

2024 Annual Report

# **MISSION**

The Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, a government-controlled, independent entity, shall

- protect investors in insured Farm Credit System obligations and taxpayers through sound administration of the Farm Credit Insurance Fund,
- exercise its authorities to minimize Insurance Fund loss, and
- help ensure the future of a permanent system for delivery of credit to agricultural borrowers.





April 15, 2025

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

The Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation is pleased to submit its annual report for calendar year 2024. This report highlights our role as the independent federal government-controlled corporation established to insure the timely payment of principal and interest to investors in insured Farm Credit System debt securities.

The balance in the Farm Credit Insurance Fund as of December 31, 2024, was \$8.0 billion. In 2024, we earned \$376.0 million in insurance premiums from Farm Credit System banks and \$252.8 million in investment income. In 2025, we expect to incur \$5.3 million in operating costs.

FCSIC is proud of the role we play in supporting the safety and soundness of the Farm Credit System, and we are committed to faithfully fulfilling our mission.

Sincerely,

Glen R. Smith Chairman

The President of the United States Senate

The Speaker of the United States House of Representatives

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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I am pleased to present the 2024 Annual Report of the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation. It is gratifying to note that, for the 35th consecutive year since we began issuing financial statements, our independent public auditor has issued unmodified or unqualified opinions on those statements.

The enclosed opinion letter indicates that the financial statements of the Farm Credit Insurance Fund, of which we are stewards, are fairly and accurately presented. The letter also indicates that we maintained effective internal control over financial reporting in 2024.

FCSIC's net income for 2024 was \$624.1 million, compared with \$785.3 million for the previous year. The Insurance Fund balance as of December 31, 2024, was \$8.0 billion, compared with \$7.5 billion at year-end 2023 (see Table 1).

FCSIC collects annual insurance premiums from insured Farm Credit System banks as necessary to achieve a statutory "secure base amount." Revenue from insurance premiums paid by Farm Credit System banks was \$376.0 million for 2024, compared with \$626.0 million for 2023.

In accordance with our governing statute, in April 2024, FCSIC refunded approximately \$122.8 million to the insured banks, representing excess premiums above the required secure base amount. This refund was made upon the FCSIC's Board's determination that the excess funds would not be needed for insurance purposes during 2024. Similarly, in March 2025, the FCSIC Board refunded approximately \$76.6 million to the insured banks for the excess premiums above the secure base amount that were collected for 2024.

In 2024, interest income generated through FCSIC's investment of its Insurance Fund totaled \$252.8 million, compared with \$163.7 million in 2023. Application of this \$252.8 million in investment income allowed us to reduce the amount FCSIC needed to charge insured banks for 2024 premiums by about 7 basis points. Likewise, investment income in 2025 is expected to be over \$300 million, enabling us to also reduce 2025 premiums by about 7 basis points.

As required by the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act of 1982, our management assesses FCSIC's internal controls annually. The 2024 assessment found that our internal controls over financial reporting comply with the standards prescribed by the U.S. Government Accountability Office. The assessment also provided reasonable assurance that our program objectives are being met.

FCSIC also continued to operate as efficiently as possible with a small core staff of 10 employees, keeping our operating costs about 6 basis points (0.06%) of our average assets.

We will continue to carry out our mission in 2025 by working hard to achieve our strategic goals and objectives. We are mindful of our public trust and will ensure that investors, Congress, the Farm Credit System, and other regulatory agencies receive timely and accurate information on issues concerning the Insurance Fund.

Sincerely,

Glen R. Smith Chairman

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation is managed by a three-member board of directors comprising the same three individuals who make up the Farm Credit Administration (FCA) board. However, the same member may not serve as chairman of both entities. FCA is the independent federal agency responsible for the regulation and examination of the Farm Credit System (System), a nationwide network of financial cooperatives that lend to agriculture and rural America.

Currently, there are two members of the FCSIC board of directors, Chairman Glen R. Smith and Board Member Jeffery S. Hall. Board Member Vincent G. Logan retired from federal service on March 31, 2025.



