	858
<b>Noninterest Expenses</b>		
Salaries and employee benefits	14,517	13,392
Occupancy and equipment	5,080	5,083
Insurance Fund premiums	2,843	2,299
Other operating expenses	7,991	7,910
Losses (gains) from other property owned	65	(125)
Total noninterest expenses	30,496	28,559
Net income	\$ 83,486	\$ 88,478

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



# Statements of Comprehensive Income

(unaudited)

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	For the three months ended March 31,	
	2015	2014
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ 83,486</b>	<b>\$ 88,478</b>
Other comprehensive income net of tax:		
Unrealized gains (losses) on investments:		
Other-than-temporarily impaired	<b>1,993</b>	6,842
Not other-than-temporarily impaired	<b>(4,533)</b>	(1,722)
Change in value of cash flow hedges	<b>(153)</b>	(263)
Employee benefit plans adjustments	<b>100</b>	67
Other comprehensive income (Note 5)	<b>(2,593)</b>	4,924
Comprehensive income	<b>\$ 80,893</b>	<b>\$ 93,402</b>

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

# Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity

(unaudited)

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Perpetual Preferred Stock	Capital		Retained Earnings		Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Total Shareholders' Equity
		Stock and Participation Certificates	Additional Paid-In-Capital	Allocated	Unallocated		
Balance at December 31, 2013	\$125,250	\$ 308,972	\$ 36,580	\$ 726	\$ 1,577,676	\$ 97,543	\$ 2,146,747
Comprehensive income					88,478	4,924	93,402
Capital stock/participation certificates issued/(retired), net		421					421
Dividends paid on perpetual preferred stock					(435)		(435)
Patronage distribution adjustment					(9)		(9)
Balance at March 31, 2014	\$125,250	\$ 309,393	\$ 36,580	\$ 726	\$ 1,665,710	\$ 102,467	\$ 2,240,126
<b>Balance at December 31, 2014</b>	<b>\$125,250</b>	<b>\$ 303,180</b>	<b>\$ 36,580</b>	<b>\$ 692</b>	<b>\$ 1,639,757</b>	<b>\$ 101,948</b>	<b>\$ 2,207,407</b>
Comprehensive income					83,486	(2,593)	80,893
Capital stock/participation certificates issued/(retired), net		(263)					(263)
Dividends paid on perpetual preferred stock					(434)		(434)
Patronage distribution adjustment					(55)		(55)
Balance at March 31, 2015	\$125,250	\$ 302,917	\$ 36,580	\$ 692	\$ 1,722,754	\$ 99,355	\$ 2,287,548

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

# Statements of Cash Flows

(unaudited)

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	For the three months ended March 31,	
	2015	2014
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Net income	\$ 83,486	\$ 88,478
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation on premises and equipment	1,815	1,894
Premium amortization (discount accretion) on investment securities	2,348	2,323
(Premium amortization) discount accretion on bonds and notes	2,001	1,805
Provision for loan losses	1,369	549
(Gains) losses on other property owned, net	23	(198)
Net impairment losses on investments	107	1,351
(Gains) losses on investments, net	(1,126)	(53)
(Gains) losses on other transactions	(221)	(259)
Net change in loans held for sale	2,449	2,330
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in accrued interest receivable	757	284
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	36,766	15,877
(Increase) decrease in other assets	(1,157)	(3,307)
Increase (decrease) in accrued interest payable	(799)	(7,824)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(18,814)	(14,528)
Increase (decrease) in other liabilities	(8,566)	(3,058)
Total adjustments	16,952	(2,814)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	100,438	85,664
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Investment securities purchased	(333,038)	(59,524)
Investment securities sold or matured	415,224	317,969
Net (increase) decrease in loans	545,940	502,974
(Increase) decrease in investments in other Farm Credit System institutions	10	84
Purchase of premises and equipment, net	(548)	(4,765)
Proceeds from sale of other property owned	—	1,371
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	627,588	758,109
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Bonds and notes issued	5,627,283	6,037,210
Bonds and notes retired	(5,951,677)	(7,005,701)
Capital stock and participation certificates issued/retired, net	(263)	421
Cash distribution to shareholders	(314,994)	(343,556)
Dividends paid on perpetual preferred stock	(434)	(435)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(640,085)	(1,312,061)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	87,941	(468,288)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	847,350	1,183,755
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 935,291	\$ 715,467
<b>Supplemental schedule of non-cash investing and financing activities:</b>		
Receipt of property in settlement of loans	\$ 928	\$ —
Change in unrealized gains (losses) on investments, net	(2,540)	5,120
Employee benefit plans adjustments	(100)	(67)
<b>Non-cash changes related to interest rate hedging activities:</b>		
Increase (decrease) in bonds and notes	\$ (2,427)	\$ (2,699)
Decrease (increase) in other assets	2,427	2,699
<b>Supplemental information:</b>		
Interest paid	\$ 56,886	\$ 59,329

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

# Notes to the Financial Statements

(unaudited)

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

### *Organization*

The accompanying financial statements include the accounts of AgFirst Farm Credit Bank (AgFirst or Bank). AgFirst and its related Agricultural Credit Associations (Associations or District Associations) are collectively referred to as the AgFirst District (District). A complete description of the organization and operations, the significant accounting policies followed, and the financial condition and results of operations of the Bank as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014 are contained in the 2014 Annual Report to Shareholders. These unaudited interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the latest Annual Report to Shareholders.

### *Basis of Presentation*

In the opinion of management, the accompanying 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 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 Bank'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.

### *Accounting Standards Updates (ASUs) Issued During the Period*

The following ASUs were issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) since the most recent Annual Report:

- 2015-03 Imputation of Interest – In April, 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-03, Interest—Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30): Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs. To simplify presentation of debt issuance costs, the amendments in this Update require that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability, consistent with debt discounts. Prior to the Update, debt issuance costs were required to be presented in the balance sheet as a deferred charge (asset). The recognition and measurement guidance for debt issuance costs are not affected by the amendments. For public business entities, the amendments in this Update are effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, and interim periods within those fiscal years.

### ***ASUs Effective During the Period***

There were no changes in the accounting principles applied from the latest Annual Report, other than any discussed below. For further details of significant accounting policies, see Note 2, *Summary of Significant Accounting Policies*, from the latest Annual Report.

No recently adopted accounting guidance issued by the FASB had a significant effect on the current period reporting. See the most recent Annual Report for a detailed description of each of the ASUs below:

- 2014-14 Classification of Certain Government-Guaranteed Mortgage Loans – The Bank did not have a significant amount of loans that met the criteria of the guidance.
- 2014-11 Repurchase-to-Maturity Transactions – The criteria of the standard were not significantly different from the Bank’s policy in place at adoption.
- 2014-08 Discontinued Operations – The Bank has not had and does not anticipate any significant disposals.
- 2014-04 Reclassification of Consumer Mortgage Loans – The criteria of the standard were not significantly different from the Bank’s policy in place at adoption. See Note 2, *Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses*, for the additional disclosures required by this guidance.

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

The Bank 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 Bank 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 Bank manages credit risk associated with lending activities through an assessment of the credit risk profile of an individual obligor. The Bank sets its own underwriting standards and lending policies that provide direction to loan officers and are approved by the board of directors.

The credit risk management process begins with an analysis of the obligor’s credit history, repayment capacity and financial position. Repayment capacity focuses on the obligor’s ability to repay the obligation based on cash flows from operations or other sources of income, including non-farm income. Real estate mortgage loans must be secured by first liens on the real estate collateral. As required by Farm Credit Administration (FCA) regulations, each institution that makes loans on a secured basis must have collateral evaluation policies and procedures.

The credit risk rating process for loans uses a two-dimensional structure, incorporating a 14-point probability of default scale (as discussed in Note 1 above) and a separate scale addressing estimated percentage loss in the event of default. The loan rating structure incorporates borrower risk and transaction risk. Borrower risk is the risk of loss driven by factors intrinsic to the borrower. The transaction risk is related to the structure of a credit (tenor, terms, and collateral).

