
River Valley AgCredit, ACA

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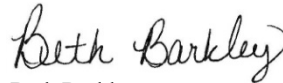
The undersigned certify that we have reviewed the March 31, 2024 quarterly report of River Valley AgCredit, ACA, that the report has been prepared under the oversight of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors and in accordance with all applicable statutory or regulatory requirements, and that the information contained herein is true, accurate, and complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.



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May 9, 2024

River Valley AgCredit, ACA

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

(dollars in thousands)

The following commentary reviews the financial condition and results of operations of River Valley AgCredit, ACA (Association) for the three months ended March 31, 2024, with comparisons to prior periods. These comments should be read in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements, notes to the financial statements and the 2023 Annual Report of the Association. The accompanying consolidated financial statements were prepared under the oversight of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors.

LOAN PORTFOLIO

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

The total loan volume of the Association as of March 31, 2024, was \$607,450, a decrease of \$1,706 as compared to \$609,156 at December 31, 2023. This decrease is the result of seasonal patterns and the variation in operating needs of the borrowers.

ASSET QUALITY AND LOAN LOSS RESERVES

There is an inherent risk in the extension of any type of credit. Portfolio credit quality continues to be maintained at an acceptable level and credit administration remains satisfactory. Nonaccrual loans decreased from \$4,374 at December 31, 2023, to \$3,760 at March 31, 2024. As a percent of total loans, nonaccrual loans were 0.62% and 0.72% at March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively. This decrease in nonaccrual loans is primarily the result of normal nonaccrual collections.

Other Property Owned (OPO) consists primarily of assets once held as loan collateral that were acquired through foreclosure or deeded to the Association (or a lender group) in satisfactions of secured loans. Traditionally, OPO is primarily in the form of real estate; however, it can also include equipment and equity interests in companies or partnerships. As of March 31, 2024, the Association held \$1,295 which was no change from December 31, 2023.

Association management maintains an allowance for credit losses in an amount considered sufficient to absorb estimated current and expected credit losses over the financial assets expected life. The most significant component of the Association's allowance for credit losses is the allowance for loan losses. The allowance for loan losses at March 31, 2024, was \$1,918 or 0.32% of total loans compared to \$1,713 or 0.28% of total loans at December 31, 2023, and is considered by management to be adequate to cover estimated current and expected losses within the loan portfolio. See further detail on the Association's allowance for credit losses within the Association's Annual Report and discussion of significant provision for credit loss within the *Results of Operations* below.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The Association's primary source of funding is provided by AgFirst Farm Credit Bank (the Bank) in the form of notes payable. See *Funding Sources* section below for additional detail on this relationship. Prior to January 1, 2024, the rate applied to the notes payable to the Bank was intended to cover the Association's share of technology and software services provided by the Bank. Effective January 1, 2024, the Bank modified the methodology used to determine the rate applied to the Association's note payable to the Bank to exclude the Association's share of technology and software services and began billing the Association for these services separately. This change will have a minimal effect on the Association's net income but effectively reclassifies the Association's technology and software costs

paid to the Bank from interest expense to noninterest expenses. If the new methodology had been in effect during 2023, the Association would have recorded a reduction in interest expense and corresponding increase of noninterest expense of \$386 for the three months ended March 31, 2023 as shown in the following table.

	For the three months ended	
	March 31, 2024	March 31, 2023*
Interest Income	\$ 9,813	\$ 8,137
Interest Expense	4,766	3,414
Net Interest Income	5,047	4,723
Provision for (Reversal of) Allowance for Credit Losses	(54)	(17)
Noninterest Income	1,185	1,119
Noninterest Expense	3,472	3,519
Provision for Income Taxes	-	9
Net Income	\$ 2,814	\$ 2,331
Net Interest Margin	3.35%	3.36%
Operating Efficiency Ratio	55.65%	60.57%

**reflects the pro-forma results if the revised notes payable rate methodology had been in effect during 2023*

Net income for the three months ended March 31, 2024, was \$2,814, an increase of \$483 as compared to net income of \$2,331 for the same period ended in 2023. This increase is primarily due to an increase in net interest income but offset by an increase in noninterest expense.