# **GLEN R. SMITH**



Glen R. Smith was elected Chairman of the FCSIC Board of Directors on January 22, 2025. He has been a member of the FCSIC and Farm Credit Administration Boards since his appointment by President Donald Trump in December 2017. He also served as FCA Board Chairman and CEO from July 17, 2019, until October 21, 2022.

Mr. Smith is a native of Atlantic, Iowa, where he was raised on a diversified crop and livestock farm. His farm experience started at a very early age, after his father was involved in a disabling farm accident. He graduated from Iowa State University in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science in agricultural business and accepted a position with Doane Agricultural Services as state manager of the company's farm real estate division.

In 1982, Mr. Smith and his wife, Fauzan, moved back to his hometown and started farming and developing his ag service business. Today, their family farm, Smith Generation Farms Inc., has grown to encompass about 2,000 acres devoted to corn, soybeans, hay, and a small beef cow herd.

Mr. Smith is founder and co-owner of Smith Land Service Co., an ag service company that specializes in farm management, land appraisal, and farmland brokerage, serving about 30 lowa counties. From 2001 to 2016, he was also co-owner and manager of S&K Land Co., an entity involved in the acquisition, improvement, and exchange of lowa farmland. Mr. Smith has served on numerous community, church, and professional boards. He was elected to the Atlantic Community School Board of Education on which he served for nine years.

In 1990, he earned the title of Accredited Rural Appraiser from the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers. In 2000, he served as president of the Iowa chapter of that organization. He is a lifelong member of the Farm Bureau, Iowa Corn Growers Association, Iowa Soybean Association, and Iowa Cattlemen's Association.

The Smiths have four grown children and six grandchildren. Three of their children are involved in production agriculture. Their son Peter has assumed managerial responsibilities for both the family farm and business.

# **JEFFERY S. HALL**



Jeffery S. Hall was appointed to the FCA board on March 17, 2015, and was named board chairman and CEO by President Donald Trump on January 20, 2025.

Chairman Hall also serves as a member of the board of directors of the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation (FCSIC), an independent U.S. government-controlled corporation that insures the timely payment of principal and interest on obligations issued jointly by Farm Credit System banks. He served as chairman of the FCSIC board of directors from November 29, 2016, until his designation as chairman of the FCA board.

Chairman Hall was raised on a family farm in southern Indiana that has been in his family for more than 200 years. A graduate of Purdue University, he has extensive experience in public service and agriculture.

From 1988 to 1994, Chairman Hall was a senior staff member in the office of U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell. He was appointed the head of the USDA's Farm Service Agency in Kentucky, where he was responsible for farm program and farm loan program delivery and compliance. He was assistant to the dean of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, where he managed a statewide economic development initiative agricultural project.

Over a career of more than 30 years in agriculture, Chairman Hall has held leadership positions in several nonprofits, including the Kentucky Agricultural Council, the Agribusiness Industry Network, the Louisville Agricultural Club, the Kentucky Agricultural Water Quality Authority, and the Governor's Commission on Family Farms.

Chairman Hall's priority as FCA chairman and FCSIC board member is to keep the Farm Credit System safe and sound and a dependable source of credit for all eligible borrowers.

# VINCENT G. LOGAN



Vincent G. Logan was appointed to the FCSIC and FCA Boards by President Joseph Biden on October 3, 2022. He served as FCA Board Chairman and CEO from October 21, 2022, until January 20, 2025. He is the first openly gay person to serve on the FCSIC and FCA Boards; as a member of the Osage Nation, he is also the first Native American.

Before joining the FCSIC and FCA boards, Mr. Logan was chief financial officer and chief investment officer for the Native American Agriculture Fund, which is the largest philanthropic organization dedicated solely to serving the Native American farming and ranching community.

Nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 2014, Mr. Logan served as the Special Trustee for American Indians at the U.S. Department of the Interior. During his tenure, he was appointed to the Department of the Treasury's Financial Literacy Education Commission.

Mr. Logan has worked in New York both as a lawyer, practicing in aircraft, shipping, and equipment finance, and as an investment advisor, focusing on institutional asset management and permanent fund development.

Mr. Logan previously served as a director to the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Little Rock Branch, and as an Oklahoma State University Foundation governor. He was educated at Oklahoma State University; the University of Oklahoma College of Law; Queen's College, Oxford University; and the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University.