A summary of loans outstanding at period end follows:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Direct notes	\$ 13,776,781	\$ 14,280,193
Real estate mortgage	1,023,069	1,024,693
Production and intermediate-term	1,088,990	1,193,281
Loans to cooperatives	227,274	223,074
Processing and marketing	835,468	846,318
Farm-related business	222,799	177,453
Communication	186,480	184,405
Energy and water/waste disposal	420,003	433,738
Rural residential real estate	2,456,370	2,424,554
Loans to other financing institutions (OFIs)	96,732	95,512
Other (including Mission Related)	10,300	10,398
Total Loans	<u>\$ 20,344,266</u>	<u>\$ 20,893,619</u>

A substantial portion of the Bank's loan portfolio consists of notes receivable from District Associations (Direct Notes). These notes are used by the Associations to fund their loan portfolios, which collateralize the notes. Therefore, the Bank's concentration of credit risk in various agricultural commodities associated with these notes approximates that of the District as a whole. Loan concentrations are considered to exist when there are amounts loaned to a multiple number of borrowers engaged in similar activities, which would cause them to be similarly impacted by economic or other conditions. A substantial portion of the Associations' lending activities is collateralized, and their exposure to credit loss associated with lending activities is reduced accordingly, which further mitigates credit risk to the Bank.

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

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	March 31, 2015							
	Within AgFirst District		Within Farm Credit System		Outside Farm Credit System		Total	
	Participations Purchased	Participations Sold	Participations Purchased	Participations Sold	Participations Purchased	Participations Sold	Participations Purchased	Participations Sold
Direct note	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 210,221	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 210,221
Real estate mortgage	748,249	38,840	240,542	22,835	13,420	-	1,002,211	61,675
Production and intermediate-term	811,789	226,554	481,498	141,095	166,186	-	1,459,473	367,649
Loans to cooperatives	3,462	12,394	229,556	-	6,000	-	239,018	12,394
Processing and marketing	94,716	347,783	502,166	168,634	761,672	5,000	1,358,554	521,417
Farm-related business	28,508	48,356	119,826	-	123,380	-	271,714	48,356
Communication	-	80,923	268,101	-	-	-	268,101	80,923
Energy and water/waste disposal	-	15,978	431,420	-	6,428	-	437,848	15,978
Rural residential real estate	189	-	-	-	-	-	189	-
Other (including Mission Related)	10,446	-	-	-	-	-	10,446	-
Total	<u>\$ 1,697,359</u>	<u>\$ 770,828</u>	<u>\$ 2,273,109</u>	<u>\$ 542,785</u>	<u>\$ 1,077,086</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,047,554</u>	<u>\$ 1,318,613</u>

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	December 31, 2014							
	Within AgFirst District		Within Farm Credit System		Outside Farm Credit System		Total	
	Participations Purchased	Participations Sold	Participations Purchased	Participations Sold	Participations Purchased	Participations Sold	Participations Purchased	Participations Sold
Direct notes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 210,159	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 210,159
Real estate mortgage	747,721	35,858	242,481	17,238	14,141	-	1,004,343	53,096
Production and intermediate-term	1,004,778	212,776	468,083	200,639	143,883	7,500	1,616,744	420,915
Loans to cooperatives	15,847	2,231	204,054	-	6,000	-	225,901	2,231
Processing and marketing	99,595	352,606	536,859	166,120	739,839	5,000	1,376,293	523,726
Farm-related business	37,134	37,677	96,366	-	82,193	-	215,693	37,677
Communication	-	67,861	252,729	-	-	-	252,729	67,861
Energy and water/waste disposal	-	14,622	443,627	-	6,525	-	450,152	14,622
Rural residential real estate	191	-	-	-	-	-	191	-
Other (including Mission Related)	10,545	-	-	-	-	-	10,545	-
Total	<u>\$ 1,915,811</u>	<u>\$ 723,631</u>	<u>\$ 2,244,199</u>	<u>\$ 594,156</u>	<u>\$ 992,581</u>	<u>\$ 12,500</u>	<u>\$ 5,152,591</u>	<u>\$ 1,330,287</u>

A significant source of liquidity for the Bank is the repayments of loans. The following table presents the contractual maturity distribution of loans by loan type at the latest period end:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	March 31, 2015			
	Due less than 1 year	Due 1 through 5 years	Due after 5 years	Total
Direct notes	\$ 477,100	\$ 2,822,252	\$ 10,477,429	\$ 13,776,781
Real estate mortgage	52,522	294,155	676,392	1,023,069
Production and intermediate-term	160,352	704,278	224,360	1,088,990
Loans to cooperatives	59,731	109,696	57,847	227,274
Processing and marketing	22,852	482,530	330,086	835,468
Farm-related business	22,765	165,797	34,237	222,799
Communication	—	173,644	12,836	186,480
Energy and water/waste disposal	32,094	139,727	248,182	420,003
Rural residential real estate	3,529	4,999	2,447,842	2,456,370
Loans to OFIs	96,732	—	—	96,732
Other (including Mission Related)	—	151	10,149	10,300
Total Loans	<u>\$ 927,677</u>	<u>\$ 4,897,229</u>	<u>\$ 14,519,360</u>	<u>\$ 20,344,266</u>
Percentage	4.56%	24.07%	71.37%	100.00%

The recorded investment in a receivable is the face amount increased or decreased by applicable accrued interest and 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, 2015	December 31, 2014		March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
<b>Direct notes:</b>			<b>Communication:</b>		
Acceptable	94.64%	94.71%	Acceptable	96.64%	96.93%
OAEM	5.36	5.29	OAEM	3.36	3.07
Substandard/doubtful/loss	—	—	Substandard/doubtful/loss	—	—
	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>		<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
<b>Real estate mortgage:</b>			<b>Energy and water/waste disposal:</b>		
Acceptable	89.18%	88.72%	Acceptable	90.65%	90.96%
OAEM	4.80	5.61	OAEM	9.35	9.04
Substandard/doubtful/loss	6.02	5.67	Substandard/doubtful/loss	—	—
	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>		<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
<b>Production and intermediate-term:</b>			<b>Rural residential real estate:</b>		
Acceptable	92.75%	92.93%	Acceptable	99.91%	99.92%
OAEM	2.18	4.88	OAEM	—	—
Substandard/doubtful/loss	5.07	2.19	Substandard/doubtful/loss	0.09	0.08
	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>		<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
<b>Loans to cooperatives:</b>			<b>Loans to OFIs:</b>		
Acceptable	98.21%	99.41%	Acceptable	100.00%	100.00%
OAEM	0.99	0.59	OAEM	—	—
Substandard/doubtful/loss	0.80	—	Substandard/doubtful/loss	—	—
	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>		<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
<b>Processing and marketing:</b>			<b>Other (including Mission Related):</b>		
Acceptable	99.26%	99.24%	Acceptable	100.00%	100.00%
OAEM	—	—	OAEM	—	—
Substandard/doubtful/loss	0.74	0.76	Substandard/doubtful/loss	—	—
	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>		<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
<b>Farm-related business:</b>			<b>Total Loans:</b>		
Acceptable	98.98%	98.72%	Acceptable	95.14%	95.16%
OAEM	1.02	1.28	OAEM	4.23	4.40
Substandard/doubtful/loss	—	—	Substandard/doubtful/loss	0.63	0.44
	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>		<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

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

March 31, 2015						
<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	30 Through 89 Days Past Due	90 Days or More Past Due	Total Past Due	Not Past Due or Less Than 30 Days Past Due	Total Loans	Recorded Investment 90 Days or More Past Due and Accruing Interest
Direct notes	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 13,804,524	\$ 13,804,524	\$ —
Real estate mortgage	3,116	16,758	19,874	1,010,691	1,030,565	—
Production and intermediate-term	59	5,887	5,946	1,087,498	1,093,444	—
Loans to cooperatives	—	—	—	228,015	228,015	—
Processing and marketing	—	1,228	1,228	836,011	837,239	—
Farm-related business	—	—	—	223,359	223,359	—
Communication	—	—	—	186,670	186,670	—
Energy and water/waste disposal	—	—	—	421,836	421,836	—
Rural residential real estate	22,226	2,662	24,888	2,440,089	2,464,977	1,062
Loans to OFIs	—	—	—	96,868	96,868	—
Other (including Mission Related)	—	—	—	10,458	10,458	—
Total	\$ 25,401	\$ 26,535	\$ 51,936	\$ 20,346,019	\$ 20,397,955	\$ 1,062

December 31, 2014						
<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	30 Through 89 Days Past Due	90 Days or More Past Due	Total Past Due	Not Past Due or Less Than 30 Days Past Due	Total Loans	Recorded Investment 90 Days or More Past Due and Accruing Interest
Direct notes	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 14,308,680	\$ 14,308,680	\$ —
Real estate mortgage	2,783	18,041	20,824	1,010,656	1,031,480	306
Production and intermediate-term	3,350	2,647	5,997	1,192,281	1,198,278	—
Loans to cooperatives	—	—	—	223,476	223,476	—
Processing and marketing	—	1,229	1,229	846,933	848,162	—
Farm-related business	—	—	—	177,912	177,912	—
Communication	—	—	—	184,566	184,566	—
Energy and water/waste disposal	—	—	—	435,673	435,673	—
Rural residential real estate	34,973	4,155	39,128	2,393,986	2,433,114	2,382
Loans to OFIs	—	—	—	95,646	95,646	—
Other (including Mission Related)	—	—	—	10,516	10,516	—
Total	\$ 41,106	\$ 26,072	\$ 67,178	\$ 20,880,325	\$ 20,947,503	\$ 2,688