For the three months ended March 31, 2024, net interest income was \$5,047, an increase of \$709 as compared to \$4,338 for the same period ended in 2023. The increase in net interest income was primarily the result of the change in the rate applied to notes payable discussed above as well as an increase in loan volume compared to the prior period..

The reversal of provision for credit losses for the three months ended March 31, 2024, was \$54, an increase of \$37 from the reversal of credit losses of \$17 for the same period ended during the prior year. This reversal in provision is primarily due to the removal of reserve for unfunded commitments.

Noninterest income increased \$66 to \$1,185 during the first three months of 2024 compared with the first three months of 2023 primarily due to an increase of \$83 in patronage refunds from other farm credit institutions. This increase was offset by a decrease of \$17 in loan fee income.

During the first three months of 2024, noninterest expense increased \$338 to \$3,472 compared with the first three months of 2023 primarily due to an increase of \$365 to purchased services related to the change in the rate applied to notes payable discussed above. Noninterest expense also increased \$57 in salary and employee benefits, \$27 in data processing expenses and \$24 in expenses related to other property owned. These increases were offset by a decrease of \$71 in insurance fund premiums, a \$52 decrease in other operating expenses and a \$12 decrease in occupancy and equipment expenses.

FUNDING SOURCES

The principal source of funds for the Association is the borrowing relationship established with AgFirst Farm Credit Bank (the Bank) through a General Financing Agreement. The General Financing Agreement utilizes the Association's credit and fiscal performance as criteria for establishing a line of credit on which the Association may draw funds. The Bank advances funds to the Association in the form of notes payable. The notes payable are segmented into variable rate and fixed rate sections. The variable rate note is utilized by the Association to fund variable rate loan advances and operating funds requirements. The fixed rate note is used specifically to fund fixed rate loan advances made by the Association. The total notes payable to the Bank at March 31, 2024, was \$492,057 as compared to \$494,821 at December 31, 2023.

CAPITAL RESOURCES

Total members' equity at March 31, 2024, was \$129,363, an increase of \$3,359 from a total of \$126,004 at December 31, 2023. This increase is primarily attributed to earnings retained by the Association. Total capital stock and participation certificates were \$4,925 on March 31, 2024, compared to \$4,905 on December 31, 2023.

FCA sets minimum regulatory capital requirements with a capital conservation buffer for System banks and associations. Capital adequacy is evaluated using a number of regulatory ratios.

The following sets forth the regulatory capital ratios:

	Regulatory Minimum Including Buffer*	3/31/24	12/31/23	3/31/23
Permanent Capital Ratio	7.00%	18.88%	19.02%	19.51%
Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) Capital Ratio	7.00%	18.32%	18.48%	18.92%
Tier 1 Capital ratio	8.50%	18.32%	18.48%	18.92%
Total Regulatory Capital Ratio	10.50%	18.92%	19.12%	19.60%
Tier 1 Leverage Ratio**	5.00%	18.44%	18.61%	19.10%
Unallocated Retained Earnings (URE) and URE Equivalents	1.50%	18.14%	18.31%	18.78%

**Include full capital conservation buffers.*

***The Tier 1 Leverage Ratio must include a minimum of 1.50% of URE and URE equivalents.*

If the capital ratios fall below the minimum regulatory requirements, including the buffer amounts, capital distributions (equity redemptions, dividends, and patronage) and discretionary senior executive bonuses are restricted or prohibited without prior FCA approval. For all periods presented, the Association exceeded minimum regulatory requirements for all of the ratios.

REGULATORY MATTERS

On February 8, 2024, the FCA approved a final rule to amend its regulatory capital requirements to define and establish risk-weightings for High Volatility Commercial Real Estate (HVCRE) by assigning a 150 percent risk-weighting to such exposures, instead of the current 100 percent to reflect their increased risk characteristics. The rule further ensures comparability between FCA's risk-weightings and the federal banking regulators. The final rule excludes certain acquisition, development, and construction loans that do not present as much risk and therefore do not warrant the risk weight for HVCRE. In addition, the final rule adds an exclusion for loans originated less than \$500,000. The final rule will become effective on January 1, 2025.