Mr. Logan retired from federal service on March 31, 2025.

# 2024 — YEAR IN REVIEW

Congress created FCSIC as an independent, government-controlled corporation as part of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 to insure repayment of the debt jointly issued by Farm Credit System (System or FCS) banks used to fund System operations. The FCSIC government insurance program provides confidence and assurances to private investors who provide the funds used in the operation of the Farm Credit System by buying System debt obligations. The FCSIC insurance program enhances the System banks' access to markets and their ability to borrow at very favorable rates which, in turn, allows the System to provide a consistent and competitive source of credit for agriculture and rural America.

#### The Farm Credit Insurance Fund

FCSIC manages the Farm Credit Insurance Fund to effectively meet its mission of protecting investors in FCS debt and U.S. taxpayers. The Farm Credit Insurance Fund is identified on the Consolidated Financial Statements of the United States and the annual Budget of the United States as an asset of the United States government. Under current law, money in the Farm Credit Insurance Fund can only be used by FCSIC for the purposes specified in the Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended. Full governmental ownership and control of the Farm Credit Insurance Fund protects the public interest and helps ensure that the Fund will only be used for its intended purposes.

#### Who Benefits from FCSIC Insurance

The direct beneficiaries of FCSIC insurance are investors in Farm Credit System debt obligations who would receive payment from the Farm Credit Insurance Fund in the event of System bank default. If a Farm Credit bank is unable to make a payment to investors on a Systemwide debt security, FCSIC will pay investors out of its Insurance Fund.

U.S. taxpayers also benefit from FCSIC's management of the Farm Credit Insurance Fund by, among other ways, having a pool of available funds that would be used to support the Farm Credit System before the need to use any appropriated taxpayer money.

FCSIC protects investors and taxpayers through sound administration of the Farm Credit Insurance Fund, ensuring that funds are available and employed to fulfill FCSIC's purpose. Investors and taxpayers also benefit from FCSIC providing an independent federal 'second set of eyes' (in addition to their primary regulator) monitoring the Farm Credit System.

### **Operating Efficiencies**

During 2024, FCSIC maintained its long-standing focus on operating as cost-effectively as possible while ensuring it fulfills its statutory mission. FCSIC spent \$4.7 million in 2024 on administrative expenses, which was up slightly from \$4.4 million in 2023. This represents about 6 basis points (0.06%) of assets under FCSIC management. FCSIC earned enough on its investments in the first week of 2024 (the first week of its fiscal year) to cover all of its

operating expenses for the entire year. FCSIC's cost-efficient business model is based on maintaining a small core staff of 10 employees while outsourcing support functions to other government agencies and private entities.

### **2024 Highlights**

During 2024, we accomplished the following:

- Insured repayment of \$450.9 billion of debt securities at the end of 2024, up 7.8% from \$418.4 billion in 2023 (and up from \$53 billion in January 1993, when FCSIC became operational).
- Managed the Farm Credit Insurance Fund of approximately \$8.0 billion at the end of 2024, up from \$7.5 billion in 2023 (and up from \$488 million in January 1993).
- Maintained readiness to provide liquidity assistance to, and act as receiver or conservator for, a System institution if needed.
- Received—for the 35th consecutive year—an unqualified or unmodified opinion on our financial statements from our external auditor.
- Received an opinion from our external auditor stating that FCSIC maintained effective internal control over financial reporting.
- Maintained the Insurance Fund's statutory secure base amount by effectively managing insurance premium rates in response to System debt growth.
- Fully implemented a five-year bond ladder strategy that increased our investment returns, allowing FCSIC to reduce the premium rate we charged insured System banks; 2024 FCSIC investment income was approximately \$252.8 million, which saved the System banks the equivalent of about 7 basis points on their assessed premium rate.
- Returned \$122.8 million in excess premiums to System banks.
- Improved our communications to stakeholders and the public by completely revising our website content, including adding a comprehensive set of FAQs that clearly explain what we do.
- Worked effectively with the Farm Credit Administration (the System's primary regulator) on initiatives that mitigate FCSIC's insurance risks.
- Maintained a key relationship with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), which provides support and training for our receivership and conservatorship readiness.
- Continued leveraging public and private sector resources to support our highly costeffective and efficient operations and to ensure we are following best practices in our management of the Insurance Fund.
- Engaged outside experts to conduct a review and confirm the efficacy of FCSIC's allowance for loss process.
- Engaged outside experts to modernize and test the operation of FCSIC's Dynamic Capital Adequacy Testing model, which FCSIC uses as a tool to assess the sufficiency of its Insurance Fund.