Nonperforming assets (including the recorded investment for loans) and related credit quality statistics are summarized as follows:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>March 31, 2015</b>	<b>December 31, 2014</b>
<b>Nonaccrual loans:</b>		
Real estate mortgage	\$ 37,466	\$ 40,257
Production and intermediate-term	6,030	6,123
Rural residential real estate	2,835	2,786
Total	\$ 46,331	\$ 49,166
<b>Accruing restructured loans:</b>		
Real estate mortgage	\$ 3,549	\$ 3,594
Production and intermediate-term	6,525	6,522
Rural residential real estate	972	975
Other (including Mission Related)	4,566	4,497
Total	\$ 15,612	\$ 15,588
<b>Accruing loans 90 days or more past due:</b>		
Real estate mortgage	\$ —	\$ 306
Rural residential real estate	1,062	2,382
Total	\$ 1,062	\$ 2,688
Total nonperforming loans	\$ 63,005	\$ 67,442
Other property owned	3,714	2,808
Total nonperforming assets	\$ 66,719	\$ 70,250
Nonaccrual loans as a percentage of total loans	0.23%	0.24%
Nonperforming assets as a percentage of total loans and other property owned	0.33%	0.34%
Nonperforming assets as a percentage of capital	2.92%	3.18%

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.

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>March 31, 2015</b>	<b>December 31, 2014</b>
<b>Impaired nonaccrual loans:</b>		
Current as to principal and interest	\$ 20,744	\$ 21,376
Past due	25,587	27,790
Total	46,331	49,166
<b>Impaired accrual loans:</b>		
Restructured	15,612	15,588
90 days or more past due	1,062	2,688
Total	16,674	18,276
Total impaired loans	\$ 63,005	\$ 67,442

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

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	March 31, 2015			Quarter Ended March 31, 2015	
	Recorded Investment	Unpaid Principal Balance	Related Allowance	Average Impaired Loans	Interest Income Recognized on Impaired Loans
<b>Impaired Loans</b>					
<b>With a related allowance for credit losses:</b>					
Real estate mortgage	\$ 15,407	\$ 23,772	\$ 2,585	\$ 14,059	\$ —
Production and intermediate-term	4,895	6,420	1,143	4,466	—
Processing and marketing	—	—	—	—	—
Rural residential real estate	564	564	91	564	—
Other (including Mission Related)	4,521	4,451	153	4,125	69
Total	\$ 25,387	\$ 35,207	\$ 3,972	\$ 23,214	\$ 69
<b>With no related allowance for credit losses:</b>					
Real estate mortgage	\$ 25,608	\$ 44,521	\$ —	\$ 27,039	\$ 164
Production and intermediate-term	7,660	8,308	—	8,579	94
Processing and marketing	—	1,229	—	—	—
Rural residential real estate	4,305	4,276	—	3,442	45
Other (including Mission Related)	45	—	—	560	—
Total	\$ 37,618	\$ 58,334	\$ —	\$ 39,620	\$ 303
<b>Total:</b>					
Real estate mortgage	\$ 41,015	\$ 68,293	\$ 2,585	\$ 41,098	\$ 164
Production and intermediate-term	12,555	14,728	1,143	13,045	94
Processing and marketing	—	1,229	—	—	—
Rural residential real estate	4,869	4,840	91	4,006	45
Other (including Mission Related)	4,566	4,451	153	4,685	69
Total	\$ 63,005	\$ 93,541	\$ 3,972	\$ 62,834	\$ 372

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	December 31, 2014			Year Ended December 31, 2014	
	Recorded Investment	Unpaid Principal Balance	Related Allowance	Average Impaired Loans	Interest Income Recognized on Impaired Loans
<b>Impaired Loans</b>					
<b>With a related allowance for credit losses:</b>					
Real estate mortgage	\$ 13,911	\$ 22,264	\$ 2,605	\$ 14,714	\$ 52
Production and intermediate-term	4,921	6,441	1,165	6,546	2
Processing and marketing	—	—	—	—	—
Rural residential real estate	89	89	15	123	—
Other (including Mission Related)	4,438	4,451	153	4,074	279
Total	\$ 23,359	\$ 33,245	\$ 3,938	\$ 25,457	\$ 333
<b>With no related allowance for credit losses:</b>					
Real estate mortgage	\$ 30,246	\$ 50,087	\$ —	\$ 30,368	\$ 205
Production and intermediate-term	7,724	8,343	—	3,765	698
Processing and marketing	—	1,229	—	7	—
Rural residential real estate	6,054	6,003	—	6,341	209
Other (including Mission Related)	59	—	—	503	—
Total	\$ 44,083	\$ 65,662	\$ —	\$ 40,984	\$ 1,112
<b>Total:</b>					
Real estate mortgage	\$ 44,157	\$ 72,351	\$ 2,605	\$ 45,082	\$ 257
Production and intermediate-term	12,645	14,784	1,165	10,311	700
Processing and marketing	—	1,229	—	7	—
Rural residential real estate	6,143	6,092	15	6,464	209
Other (including Mission Related)	4,497	4,451	153	4,577	279
Total	\$ 67,442	\$ 98,907	\$ 3,938	\$ 66,441	\$ 1,445

There were no material commitments to lend additional funds to debtors whose loans were classified as impaired at each reporting period.

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

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Direct Note	Real Estate Mortgage	Production and Intermediate-term	Agribusiness*	Communication	Energy and Water/Waste Disposal	Rural Residential Real Estate	Other (including Mission Related)	Total	
<b>Activity related to the allowance for credit losses:</b>										
Balance at December 31, 2014	\$	–	\$ 5,109	\$ 4,526	\$ 2,779	\$ 579	\$ 1,332	\$ 918	\$ 292	\$ 15,535
Charge-offs	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	(49)	–	(49)
Recoveries	–	13	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	13
Provision for loan losses	–	494	647	(13)	35	(20)	319	(93)	–	1,369
Balance at March 31, 2015	\$	–	\$ 5,616	\$ 5,173	\$ 2,766	\$ 614	\$ 1,312	\$ 1,188	\$ 199	\$ 16,868
Balance at December 31, 2013	\$	–	\$ 9,681	\$ 8,763	\$ 1,933	\$ 497	\$ 823	\$ 1,052	\$ 159	\$ 22,908
Charge-offs	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	(21)	–	(21)
Recoveries	–	20	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	20
Provision for loan losses	–	(481)	(61)	430	25	19	600	17	–	549
Balance at March 31, 2014	\$	–	\$ 9,220	\$ 8,702	\$ 2,363	\$ 522	\$ 842	\$ 1,631	\$ 176	\$ 23,456
<b>Allowance on loans evaluated for impairment:</b>										
Individually	\$	–	\$ 2,585	\$ 1,143	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 91	\$ 153	\$ 3,972
Collectively	–	–	3,031	4,030	2,766	614	1,312	1,097	46	12,896
Balance at March 31, 2015	\$	–	\$ 5,616	\$ 5,173	\$ 2,766	\$ 614	\$ 1,312	\$ 1,188	\$ 199	\$ 16,868
Individually	\$	–	\$ 2,605	\$ 1,165	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 15	\$ 153	\$ 3,938
Collectively	–	–	2,504	3,361	2,779	579	1,332	903	139	11,597
Balance at December 31, 2014	\$	–	\$ 5,109	\$ 4,526	\$ 2,779	\$ 579	\$ 1,332	\$ 918	\$ 292	\$ 15,535
<b>Recorded investment in loans evaluated for impairment:</b>										
Individually	\$	13,804,524	\$ 118,448	\$ 12,553	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 2,007,990	\$ 4,510	\$ –	\$ 15,948,025
Collectively	–	–	912,117	1,080,891	1,288,613	186,670	421,836	456,987	102,816	4,449,930
Balance at March 31, 2015	\$	13,804,524	\$ 1,030,565	\$ 1,093,444	\$ 1,288,613	\$ 186,670	\$ 421,836	\$ 2,464,977	\$ 107,326	\$ 20,397,955
Individually	\$	14,308,680	\$ 120,357	\$ 12,625	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 1,976,124	\$ 4,438	\$ –	\$ 16,422,224
Collectively	–	–	911,123	1,185,653	1,249,550	184,566	435,673	456,990	101,724	4,525,279
Balance at December 31, 2014	\$	14,308,680	\$ 1,031,480	\$ 1,198,278	\$ 1,249,550	\$ 184,566	\$ 435,673	\$ 2,433,114	\$ 106,162	\$ 20,947,503

\*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. The following tables present additional information about pre-modification and post-modification outstanding recorded investment and the effects of the modifications that occurred during the periods presented. The tables do not include any purchased credit impaired loans.