On October 12, 2023, the Farm Credit Administration approved a final rule governing the Farm Credit System's service to young, beginning, and small (YBS) farmers and ranchers. The rule requires banks that fund the direct-lender associations to annually review and approve the association YBS programs. The rule also requires a direct-lender association to enhance the strategic plan of its YBS program. The strategic plan must contain specific elements that will be evaluated as part of a rating system to measure year-over-year internal progress, which would allow the Farm Credit Administration to compare the success of the direct-lender association's YBS program. The final rule became effective on February 14, 2024.

On October 5, 2023, the Farm Credit Administration approved a final rule on cyber risk management that requires each System institution to develop and implement a comprehensive, written cyber risk management program. Each institution's cyber risk plan must require the institution to take the actions to assess internal and external risk factors, identify potential system and software vulnerabilities, establish a risk management program for the risks identified, develop a cyber risk training program, set policies for managing third-party relationships, maintain robust internal controls and establish board reporting requirements. The final rule will become effective on January 1, 2025.

NOTE: Shareholder investment in the Association is materially affected by the financial condition and results of operations of AgFirst Farm Credit Bank. Copies of AgFirst's annual and quarterly reports are available upon request free of charge by calling 1-800-845-1745, ext. 2764, or writing Matthew Miller, AgFirst Farm Credit Bank, P.O. Box 1499, Columbia, SC 29202. Information concerning AgFirst Farm Credit Bank can also be obtained at their website, www.agfirst.com. Copies of the Association's annual and quarterly reports are also available upon request free of charge by calling (270) 554-2912, ext. 2020, writing Beth Barkley, Chief Financial Officer, River Valley AgCredit, ACA, 2731 Olivet Church Road, Paducah, KY 42001, or accessing the website, www.rivervalleyagcredit.com. The Association prepares a quarterly report within 40 days after the end of each fiscal quarter, except that no report need be prepared for the fiscal quarter that coincides with the end of the fiscal year of the institution.

River Valley AgCredit, ACA

Consolidated Balance Sheets

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	March 31, 2024 <i>(unaudited)</i>	December 31, 2023 <i>(audited)</i>
Assets		
Cash	\$ 603	\$ 618
Loans	607,450	609,156
Allowance for loan losses	(1,918)	(1,713)
Net loans	605,532	607,443
Loans held for sale	50	1,890
Accrued interest receivable	9,450	9,227
Equity investments in other Farm Credit institutions	9,771	9,755
Premises and equipment, net	7,508	7,545
Other property owned	1,295	1,295
Accounts receivable	1,017	3,708
Other assets	74	132
Total assets	\$ 635,300	\$ 641,613
Liabilities		
Notes payable to AgFirst Farm Credit Bank	\$ 492,057	\$ 494,821
Accrued interest payable	1,621	1,769
Patronage refunds payable	753	5,015
Accounts payable	761	1,675
Advanced conditional payments	4,731	5,008
Other liabilities	6,014	7,321
Total liabilities	505,937	515,609
Commitments and contingencies (Note 5)		
Members' Equity		
Capital stock and participation certificates	4,925	4,905
Additional paid-in-capital	15,817	15,817
Retained earnings		
Allocated	61,417	60,887
Unallocated	47,204	44,395
Total members' equity	129,363	126,004
Total liabilities and members' equity	\$ 635,300	\$ 641,613

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

River Valley AgCredit, ACA
Consolidated Statements of
Comprehensive Income

(unaudited)