Table 1
Selected Financial Statistics for the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation (Dollars in Millions)

BALANCE SHEET	2024	2023	2022
Total assets	\$ 7,959.6	\$ 7,458.3	\$ 6,673.2
Total liabilities	1.0	1.0	1.2
Insurance Fund			
Allocated insurance reserves accounts	76.6	122.8	0.0
Unallocated Insurance Fund	7,882.0	7,334.5	6,672.0
OPERATIONS			
Revenues	628.8	789.7	716.7
Operating expenses	4.7	4.4	4.4
Net income	\$ 624.1	\$ 785.3	\$ 712.3



# THE FARM CREDIT SYSTEM

### **Structure and Funding**

The Farm Credit System is a network of federally chartered, cooperative lending institutions owned by the agricultural and rural customers it serves, including farmers, ranchers, producers and harvesters of aquatic products, agricultural cooperatives, and farm-related businesses. As of December 31, 2024, the System had 4 banks and 55 associations. Each association has its own chartered territory and is affiliated with one of the four banks. See Table 2 for the combined financial statistics for the banks and associations.

Table 2

Combined Farm Credit System Statistics
(Dollars in Billions)

	2024	2023	2022
Insured debt outstanding <sup>1</sup>	\$ 450.9	\$ 418.4	\$ 392.3
Real estate mortgage loans	187.9	177.6	172.8
Production and intermediate-term loans	81.2	73.4	66.4
Agribusiness loans:			
Processing and marketing	53.1	47.6	42.0
Loans to cooperatives	19.7	16.9	19.5
Farm-related business	7.5	6.5	6.0
Rural infrastructure loans:			
Power	37.4	34.2	27.9
Communication	15.3	14.2	12.5
Water/Waste facilities	5.8	6.0	3.9
Rural residential real estate loans	7.6	7.2	7.0
Agricultural export finance loans	7.6	8.4	10.1
Lease receivables	4.8	4.7	4.1
Loans to other financing institutions	1.0	1.4	1.1
Cash and investments	98.8	93.5	89.9
Net income	7.8	7.4	7.3
Nonperforming loans as a percentage of total loans and other property owned	0.81 %	0.45 %	0.47 %

Source: Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation

<sup>1.</sup> Insured debt outstanding is based on System institution call report information and reflects the book value of insured debt outstanding plus accrued interest as of December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022. (Book value excludes fair-value adjustments.)

Associations receive funding from their affiliated bank and lend directly to their owner-borrowers, providing a consistent and reliable source of agricultural and rural credit throughout the United States, including the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. One of the System banks (CoBank) also has nationwide authority to make retail loans to cooperatives and other eligible entities.

The banks obtain funds for their operations primarily through the sale of consolidated Systemwide debt securities. The banks own and use the Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation (Funding Corporation) to issue Systemwide debt securities in the capital markets. As the fiscal agent for the banks, the Funding Corporation partners with a select group of dealers to market and distribute the securities to investors throughout the world.

Systemwide debt securities are the general unsecured joint and several obligations of the banks. Systemwide debt securities are not obligations of, and are not guaranteed by, the U.S. government. In addition, Systemwide debt securities are not the direct obligations of the System associations and, as a result, the capital of the associations may not be available to support principal and interest payments on Systemwide debt securities.

#### **Investor Protection**

Investors provide the funds that the System lends to agriculture and rural America. FCSIC's primary purpose, as defined by the Farm Credit Act, is to insure the timely payment of principal and interest on Systemwide debt securities purchased by these investors.