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Three months ended March 31, 2015					Charge-offs
Outstanding Investment	Recorded Investment	Interest Concessions	Principal Concessions	Other Concessions	Total	
<b>Pre-modification</b>						
Production and intermediate-term	\$	–	\$ 3,339	\$ –	\$ 3,339	
Rural residential real estate	–	–	390	–	390	
Total	\$	–	\$ 3,729	\$ –	\$ 3,729	
<b>Post-modification</b>						
Production and intermediate-term	\$	–	\$ 3,339	\$ –	\$ 3,339	
Rural residential real estate	–	–	390	–	390	\$ –
Total	\$	–	\$ 3,729	\$ –	\$ 3,729	\$ –

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Three months ended March 31, 2014					Charge-offs
Outstanding Investment	Recorded Investment	Interest Concessions	Principal Concessions	Other Concessions	Total	
<b>Pre-modification</b>						
Real estate mortgage	\$	–	\$ 293	\$ –	\$ 293	
Total	\$	–	\$ 293	\$ –	\$ 293	
<b>Post-modification</b>						
Real estate mortgage	\$	–	\$ 293	\$ –	\$ 293	\$ –
Total	\$	–	\$ 293	\$ –	\$ 293	\$ –

Interest concessions may include interest forgiveness and interest deferment. Principal concessions may include principal forgiveness, principal deferment, and maturity extension.

There were no TDRs that occurred during the previous twelve months and for which there was a subsequent payment default during the periods presented. Payment default is defined as a payment that was thirty days or more past due.

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:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Total TDRs		Nonaccrual TDRs	
	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Real estate mortgage	\$ 22,374	\$ 21,096	\$ 18,825	\$ 17,502
Production and intermediate-term	11,339	8,039	4,814	1,517
Rural residential real estate	2,109	1,726	1,137	751
Other (including Mission Related)	4,566	4,497	-	-
Total Loans	\$ 40,388	\$ 35,358	\$ 24,776	\$ 19,770
Additional commitments to lend	\$ 2,893	\$ 2,893		

The following table presents foreclosure information as of period end:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	March 31, 2015
Carrying amount of foreclosed residential real estate properties held as a result of obtaining physical possession	\$ 893
Recorded investment of consumer mortgage loans secured by residential real estate for which formal foreclosure proceedings are in process	\$ 327

### Note 3 — Investments

#### *Investment Securities*

AgFirst's investments consist primarily of mortgage-backed securities (MBSs) collateralized by U.S. government or U.S. agency guaranteed residential and commercial mortgages. They are held to maintain a liquidity reserve, manage short-term surplus funds, and manage interest rate risk. These securities meet the applicable FCA regulatory guidelines related to government agency guaranteed investments.

Included in the available-for-sale investments are non-agency collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs) and asset-backed securities (ABSs). These securities must meet the applicable FCA regulatory guidelines, which require them to be high quality, senior class, and rated in the top category (AAA/Aaa) by Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations (NRSROs) at the time of purchase. To achieve these ratings, the securities may have a guarantee of timely payment of principal and interest, credit enhancements achieved through over-collateralization or other means, priority of payments for senior classes over junior classes, or bond insurance. All of the non-agency securities owned have one or more credit enhancement features.

The FCA considers a non-agency security ineligible if it falls below AAA/Aaa credit rating criteria and requires Farm Credit System (System) institutions to provide notification to the FCA when a security becomes ineligible. Non-agency CMO and ABS securities not rated in the top category by at least one of the NRSROs at March 31, 2015 had a fair value of \$147.2 million and \$34.4 million, respectively.

Held-to-maturity investments consist of Mission Related Investments acquired primarily under the Rural Housing Mortgage-Backed Securities (RHMS) and Rural America Bond (RAB) pilot programs. RHMS must be fully guaranteed by a government agency or government sponsored enterprise. RABs are private placement securities, which generally have some form of credit enhancement.

In its Conditions of Approval for the program, the FCA considers an RAB ineligible if its investment rating, based on the internal 14-point risk rating scale used to also grade loans, falls below 9. The FCA requires System

institutions to provide notification when a security becomes ineligible. At March 31, 2015, the Bank held three RABs whose credit quality had deteriorated beyond the program limits.

Effective December 31, 2014, the FCA ended the pilot programs approved after 2004 as part of the Investment in Rural America initiative. Each institution participating in such programs may continue to hold its investment through the maturity dates for the investments, provided the institution continues to meet all approval conditions. The FCA can consider future participation in these programs on a case-by-case basis.

During the first three months of 2015, proceeds from sales of investments were \$29.1 million and realized gains were \$1.1 million. During the first three months of 2014, proceeds from sales of investments were \$2.7 million and realized gains were \$53 thousand.

### Available-for-sale

A summary of the amortized cost and fair value of debt securities held as available-for-sale investments follows:

	<b>March 31, 2015</b>				
<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Gains</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Losses</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Yield</b>
U.S. Govt. Guaranteed	\$ 3,622,955	\$ 81,449	\$ (3,577)	\$ 3,700,827	1.79%
U.S. Govt. Agency Guaranteed	2,322,793	22,793	(5,894)	2,339,692	0.84
Non-Agency CMOs (a)	164,954	20	(16,678)	148,296	0.65
Non-Agency ABSs	470,331	27,490	(495)	497,326	0.86
Total	<b>\$ 6,581,033</b>	<b>\$ 131,752</b>	<b>\$ (26,644)</b>	<b>\$ 6,686,141</b>	<b>1.36%</b>

	<b>December 31, 2014</b>				
<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Gains</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Losses</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Yield</b>
U.S. Govt. Guaranteed	\$ 3,774,428	\$ 91,316	\$ (6,538)	\$ 3,859,206	1.85%
U.S. Govt. Agency Guaranteed	2,400,460	21,608	(6,537)	2,415,531	0.84
Non-Agency CMOs (b)	171,290	23	(18,302)	153,011	0.64
Non-Agency ABSs	300,594	26,523	(446)	326,671	0.87
Total	<b>\$ 6,646,772</b>	<b>\$ 139,470</b>	<b>\$ (31,823)</b>	<b>\$ 6,754,419</b>	<b>1.41%</b>

(a) Gross unrealized losses included non-credit related other-than-temporary impairment included in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (AOCI) of \$11.6 million for Non-Agency CMOs.

(b) Gross unrealized losses included non-credit related other-than-temporary impairment included in AOCI of \$13.1 million for Non-Agency CMOs.

### Held-to-maturity

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

	<b>March 31, 2015</b>				
<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Gains</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Losses</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Yield</b>
U.S. Govt. Agency Guaranteed RABs and Other	\$ 519,066	\$ 22,979	\$ (2,036)	\$ 540,009	3.63%
	122,524	11,126	(101)	133,549	6.00
Total	<b>\$ 641,590</b>	<b>\$ 34,105</b>	<b>\$ (2,137)</b>	<b>\$ 673,558</b>	<b>4.09%</b>

	<b>December 31, 2014</b>				
<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Gains</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Losses</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Yield</b>
U.S. Govt. Agency Guaranteed RABs and Other	\$ 535,299	\$ 22,151	\$ (4,164)	\$ 553,286	3.63%
	124,221	9,828	(365)	133,684	6.01
Total	<b>\$ 659,520</b>	<b>\$ 31,979</b>	<b>\$ (4,529)</b>	<b>\$ 686,970</b>	<b>4.07%</b>

A summary of the contractual maturity, estimated fair value and amortized cost of investment securities at March 31, 2015 follows:

**Available-for-sale**

	Due in 1 year or less		Due after 1 year through 5 years		Due after 5 years through 10 years		Due after 10 years		Total	
	Amount	Weighted Average Yield	Amount	Weighted Average Yield	Amount	Weighted Average Yield	Amount	Weighted Average Yield	Amount	Weighted Average Yield
<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>										
U.S. Govt. Guaranteed	\$ —	—%	\$ 21	0.38%	\$ 67,409	0.50%	\$ 3,633,397	1.82%	\$ 3,700,827	1.79%
U.S. Govt. Agency Guaranteed	26,937	0.80	134,379	1.46	243,416	0.69	1,934,960	0.82	2,339,692	0.84
Non-Agency CMOs	—	—	—	—	1,097	0.89	147,199	0.65	148,296	0.65
Non-Agency ABSs	—	—	442,780	0.71	20,147	1.48	34,399	7.60	497,326	0.86
Total fair value	\$ 26,937	0.80%	\$ 577,180	0.88%	\$ 332,069	0.70%	\$ 5,749,955	1.45%	\$ 6,686,141	1.36%
Total amortized cost	\$ 26,921		\$ 575,430		\$ 331,129		\$ 5,647,553		\$ 6,581,033	

**Held-to-maturity**

	Due in 1 year or less		Due after 1 year through 5 years		Due after 5 years through 10 years		Due after 10 years		Total	
	Amount	Weighted Average Yield	Amount	Weighted Average Yield	Amount	Weighted Average Yield	Amount	Weighted Average Yield	Amount	Weighted Average Yield
<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>										
U.S. Govt. Agency Guaranteed	\$ —	—%	\$ 325	4.66%	\$ —	—%	\$ 518,741	3.63%	\$ 519,066	3.63%
RABs and Other	14,231	7.00	16,729	5.82	30,862	5.90	60,702	5.88	122,524	6.00
Total amortized cost	\$ 14,231	7.00%	\$ 17,054	5.80%	\$ 30,862	5.90%	\$ 579,443	3.87%	\$ 641,590	4.09%
Total fair value	\$ 14,953		\$ 18,252		\$ 33,788		\$ 606,565		\$ 673,558	

A substantial portion of these investments has contractual maturities in excess of ten years. However, expected maturities for these types of securities will 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. This also applies to those securities other-than-temporarily impaired for which a credit loss has been recognized but noncredit-related losses continue to remain unrealized. The following tables show the fair value and gross unrealized losses for all investments that have been 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.

	March 31, 2015					
	Less than 12 Months		12 Months or Greater		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>						
U.S. Govt. Guaranteed	\$ 301,554	\$ (562)	\$ 515,153	\$ (3,015)	\$ 816,707	\$ (3,577)
U.S. Govt. Agency Guaranteed	547,468	(1,299)	672,979	(6,631)	1,220,447	(7,930)
Non-Agency CMOs	9,479	(534)	138,641	(16,144)	148,120	(16,678)
Non-Agency ABSs	67,735	(11)	1,753	(484)	69,488	(495)
RABs and Other	163	(7)	3,921	(94)	4,084	(101)
Total	\$ 926,399	\$ (2,413)	\$ 1,332,447	\$ (26,368)	\$ 2,258,846	\$ (28,781)

	December 31, 2014					
	Less than 12 Months		12 Months or Greater		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>						
U.S. Govt. Guaranteed	\$ 679,802	\$ (2,094)	\$ 504,943	\$ (4,444)	\$ 1,184,745	\$ (6,538)
U.S. Govt. Agency Guaranteed	504,898	(1,306)	816,972	(9,395)	1,321,870	(10,701)
Non-Agency CMOs	14,324	(647)	137,670	(17,655)	151,994	(18,302)
Non-Agency ABSs	181,809	(178)	2,068	(268)	183,877	(446)
RABs and Other	—	—	21,084	(365)	21,084	(365)
Total	\$ 1,380,833	\$ (4,225)	\$ 1,482,737	\$ (32,127)	\$ 2,863,570	\$ (36,352)

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 Bank intends to sell the security or it is more likely than not that it would be required to sell the security, the impairment loss recognized equals the full difference between amortized cost and fair value of the security. When the Bank 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 noncredit 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 Bank performs periodic credit reviews, including other-than-temporary impairment (OTTI) analyses, on its investment securities portfolio. The objective is to quantify future possible loss of principal or interest due on securities in the portfolio. Factors considered in determining whether an impairment is other-than-temporary include among others: (1) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value is less than cost, (2) adverse conditions specifically related to the industry, (3) geographic area and the condition of the underlying collateral, (4) payment structure of the security, (5) ratings by rating agencies, (6) the creditworthiness of bond insurers, and (7) volatility of the fair value changes.

The Bank uses the present value of cash flows expected to be collected from each debt security to determine the amount of credit loss. This technique requires assumptions related to the underlying collateral, including default rates, amount and timing of prepayments, and loss severity. Assumptions can vary widely from security to security and are influenced by such factors as loan interest rate, geographical location of the borrower, borrower characteristics, and collateral type.

Significant inputs used to estimate the amount of credit loss include, but are not limited to, performance indicators of the underlying assets in the security (including default rates, delinquency rates, and percentage of nonperforming assets), loan-to-collateral value ratios, third-party guarantees, current levels of subordination, vintage, geographic concentration, and credit ratings. The Bank obtains assumptions for the default rate, prepayment rate, and loss severity rate from an independent third party.

Following are the assumptions used for the periods ended:

Assumptions Used	MBSs	ABSs
<b>March 31, 2015</b>		
Default rate by range	1.24% to 30.27%	9.58% to 49.54%
Prepayment rate by range	6.39% to 17.24%	4.75% to 12.37%
Loss severity by range	4.18% to 59.66%	62.92% to 100.40%
<b>December 31, 2014</b>		
Default rate by range	0.83% to 31.49%	6.72% to 52.16%
Prepayment rate by range	6.17% to 16.72%	5.36% to 12.04%
Loss severity by range	4.37% to 68.03%	64.72% to 100.00%

Based on the results of all analyses, the Bank has recognized \$107 thousand of credit-related OTTI for 2015, which is included in Net Other-than-temporary Impairment Losses in the Statements of Income. Since the Bank does not intend to sell these other-than-temporarily impaired debt securities and is not more likely than not to be required to sell before recovery, the total OTTI is reflected in the Statements of Income with: (1) a net other-than-temporary impairment amount related to estimated credit loss, and (2) an amount relating to all other factors, recognized as a reclassification to or from Other Comprehensive Income.

For the three months ended March 31, 2015, net unrealized losses of \$4.5 million were recognized in other comprehensive income on available-for-sale investments that are not other-than-temporarily impaired.

The following schedule details the activity related to cumulative credit losses on investments recognized in earnings for which a portion of an other-than-temporary impairment was recognized in other comprehensive income:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>For the three months ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Amount related to credit loss-beginning balance</b>	\$ 57,459	\$ 57,131
Additions for initial credit impairments	—	—
Additions for subsequent credit impairments	107	1,351
Reductions for increases in expected cash flows	(137)	(177)
Reductions for securities sold/settled/matured	—	—
<b>Amount related to credit loss-ending balance</b>	<u>57,429</u>	<u>58,305</u>
Life to date incurred credit losses	<u>(19,689)</u>	<u>(20,127)</u>
<b>Remaining unrealized credit losses</b>	<u>\$ 37,740</u>	<u>\$ 38,178</u>

For all other impaired investments, the Bank has not recognized any credit losses as the impairments are deemed temporary and result from non-credit related factors. The Bank has the ability and intent to hold these 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. Substantially all of these investments were in U.S. government agency securities and the Bank expects these securities would not be settled at a price less than their amortized cost.

#### **Note 4 — Debt**

##### ***Bonds and Notes***

AgFirst, unlike commercial banks and other depository institutions, obtains funds for its lending operations primarily from the sale of Systemwide Debt Securities issued jointly by the System banks through the Funding Corporation. Certain conditions must be met before AgFirst can participate in the issuance of Systemwide Debt Securities. As one condition of participation, AgFirst is required by the Farm Credit Act and FCA regulations to maintain specified eligible assets at least equal in value to the total amount of debt obligations outstanding for which it is primarily liable. This requirement does not provide holders of Systemwide Debt Securities with a security interest in any assets of the banks.

In accordance with FCA regulations, each issuance of Systemwide Debt Securities ranks equally with other unsecured Systemwide Debt Securities. Systemwide Debt Securities are not issued under an indenture and no trustee is provided with respect to these securities. Systemwide Debt Securities are not subject to acceleration prior to maturity upon the occurrence of any default or similar event.

The System may issue the following types of Systemwide Debt Securities:

- Federal Farm Credit Banks Consolidated Systemwide Bonds,
- Federal Farm Credit Banks Consolidated Systemwide Discount Notes,
- Federal Farm Credit Banks Consolidated Systemwide Master Notes,
- Federal Farm Credit Banks Global Debt Securities, and
- Federal Farm Credit Banks Consolidated Systemwide Medium-Term Notes.

Additional information regarding Systemwide Debt Securities can be found in their respective offering circulars.