	For the Three Months	
	Ended March 31,	
<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	2024	2023
Interest Income		
Loans	\$ 9,812	\$ 8,137
Other	1	1
Total interest income	9,813	8,138
Interest Expense		
	4,766	3,800
Net interest income	5,047	4,338
Provision for (reversal of) allowance for credit losses	(54)	(17)
Net interest income after provision for (reversal of) allowance for credit losses	5,101	4,355
Noninterest Income		
Loan fees	225	242
Fees for financially related services	17	10
Patronage refunds from other Farm Credit institutions	933	850
Gains (losses) on sales of rural home loans, net	10	15
Other noninterest income	—	2
Total noninterest income	1,185	1,119
Noninterest Expense		
Salaries and employee benefits	2,210	2,153
Occupancy and equipment	146	158
Insurance Fund premiums	110	181
Purchased services	472	107
Data processing	80	53
Other operating expenses	450	502
(Gains) losses on other property owned, net	4	(20)
Total noninterest expense	3,472	3,134
Income before income taxes	2,814	2,340
Provision for income taxes	—	9
Net income	\$ 2,814	\$ 2,331
Other comprehensive income	—	—
Comprehensive income	\$ 2,814	\$ 2,331

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River Valley AgCredit, ACA
Consolidated Statements of Changes in
Members' Equity

(unaudited)

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Capital Stock and Participation Certificates	Additional Paid-in-Capital	Retained Earnings		Total Members' Equity
			Allocated	Unallocated	
Balance at December 31, 2022	\$ 4,881	\$ 15,817	\$ 57,633	\$ 38,264	\$ 116,595
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle				4,572	4,572
Comprehensive income				2,331	2,331
Capital stock/participation certificates issued/(retired), net	(6)				(6)
Patronage distribution adjustment			(177)	(20)	(197)
Balance at March 31, 2023	\$ 4,875	\$ 15,817	\$ 57,456	\$ 45,147	\$ 123,295
Balance at December 31, 2023	\$ 4,905	\$ 15,817	\$ 60,887	\$ 44,395	\$ 126,004
Comprehensive income				2,814	2,814
Capital stock/participation certificates issued/(retired), net	20				20
Patronage distribution adjustment			530	(5)	525
Balance at March 31, 2024	\$ 4,925	\$ 15,817	\$ 61,417	\$ 47,204	\$ 129,363

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

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Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

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

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

Organization

The accompanying financial statements include the accounts of River Valley AgCredit, ACA and its Production Credit Association (PCA) and Federal Land Credit Association (FLCA) subsidiaries (collectively, the Association). Descriptions of the organization and operations, the significant accounting policies followed, and the financial condition and results of operations for the Association as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, are contained in the 2023 Annual Report to Shareholders. These unaudited interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the latest Annual Report to Shareholders.

Basis of Presentation

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

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

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

Significant Accounting Policies

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

Management has made significant estimates in several areas, including loans and allowance for credit losses (Note 2, *Loans and Allowance for Credit Losses*) and financial instruments (Note 4, *Fair Value Measurement*). Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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

Recently Issued or Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

In December 2023, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2023-09 - Income Taxes: Improvements to Income Tax Disclosures. The amendments in this standard require more transparency about income tax information through improvements to income tax disclosures primarily related to the rate reconciliation and income taxes paid information. The amendments in this standard require qualitative disclosure about specific categories of reconciling items and individual jurisdictions that result in a significant difference between the statutory tax rate and the effective tax rate. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2025. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have a material impact on the Association's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Note 2 — Loans and Allowance for Credit Losses

A summary of loans outstanding at period end follows:

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Real estate mortgage	\$ 337,270	\$ 334,195
Production and intermediate-term	180,053	184,901
Agribusiness:		
Loans to cooperatives	1,367	1,385
Processing and marketing	24,701	22,148
Farm-related business	14,184	13,791
Rural infrastructure:		
Communication	9,624	9,791
Power and water/waste disposal	2,695	5,640
Rural residential real estate	26,525	25,250
Other:		
International	85	—
Other (including Mission Related)	10,946	12,055
Total loans	<u>\$ 607,450</u>	<u>\$ 609,156</u>

A substantial portion of the Association's lending activities is collateralized, and exposure to credit loss associated with lending activities is reduced accordingly. The Association may purchase or sell participation interests with other parties in order to diversify risk, manage loan volume, and comply with FCA regulations.