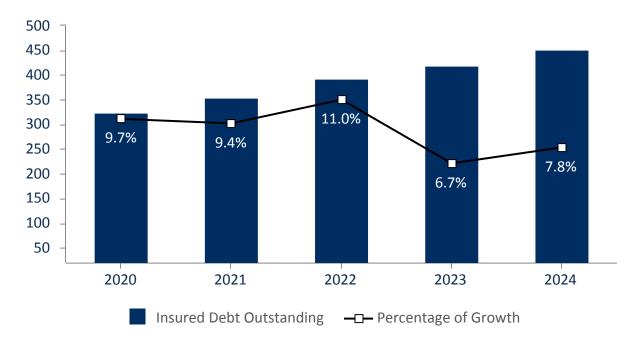
### **Regulatory Oversight**

The Farm Credit Administration is responsible for the examination, supervision, and regulation of each System institution. FCA is an independent agency in the executive branch of the U.S. government and derives its authorities from the Farm Credit Act. These authorities include examination and enforcement authorities similar to those of commercial bank regulators. The U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture oversee FCSIC, FCA, and the System.

### **Insured Obligations**

FCSIC insures Systemwide and consolidated bonds, notes, and other obligations issued by System banks through the Funding Corporation under section 4.2(c) or (d) of the Farm Credit Act. Figure 1 shows that insured debt outstanding increased by 7.8% in 2024 to \$450.9 billion, compared with an increase of 6.7% in 2023.

Figure 1
Insured Debt Outstanding:
Growth Averaged 8.9% Over the Past Five Years
(Dollars in Billions)



Note: Insured debt outstanding, which is based on the call report information provided by System institutions, reflects the book value of insured debt outstanding, plus accrued interest. (Book value excludes fair-value adjustments.)

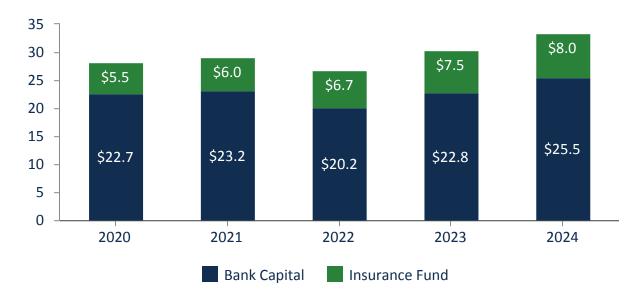
### **Loss Protection Layers for System Investors**

The primary source of funds to repay insured Systemwide debt securities is the System's borrowers. Each borrower must demonstrate repayment capacity and, in most cases, collateral posted to secure the loan. The borrower makes payments on the loan to the lending association (or to the bank if the borrower received the loan directly from the bank), and the association in turn makes payments on its loan to its affiliated bank. The banks ultimately repay Systemwide debt securities. FCSIC maintains the Insurance Fund to insure the banks' repayment of Systemwide debt securities.

All the banks and associations currently exceed their minimum regulatory capital requirements as protection and support for the repayment of the outstanding insured debt. If a bank were unable to repay its portion of an insured Systemwide debt obligation, FCSIC would use the Insurance Fund to make the payment on its behalf. If the assets in the Insurance Fund were exhausted, the Farm Credit Act's provisions for joint and several liability would be triggered, requiring the other System banks to repay the defaulting bank's portion of the debt.

As Figure 2 shows, the amount of System bank capital and the balance in the Insurance Fund increased 18.8%, from \$28.2 billion at year-end 2020 to \$33.5 billion at year-end 2024. The Insurance Fund is an asset of the United States government and does not constitute "capital" owned by the Farm Credit System. It is included in this discussion to illustrate the layers of protection for Systemwide bondholders. Bank capital plus the amount in the Insurance Fund as a percentage of insured debt outstanding was 7.4% as of year-end 2024, up from 7.2% as of year-end 2023 (see Figure 3). The increase was due to an increase in bank capital, primarily the result of a decrease in accumulated other comprehensive loss caused by a decline in interest rates. Bank capital as a percentage of insured debt was 5.5% at year-end 2023 and 5.7% at year-end 2024.