The following table provides a summary of AgFirst's participation in outstanding Systemwide Debt Securities by maturity. Weighted average interest rates include the effect of related derivative financial instruments.

March 31, 2015						
(dollars in thousands)	Bonds		Discount Notes		Total	
Maturities	Amortized Cost	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Amortized Cost	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Amortized Cost	Weighted Average Interest Rate
One year or less	\$ 6,009,304	0.40%	\$ 4,265,935	0.15%	\$ 10,275,239	0.30%
Greater than one year to two years	5,279,324	0.64	-	-	5,279,324	0.64
Greater than two years to three years	3,692,251	1.08	-	-	3,692,251	1.08
Greater than three years to four years	1,781,486	1.38	-	-	1,781,486	1.38
Greater than four years to five years	1,519,846	1.65	-	-	1,519,846	1.65
Greater than five years	3,974,282	2.42	-	-	3,974,282	2.42
Total	\$ 22,256,493	1.09%	\$ 4,265,935	0.15%	\$ 26,522,428	0.94%

Discount notes are issued with maturities ranging from 1 to 365 days. The average maturity of discount notes at March 31, 2015 was 94 days.

### Note 5 — Shareholders' Equity

#### *Perpetual Preferred Stock*

Payment of dividends or redemption price on issued Preferred Stock may be restricted if the Bank fails to satisfy applicable minimum capital adequacy, surplus, and collateral requirements.

#### *Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income*

The following presents activity related to AOCI for the periods presented below:

Changes in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income by Component (a)				
For the three months ended March 31,				
(dollars in thousands)	2015		2014	
<b>Investment Securities:</b>				
Balance at beginning of period	\$	107,647	\$	100,698
Other comprehensive income before reclassifications		(1,521)		3,822
Amounts reclassified from AOCI		(1,019)		1,298
Net current period other comprehensive income		(2,540)		5,120
Balance at end of period	\$	105,107	\$	105,818
<b>Cash Flow Hedges:</b>				
Balance at beginning of period	\$	(548)	\$	289
Other comprehensive income before reclassifications		134		-
Amounts reclassified from AOCI		(287)		(263)
Net current period other comprehensive income		(153)		(263)
Balance at end of period	\$	(701)	\$	26
<b>Employee Benefit Plans:</b>				
Balance at beginning of period	\$	(5,151)	\$	(3,444)
Other comprehensive income before reclassifications		-		-
Amounts reclassified from AOCI		100		67
Net current period other comprehensive income		100		67
Balance at end of period	\$	(5,051)	\$	(3,377)
<b>Total Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income:</b>				
Balance at beginning of period	\$	101,948	\$	97,543
Other comprehensive income before reclassifications		(1,387)		3,822
Amounts reclassified from AOCI		(1,206)		1,102
Net current period other comprehensive income		(2,593)		4,924
Balance at end of period	\$	99,355	\$	102,467

<b>Reclassifications Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (b)</b>			
<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>For the three months ended March 31,</b>		
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Income Statement Line Item</b>
<b>Investment Securities:</b>			
Sales gains & losses	\$ 1,126	\$ 53	Gains (losses) on investments, net
Holding gains & losses	(107)	(1,351)	Net other-than-temporary impairment
Net amounts reclassified	1,019	(1,298)	
<b>Cash Flow Hedges:</b>			
Interest income	153	263	See Note 10.
Gains (losses) on other transactions	134	-	See Note 10.
Net amounts reclassified	287	263	
<b>Employee Benefit Plans:</b>			
Periodic pension costs	(100)	(67)	See Note 7.
Net amounts reclassified	(100)	(67)	
Total reclassifications for period	\$ 1,206	\$ (1,102)	

(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 1 assets and liabilities could include investment securities and derivative contracts that are traded in an active exchange market, in addition to certain U.S. Treasury securities that are highly liquid and are actively traded in over-the-counter 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 2 assets and liabilities could include investment securities that are traded in active, non-exchange markets and derivative contracts that are traded in active, over-the-counter markets.

Level 3 inputs are unobservable and supported by little or no market activity. Level 3 assets and liabilities could include investments and derivative contracts whose value is determined using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or similar techniques, and other instruments for which the determination of fair value requires significant management judgment or estimation. Level 3 assets and liabilities could also include investments and derivative contracts 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 most recent Annual Report to Shareholders.

The Bank had no transfers of assets or liabilities measured on a recurring basis into or out of Level 1 or Level 2 during the reporting period. For Level 3 assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis, the tables below present a reconciliation from the opening balances to the closing balances, and any transfers into or out of Level 3.

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>Non-Agency ABSs</b>	<b>Non-Agency CMOs</b>
Balance at December 31, 2014	\$ 34,783	\$ 153,011
Gains or (losses) included in earnings	-	(107)
Gains or (losses) included in OCI	320	1,621
Purchases	-	-
Settlements	(704)	(6,229)
Transfers in and/or out of Level 3	-	-
Balance at March 31, 2015	\$ 34,399	\$ 148,296

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>Non-Agency ABSs</b>	<b>Non-Agency CMOs</b>
Balance at December 31, 2013	\$ 38,798	\$ 173,486
Gains or (losses) included in earnings	-	(1,220)
Gains or (losses) included in OCI	2,554	5,819
Purchases	-	-
Settlements	(961)	(5,843)
Transfers in and/or out of Level 3	-	-
Balance at March 31, 2014	\$ 40,391	\$ 172,242

## SENSITIVITY TO CHANGES IN SIGNIFICANT UNOBSERVABLE INPUTS

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.

### Investment Securities

The fair values of predominantly all Level 3 investment 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.

### Derivative Instruments

Level 3 derivative instruments consist of forward contracts that represent a hedge of an unrecognized firm commitment to purchase agency securities at a future date. The value of the forward is the difference between the fair value of the security at inception of the forward and the measurement date. Significant inputs for these valuations would be discount rate and volatility. These Level 3 derivatives would decrease (increase) in value based upon an increase (decrease) in the discount rate.

Generally, for derivative instruments which are subject to changes in the value of the underlying referenced instrument, change in the assumption used for default rate is accompanied by 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 prepayment rates.

Unobservable inputs for discount rate and volatility do not increase or decrease based on movements in other significant unobservable inputs for these Level 3 instruments.

### Inputs to Valuation Techniques

Management determines the Bank's valuation policies and procedures. Internal valuation processes are calibrated annually by an independent consultant. Fair value measurements are analyzed on a periodic basis. Documentation is obtained for third party information, such as pricing, and periodically evaluated alongside internal information and pricing.

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

	Fair Value	Valuation Technique(s)	Unobservable Input	Range
Forward contracts – when-issued securities	\$ –	Broker/Consensus pricing	Offered quotes	None outstanding
Non-agency securities	\$ 182,695	Vendor priced	**	
Impaired loans and other property owned	\$ 63,101	Appraisal	Income and expense	*
			Comparable sales	*
			Replacement cost	*
			Comparability adjustments	*

\* Ranges for this type of input are not useful because each collateral property is unique.

\*\* The significant unobservable inputs used to estimate fair value for Level 3 assets and liabilities that are obtained from third party vendors are not included in the table as the specific inputs applied are not provided by the vendor.

#### Information about Recurring and Nonrecurring Level 2 Fair Value Measurements

	Valuation Technique(s)	Input
Investments available-for-sale	Discounted cash flow	Constant prepayment rate Probability of default Loss severity
	Quoted prices	Price for similar security
	Vendor priced	***
Federal funds sold, securities purchased under resale agreements and other	Carrying value	Par/principal and appropriate interest yield
Interest rate swaps	Discounted cash flow	Annualized volatility Counterparty credit risk Own credit risk

\*\*\* The inputs used to estimate fair value for assets and liabilities that are obtained from third party vendors are not included in the table as the specific inputs applied are not provided by the vendor.

Information about Other Financial Instrument Fair Value Measurements

	Valuation Technique(s)	Input
Loans	Discounted cash flow	Prepayment forecasts Probability of default Loss severity
Cash and cash equivalents	Carrying value	Par/principal and appropriate interest yield
RABs and other	Discounted cash flow	Risk adjusted spread Prepayment rates Probability of default Loss severity
Assets held in trust funds	Quoted prices	Price for identical security
Bonds and notes	Discounted cash flow	Benchmark yield curve Derived yield spread Own credit risk
Cash collateral	Carrying value	Par/principal and appropriate interest yield

Fair values are estimated at each period end date for assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis. Fair values are estimated at least annually, or when information suggests a significant change in value, for assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring 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.