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

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Real estate mortgage:		
Acceptable	94.88%	96.52%
OAEM	1.43	1.63
Substandard/doubtful/loss	3.69	1.85
	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Production and intermediate-term:		
Acceptable	92.37%	95.31%
OAEM	2.84	3.00
Substandard/doubtful/loss	4.79	1.69
	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Agribusiness:		
Acceptable	79.59%	79.70%
OAEM	14.90	14.31
Substandard/doubtful/loss	5.51	5.99
	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Rural infrastructure:		
Acceptable	100.00%	100.00%
OAEM	—	—
Substandard/doubtful/loss	—	—
	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Rural residential real estate:		
Acceptable	97.47%	97.48%
OAEM	2.08	1.94
Substandard/doubtful/loss	0.45	0.58
	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Other:		
Acceptable	100.00%	100.00%
OAEM	—	—
Substandard/doubtful/loss	—	—
	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Total loans:		
Acceptable	93.43%	95.32%
OAEM	2.71	2.76
Substandard/doubtful/loss	3.86	1.92
	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

Accrued interest receivable on loans of \$9,450 and \$9,227 at March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively, has been excluded from the amortized cost of loans and reported separately in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

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

March 31, 2024						
	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	90 Days or More Past Due and Accruing
Real estate mortgage	\$ 1,076	\$ 1,456	\$ 2,532	\$ 334,738	\$ 337,270	\$ –
Production and intermediate-term	260	528	788	179,265	180,053	–
Agribusiness	929	205	1,134	39,118	40,252	–
Rural infrastructure	–	–	–	12,319	12,319	–
Rural residential real estate	380	–	380	26,145	26,525	–
Other	928	–	928	10,103	11,031	–
Total	\$ 3,573	\$ 2,189	\$ 5,762	\$ 601,688	\$ 607,450	\$ –

December 31, 2023						
	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	90 Days or More Past Due and Accruing
Real estate mortgage	\$ 2,217	\$ 1,446	\$ 3,663	\$ 330,532	\$ 334,195	\$ –
Production and intermediate-term	420	287	707	184,194	184,901	–
Agribusiness	88	205	293	37,031	37,324	–
Rural infrastructure	–	–	–	15,431	15,431	–
Rural residential real estate	324	109	433	24,817	25,250	–
Other	718	–	718	11,337	12,055	–
Total	\$ 3,767	\$ 2,047	\$ 5,814	\$ 603,342	\$ 609,156	\$ –

The following tables provide the amortized cost for nonaccrual loans with and without a related allowance for loan losses as of:

March 31, 2024			
	Amortized Cost with Allowance	Amortized Cost without Allowance	Total
Nonaccrual loans:			
Real estate mortgage	\$ –	\$ 1,896	\$ 1,896
Production and intermediate-term	294	250	544
Agribusiness	1,160	160	1,320
Total	\$ 1,454	\$ 2,306	\$ 3,760

December 31, 2023			
	Amortized Cost with Allowance	Amortized Cost without Allowance	Total
Nonaccrual loans:			
Real estate mortgage	\$ –	\$ 2,453	\$ 2,453
Production and intermediate-term	392	131	523
Agribusiness	1,350	(60)	1,290
Rural residential real estate	–	109	109
Total	\$ 1,742	\$ 2,633	\$ 4,375

The Association recognized \$88 and \$76 of interest income on nonaccrual loans during the three months ended March 31, 2024 and March 31, 2023, respectively.

Reversals of interest income on loans that moved to nonaccrual status were not material for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and March 31, 2023.

A summary of changes in the allowance for credit losses is as follows:

Allowance for Loan Losses:	
Balance at December 31, 2023	\$ 1,713
Charge-offs	(5)
Recoveries	5
Provision for loan losses	205
Balance at March 31, 2024	<u>\$ 1,918</u>

Allowance for Unfunded Commitments:	
Balance at December 31, 2023	\$ 259
Provision for unfunded commitments	(259)
Balance at March 31, 2024	<u>\$ —</u>
Total allowance for credit losses	<u>\$ 1,918</u>

Allowance for Loan Losses:	
Balance at December 1, 2022	\$ 6,901
Cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle	(4,701)
Balance at January 1, 2023	\$ 2,200
Charge-offs	—
Recoveries	25
Provision for loan losses	(45)
Balance at March 31, 2023	<u>\$ 2,180</u>