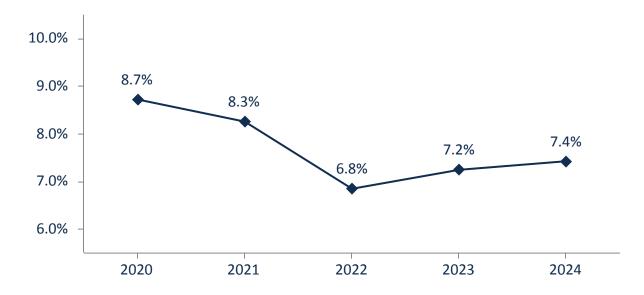
Figure 2 **Bank Capital and Insurance Fund**(Dollars in Billions)



Source: Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation

Figure 3

Bank Capital Plus Insurance Fund as Percentage of Insured Debt



Source: Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation

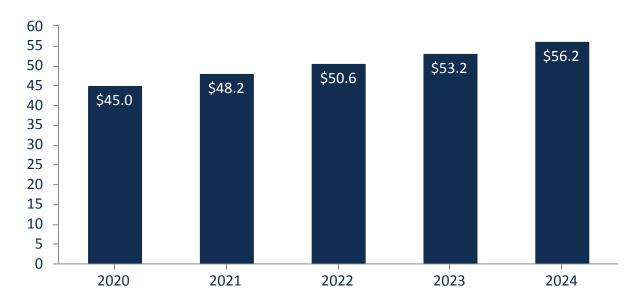
Overall, the financial performance and condition of the System on a consolidated basis remains strong, although some institutions continue to experience stress from credit deterioration in certain agricultural sectors. (See trends in the Financial Institution Rating System (FIRS) in the "Risk Management" section.)

A bank's credit exposure to borrowing associations is partially mitigated by the associations' capital levels. Increases in System associations' capital levels, the result of higher retention levels of association net incomes, further reduce credit risk.

As Figure 4 shows, from 2020 to 2024, combined association capital increased \$11.2 billion — an annual average increase of approximately 5.7%. The associations continue to collectively achieve solid earnings and preserve capital. Since 2020, association capital as a percentage of total association assets has declined because association asset growth has outpaced association capital growth. However, all associations were well capitalized at the end of 2024, with association capital as a percentage of total association assets equaling 16.7% (see Figure 5).

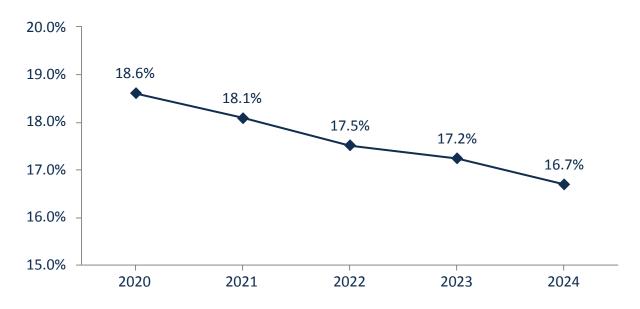
Figure 4

Combined Association Capital
(Dollars in Billions)



Source: Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation

Figure 5 **Combined Association Capital as Percentage of Total Association Assets** 



Source: Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation

### **Farm Credit System Risk Management Tools**

Farm Credit System banks use risk management tools to protect investors. One tool is the Contractual Interbank Performance Agreement (CIPA). All System banks have entered into this agreement, which measures the financial condition and performance of each bank by using ratios that consider bank capital, asset quality, earnings, interest rate risk, and liquidity. The CIPA contains triggers that financially penalize banks that do not meet performance standards.

The System banks and the Funding Corporation have also entered into the Market Access Agreement. The Market Access Agreement establishes conditions for each bank's continued participation in the debt market. If a bank fails to meet agreed-upon performance measures, it may be restricted from issuing debt. The performance criteria used under the Market Access Agreement are the CIPA scores and the bank's tier 1 leverage and total capital ratios.

The Farm Credit Administration's liquidity regulation requires the banks to effectively manage liquidity risk and maintain a three-tiered liquidity reserve to better withstand a liquidity crisis. Each System bank is authorized to hold eligible investments in an amount not to exceed 35% of its total outstanding loans for the purposes of maintaining a liquidity reserve, managing short-term surplus funds, and managing interest rate risk.