At or for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2015

(dollars in thousands)	Total Carrying Amount	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total Fair Value	Fair Value Effects On Earnings
<b>Recurring Measurements</b>						
<b>Assets:</b>						
Investments available-for-sale:						
U.S. Govt. Guaranteed	\$ 3,700,827	\$ —	\$ 3,700,827	\$ —	\$ 3,700,827	
U.S. Govt. Agency Guaranteed	2,339,692	—	2,339,692	—	2,339,692	
Non-Agency CMOs	148,296	—	—	148,296	148,296	
Non-Agency ABSs	497,326	—	462,927	34,399	497,326	
Total investments available-for-sale	6,686,141	—	6,503,446	182,695	6,686,141	
Federal funds sold, securities purchased under resale agreements, and other	219,097	—	219,097	—	219,097	
Interest rate swaps and other derivative instruments	13,840	—	13,840	—	13,840	
Assets held in trust funds	9,294	9,294	—	—	9,294	
Recurring Assets	\$ 6,928,372	\$ 9,294	\$ 6,736,383	\$ 182,695	\$ 6,928,372	
<b>Liabilities:</b>						
Interest rate swaps and other derivative instruments	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	
Collateral liabilities	—	—	—	—	—	
Recurring Liabilities	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	
<b>Nonrecurring Measurements</b>						
<b>Assets:</b>						
Impaired loans	\$ 59,033	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 59,033	\$ 59,033	\$ (70)
Other property owned	3,714	—	—	4,068	4,068	(23)
Nonrecurring Assets	\$ 62,747	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 63,101	\$ 63,101	\$ (93)
<b>Other Financial Instruments</b>						
<b>Assets:</b>						
Cash	\$ 716,194	\$ 716,194	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 716,194	
Investments held to maturity	641,590	—	540,009	133,549	673,558	
Loans	20,268,365	—	—	20,325,981	20,325,981	
Other Financial Assets	\$ 21,626,149	\$ 716,194	\$ 540,009	\$ 20,459,530	\$ 21,715,733	
<b>Liabilities:</b>						
Systemwide debt securities	\$ 26,522,428	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 26,564,469	\$ 26,564,469	
Other Financial Liabilities	\$ 26,522,428	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 26,564,469	\$ 26,564,469	

At or for the Year Ended December 31, 2014

(dollars in thousands)

**Recurring Measurements**

**Assets:**

	Total Carrying Amount	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total Fair Value	Fair Value Effects On Earnings
Investments available-for-sale:						
U.S. Govt. Guaranteed	\$ 3,859,206	\$ —	\$ 3,859,206	\$ —	\$ 3,859,206	
U.S. Govt. Agency Guaranteed	2,415,531	—	2,415,531	—	2,415,531	
Non-Agency CMOs	153,011	—	—	153,011	153,011	
Non-Agency ABSs	326,671	—	291,888	34,783	326,671	
Total investments available-for-sale	6,754,419	—	6,566,625	187,794	6,754,419	
Federal funds sold, securities purchased under resale agreements, and other	224,847	—	224,847	—	224,847	
Interest rate swaps and other derivative instruments	16,267	—	16,267	—	16,267	
Assets held in trust funds	7,689	7,689	—	—	7,689	
Recurring Assets	\$ 7,003,222	\$ 7,689	\$ 6,807,739	\$ 187,794	\$ 7,003,222	

**Liabilities:**

Interest rate swaps and other derivative instruments	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Collateral liabilities	—	—	—	—	—	—
Recurring Liabilities	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —

**Nonrecurring Measurements**

**Assets:**

Impaired loans	\$ 63,504	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 63,504	\$ 63,504	\$ 5,668
Other property owned	2,808	—	—	3,071	3,071	939
Nonrecurring Assets	\$ 66,312	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 66,575	\$ 66,575	\$ 6,607

**Other Financial Instruments**

**Assets:**

Cash	\$ 622,503	\$ 622,503	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 622,503	
Investments held to maturity	659,520	—	553,286	133,684	686,970	
Loans	20,814,580	—	—	20,768,834	20,768,834	
Other Financial Assets	\$ 22,096,603	\$ 622,503	\$ 553,286	\$ 20,902,518	\$ 22,078,307	

**Liabilities:**

Systemwide debt securities	\$ 26,847,246	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 26,799,032	\$ 26,799,032	
Other Financial Liabilities	\$ 26,847,246	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 26,799,032	\$ 26,799,032	

**Note 7 — Employee Benefit Plans**

Following are retirement and other postretirement benefit expenses for the Bank:

(dollars in thousands)	For the three months ended March 31,	
	2015	2014
Pension	\$ 2,271	\$ 2,403
401k	610	368
Other postretirement benefits	449	272
Total	\$ 3,330	\$ 3,043

Following are retirement and other postretirement benefit contributions for the Bank. Projections are based upon actuarially determined amounts as of the most recent measurement date of December 31, 2014.

(dollars in thousands)	Actual YTD Through 3/31/15	Projected Contributions for Remainder of 2015	Projected Total Contributions 2015
Pensions	\$ 144	\$ 8,653	\$ 8,797
Other postretirement benefits	263	790	1,053
Total	\$ 407	\$ 9,443	\$ 9,850

Contributions in the above table include allocated estimates of funding for multi-employer plans in which the Bank participates. These amounts may change when a total funding amount and allocation is determined by the respective Plans' Sponsor Committees. 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, 2015.

Further details regarding employee benefit plans are contained in the most recent Annual Report to Shareholders, including a discussion of benefit plan changes related to the termination of the AgFirst Farm Credit Cash Balance Retirement Plan.

**Note 8 — Commitments and Contingencies**

Under the Farm Credit Act of 1971, each System bank is primarily liable for its portion of Systemwide bond and discount note obligations. Additionally, the four banks are jointly and severally liable for the bonds and notes of the other System banks under the terms of the Joint and Several Liability Allocation Agreement. Published in the Federal Register, the agreement prescribes the payment mechanisms to be employed in the event one of the banks is unable to meet its debt obligations.

In the event a bank is unable to timely pay principal or interest on an insured debt obligation for which the bank is primarily liable, the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation (FCSIC) must expend amounts in the Insurance Fund to the extent available to ensure the timely payment of principal and interest on the insured debt obligation. The provisions of the Farm Credit Act providing for joint and several liability of the banks on the obligation cannot be invoked until the amounts in the Insurance Fund have been exhausted. However, because of other mandatory and discretionary uses of the Insurance Fund, there is no assurance that there will be sufficient funds to pay the principal or interest on the insured debt obligation.

Once joint and several liability is initiated, the FCA is required to make "calls" to satisfy the liability first on all non-defaulting banks in the proportion that each non-defaulting bank's available collateral (collateral in excess of collateralized obligations) bears to the aggregate available collateral of all non-defaulting banks. If these calls do not satisfy the liability, then a further call would be made in proportion to each non-defaulting bank's remaining assets. Upon making a call on non-defaulting banks with respect to a Systemwide Debt Security issued on behalf of a defaulting bank, the FCA is required to appoint FCSIC as the receiver for the defaulting bank. The receiver would be required to expeditiously liquidate assets of the bank.

During the periods presented, AgFirst did not make any payments, and as of the report date does not anticipate making any payments, on behalf of its co-obligors under the Joint and Several Liability Allocation Agreement.

<i>(dollars in billions)</i>	<b>3/31/15</b>	<b>12/31/14</b>
Total System bonds and notes	\$ 222.172	\$ 225.437
AgFirst bonds and notes	\$ 26.522	\$ 26.847

From time to time, legal actions are pending against the Bank in which claims for money damages are asserted. On at least a quarterly basis, the Bank 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 and legal counsel are of the opinion that the ultimate liability, if any, from these actions, would not be material in relation to the financial position of the Bank. Because it is not probable that the Bank will incur a loss or the loss is not estimable, no liability has been recorded for any claims that may be pending.

**Note 9 — Additional Financial Information**

*Offsetting of Financial and Derivative Assets*

March 31, 2015						
			Gross Amounts Not Offset in the Balance Sheets			
<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets	Gross Amounts Offset in the Balance Sheets	Net Amounts of Assets Presented in the Balance Sheets	Financial Instruments	Cash Collateral Received	Net Amount
Derivatives	\$ 13,840	\$ —	\$ 13,840	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 13,840
Reverse repurchase and similar arrangements	219,097	—	219,097	(219,097)	—	—
Total	<u>\$ 232,937</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 232,937</u>	<u>\$ (219,097)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 13,840</u>

  

December 31, 2014						
			Gross Amounts Not Offset in the Balance Sheets			
<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets	Gross Amounts Offset in the Balance Sheets	Net Amounts of Assets Presented in the Balance Sheets	Financial Instruments	Cash Collateral Received	Net Amount
Derivatives	\$ 16,267	\$ —	\$ 16,267	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 16,267
Reverse repurchase and similar arrangements	224,847	—	224,847	(224,847)	—	—
Total	<u>\$ 241,114</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 241,114</u>	<u>\$ (224,847)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 16,267</u>

There were no liabilities subject to master netting arrangements or similar agreements during the reporting periods.