Allowance for Unfunded Commitments:	
Balance at December 31, 2022	\$ —
Cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle	129
Balance at January 1, 2023	\$ 129
Provision for unfunded commitments	28
Balance at March 31, 2023	<u>\$ 157</u>
Total allowance for credit losses	<u>\$ 2,337</u>

Loan modifications may be granted to borrowers experiencing financial difficulty. Qualifying disclosable modifications are one, or a combination of, principal forgiveness, interest rate reduction, or a term or payment extension. Covenant waivers and modifications of contingent acceleration clauses are not considered term extensions. Modified loans to borrowers experiencing financial difficulty and activity on these loans were not material during the three months ended March 31, 2024. There were no material commitments to lend to borrowers experiencing financial difficulty whose loans have been modified at March 31, 2024.

Loans held for sale were \$50 and \$1,890 at March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively. Such loans are carried at the lower of cost or fair value.

Note 3 — Investments

Equity Investments in Other Farm Credit System Institutions

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

Associations are required to maintain ownership in AgFirst (AgFirst or the Bank) in the form of Class B or Class C stock as determined by the Bank. The Bank may require additional capital contributions to maintain its capital requirements. The Association owned 1.79 percent of the issued stock and allocated retained earnings of the Bank as of March 31, 2024 net of any reciprocal investment. As of that date, the Bank's assets totaled \$44.3 billion and shareholders' equity totaled \$1.7 billion. The Bank's earnings were \$66 million for the first three months of 2024. In addition, the Association held investments of \$469 related to other Farm Credit institutions.

Note 4 — 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 of the Association's financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

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

Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets; quoted prices in markets that are not active; and inputs that are observable, or can be corroborated, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 inputs are unobservable and supported by little or no market activity. Valuation is determined using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or similar techniques, and could include significant management judgment or estimation. Level 3 assets and liabilities also could include instruments whose price has been adjusted based on dealer quoted pricing that is different than the third-party valuation or internal model pricing.

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

There were no Level 3 assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis for the periods presented. The Association had no transfers of assets or liabilities into or out of Level 1 or Level 2 during the periods presented.

Fair values are estimated at each period end date for assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis. The following tables summarize assets measured at fair value at period end.

	March 31, 2024			
	Fair Value Measurement Using			Total Fair Value
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Recurring assets				
Assets held in trust funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Nonrecurring assets				
Nonaccrual loans	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,138	\$ 1,138
Other property owned	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,817	\$ 1,817

	December 31, 2023			
	Fair Value Measurement Using			Total Fair Value
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Recurring assets				
Assets held in trust funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Nonrecurring assets				
Nonaccrual loans	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,418	\$ 1,418
Other property owned	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,817	\$ 1,817

Valuation Techniques

Assets held in trust funds

Assets held in trust funds, related to deferred compensation plans, are classified as Level 1. The trust funds include investments in securities that are actively traded and have quoted net asset value prices that are directly observable in the marketplace.

Nonaccrual loans

Fair values of nonaccrual loans are estimated to be the carrying amount of the loan less specific reserves. Certain loans evaluated for impairment under FASB guidance have fair values based upon the underlying collateral, as the loans were collateral-dependent. Specific reserves were established for these loans when the value of the collateral, less estimated cost to sell, was less than the principal

balance of the loan. The fair value measurement process uses independent appraisals and other market-based information, but in many cases it also requires significant input based on management's knowledge of and judgment about current market conditions, specific issues relating to the collateral and other matters.

Other property owned

For other property owned, the fair value is generally determined using formal appraisals of each individual property. These assets are held for sale. Costs to sell represent transaction costs and are not included as a component of the fair value of other property owned. If the process uses observable market-based information, the assets are classified as Level 2. If the process requires significant input based upon management's knowledge of and judgment about current market conditions, specific issues relating to the property and other matters, the assets are classified as Level 3.

Note 5 — Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

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

Note 6 — Subsequent Events

The Association evaluated subsequent events and determined there were none requiring disclosure through May 9, 2024, which was the date the financial statements were issued.