A description of the rights of setoff associated with recognized derivative assets and liabilities subject to enforceable master netting arrangements is located in Note 10, *Derivative Financial Instruments and Hedging Activities*.

The reverse repurchase agreements are accounted for as collateralized lending.

**Note 10 — Derivative Financial Instruments and Hedging Activities**

One of the Bank's goals is to minimize interest rate sensitivity by managing the repricing characteristics of assets and liabilities so that the net interest margin is not adversely affected by movements in interest rates. The Bank maintains an overall interest rate risk management strategy that may incorporate the use of derivative instruments to achieve that goal. Currently, the primary derivative type used by the Bank is interest rate swaps, which convert fixed interest rate debt to a lower floating interest rate than was achievable from issuing floating rate debt with identical repricing characteristics. They may allow the Bank to lower funding costs, diversify sources of funding, or alter interest rate exposures arising from mismatches between assets and liabilities. Under these arrangements, the Bank agrees with other parties to exchange, at specified intervals, payment streams calculated on a specified notional principal amount, with at least one stream based on a specified floating rate index.

The Bank may also purchase interest rate derivatives, such as caps, in order to reduce the impact of rising interest rates on its floating-rate debt, and floors, in order to reduce the impact of falling interest rates on its floating-rate assets. In addition, the Bank may also fix a price to be paid in the future which qualifies as a derivative forward contract.

As a result of interest rate fluctuations, interest income and interest expense related to hedged variable-rate assets and liabilities, respectively, will increase or decrease. Another result of interest rate fluctuations is that hedged



fixed-rate assets and liabilities will appreciate or depreciate in market value. The effects of any earnings variability or unrealized changes in market value are expected to be substantially offset by the Bank's gains or losses on the derivative instruments that are linked to these hedged assets and liabilities. The Bank considers its strategic use of derivatives to be a prudent method of managing interest rate sensitivity, as it prevents earnings from being exposed to undue risk posed by changes in interest rates.

The primary types of derivative instruments used and the amount of activity for the periods presented is summarized in the following table:

Notional Amounts (dollars in millions)	For the Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2015		2014	
	Receive- Fixed Swaps	Forward Contracts	Receive- Fixed Swaps	Forward Contracts
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 250	\$ 1	\$ 250	\$ -
Additions	-	2	-	-
Maturities/amortization	-	(2)	-	-
Terminations	-	-	-	-
Balance at end of period	\$ 250	\$ 1	\$ 250	\$ -

By using derivative instruments, the Bank exposes itself to credit and market risk. If a counterparty fails to fulfill its performance obligations under a derivative contract, the Bank's credit risk will equal the fair value gain in the derivative. Generally, when the fair value of a derivative contract is positive, this indicates that the counterparty owes the Bank, thus creating a repayment risk for the Bank. When the fair value of the derivative contract is negative, the Bank owes the counterparty and, therefore, assumes no repayment risk.

To minimize the risk of credit losses, the Bank transacts with counterparties that have an investment grade credit rating from a major rating agency and also monitors the credit standing of, and levels of exposure to, individual counterparties. The Bank typically enters into master agreements that contain netting provisions. These provisions allow the Bank to require the net settlement of covered contracts with the same counterparty in the event of default by the counterparty on one or more contracts. A number of swaps are supported by collateral arrangements with counterparties.

Counterparty exposure related to derivatives at:

(dollars in millions)	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Estimated Gross Credit Risk	\$13.8	\$16.3
Percent of Notional	5.54%	6.51%
Cash Collateral Held (on balance sheet)	\$-	\$-
Securities Collateral Held (off balance sheet)	\$-	\$-
Cash Collateral Posted (off balance sheet)	\$-	\$-
Securities Collateral Posted (on balance sheet)	\$-	\$-

The Bank's derivative activities are monitored by its Asset-Liability Management Committee (ALCO) as part of the Committee's oversight of the Bank's asset/liability and treasury functions. The ALCO is responsible for approving hedging strategies that are developed within parameters established by the Bank's Board of Directors through the analysis of data derived from financial simulation models and other internal and industry sources. The resulting hedging strategies are then incorporated into the Bank's overall interest rate risk-management strategies.

#### **Fair Value Hedges**

For derivative instruments designated as fair value hedges, the gains or losses on the derivative, as well as the offsetting loss or gain on the hedged item attributable to the hedged risk, are recognized in current earnings. The Bank includes the gain or loss on the hedged items in the same line item (interest expense) as the offsetting loss or gain on the related interest rate swaps. The amount of the loss on interest rate swaps recognized in interest expense for the three months ended March 31, 2015 was \$2.4 million, while the amount of the gain on the Systemwide Debt

Securities was \$2.4 million. The amount of the loss on interest rate swaps recognized in interest expense for the three months ended March 31, 2014 was \$2.7 million, while the amount of the gain on the Systemwide Debt Securities was \$2.7 million. Gains and losses on each derivative representing either hedge ineffectiveness or hedge components excluded from the assessment of effectiveness are recognized in current earnings.

**Cash Flow Hedges**

From time to time, the Bank may acquire when-issued securities, generally government agency guaranteed bonds. The when-issued transactions are contracts to purchase securities that will not be delivered until 30 or more days in the future. These purchase commitments are considered derivatives (cash flow hedges) in the form of forward contracts. Any differences in market value of the contracted securities, between the purchase and reporting or settlement date, represent the value of the forward contracts. These amounts are included in Other Comprehensive Income (OCI), and Other Liabilities or Other Assets as appropriate, as firm commitments in the Bank's Balance Sheet for each period end. As of the periods presented, the Bank had not committed to purchase any when-issued bonds.

For derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as a cash flow hedge, such as the Bank's forward contracts, the effective portion of the gain or loss on the derivative is reported as a component of other comprehensive income and reclassified into earnings in the same period or periods during which the hedged transaction affects earnings. Gains and losses on the derivative representing either hedge ineffectiveness or hedge components excluded from the assessment of effectiveness are recognized in current earnings.

**Fair Values of Derivative Instruments**

The following tables represent the fair value of derivative instruments designated as hedging instruments for the periods presented:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>Balance Sheet Classification – Assets</b>	<b>3/31/15 Fair Value</b>	<b>Balance Sheet Classification – Liabilities</b>	<b>3/31/15 Fair Value</b>
Receive-fixed swaps	Other Assets	\$ 13,840	Other Liabilities	\$ –
Forward contracts	Other Assets	–	Other Liabilities	–
Total		<u>\$ 13,840</u>		<u>\$ –</u>

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>Balance Sheet Classification – Assets</b>	<b>12/31/14 Fair Value</b>	<b>Balance Sheet Classification – Liabilities</b>	<b>12/31/14 Fair Value</b>
Receive-fixed swaps	Other Assets	\$ 16,267	Other Liabilities	\$ –
Forward contracts	Other Assets	–	Other Liabilities	–
Total		<u>\$ 16,267</u>		<u>\$ –</u>

The following table sets forth the amount of net gain (loss) on derivatives recognized in earnings and, for cash flow hedges, the amount of net gain (loss) recognized in AOCI for the periods presented. See Note 5, *Shareholders' Equity*.

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Location of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in, or Reclassified from AOCI into, Income	Amount of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in, or Reclassified from AOCI into, Income *		Amount of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivative (Ineffective Portion and Amount Excluded from Effectiveness Testing)		Amount of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in OCI on Derivative (Effective Portion)	
		2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
<b>Fair Value Hedges:</b>							
Receive-fixed swaps	Noninterest income	\$ -	\$ -				
<b>Cash Flow Hedges:</b>							
Firm Commitments	Interest Income	\$ 153	\$ 263	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Forward Contracts	Gains (Losses) on Other Transactions	134	-	-	-	134	-

\* Represents total gain or loss for fair value hedges and effective portion for cash flow hedges.

### Note 11 — Subsequent Events

The Bank evaluated subsequent events and determined that, except as described below, there were none requiring disclosure through May 8, 2015, which was the date the financial statements were issued.

Effective April 1, 2015, the Bank sold an additional participation interest of approximately \$210.2 million in a Direct Note to another System bank, bringing the total amount sold to approximately \$420.4 million.