The liquidity reserve must always consist of readily marketable instruments that are sufficient to fund at least 90 days of the principal portion of on-balance-sheet maturing obligations. The liquidity reserve must consist of

- level 1 instruments to cover the principal portion of each bank's on-balance-sheet maturing obligations for the first 15 days,
- level 1 and 2 instruments sufficient to cover days 16 to 30, and
- level 1, 2, and 3 instruments to cover days 31 to 90.

Level 1 instruments include cash, overnight money market investments, obligations of U.S. government agencies with a final remaining maturity of 3 years or less, non-System government-sponsored enterprise (GSE) senior debt securities that mature within 60 days, and diversified investment funds composed exclusively of level 1 instruments.

Level 2 instruments include obligations of U.S. government agencies with a final remaining maturity of more than 3 years, mortgage-backed securities that are fully guaranteed by a U.S. government agency as to the timely repayment of principal and interest, and diversified investment funds composed exclusively of level 1 and 2 instruments.

Level 3 instruments include non-System GSE senior debt securities with maturities exceeding 60 days, mortgage-backed securities that are fully guaranteed by a GSE as to the timely repayment of principal and interest, money market instruments maturing within 90 days, and diversified investment funds composed exclusively of level 1, 2, and 3 instruments.

All four System banks exceeded these requirements in 2024.

### INSURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT

#### The Insurance Fund and the Secure Base Amount

The Farm Credit Insurance Fund is FCSIC's equity; it is the difference between total assets and total liabilities, including insurance obligations. The Insurance Fund is composed of an unallocated Insurance Fund (the portion of the Insurance Fund for which no specific use has been designated) and an allocated Insurance Fund (the portion of the Insurance Fund that has been transferred to the allocated insurance reserves accounts (AIRAs)).

The Farm Credit Act established the secure base amount (SBA) as 2% of the aggregate outstanding insured obligations, adjusted to exclude 90% of federal government-guaranteed loans and investments and 80% of state government-guaranteed loans and investments. Because of these adjustments (deductions), the SBA was approximately 1.75% of total insured debt for 2024. Table 3 shows how the secure base amount is calculated. The Farm Credit Act also gives FCSIC sole discretion to choose another SBA percentage that we determine to be actuarially sound to maintain the Insurance Fund, considering the risk of insuring outstanding debt obligations. FCSIC has maintained the SBA at the statutory 2% level since the inception of the Insurance Fund and is committed to doing so unless we determine that 2% is no longer actuarially sound. FCSIC employs an actuarially sound model and processes to evaluate the size of the Insurance Fund and continues to conclude that 2% remains actuarially sound.

FCSIC's premiums are set with the goal of reaching and maintaining the 2% secure base amount. However, if growth of insured debt is greater than forecast when premium accrual rates are established (or the Fund is used for an authorized purpose), the Insurance Fund will end the year below the secure base amount, and FCSIC will need to collect additional premiums in the following year to make up the shortfall. If growth of insured debt is less than forecast when premium accrual rates are set, then the Insurance Fund may end the year above the secure base amount.

If the Insurance Fund exceeds the secure base amount at the end of any calendar year, FCSIC allocates the excess amounts, minus budgeted annual operating expenses and insurance obligations, to the AIRAs established by Congress for the benefit of the System banks. Once FCSIC determines that the allocation is appropriate and that the funds in the AIRAs are not otherwise needed, FCSIC may pay the amounts in the AIRAs to the accountholders (the System banks) in accordance with the formula specified in the Farm Credit Act.

Table 3

Calculation of Secure Base Amount
(Dollars in Millions)

	12/31/2024 12/31/2023	
Total principal and interest of debt outstanding	\$ 450,921	\$ 418,377
Less:		
90% federal government–guaranteed loans	(8,336)	(8,235)
80% state government-guaranteed loans	(26)	(21)
90% federal government–guaranteed investments	(48,722)	(43,651)
80% state government-guaranteed investments	0	0
Total deduction	(57,084)	(51,907)
Adjusted insured debt	393,837	366,470
Secure base amount (2%)	7,877	7,329
Unallocated and allocated Insurance Fund balance	7,959	7,335
Unallocated and allocated Insurance Fund as a percentage of adjusted insured debt	2.02%	2.03%

Both total Insurance Fund and total assets increased by 6.7% to \$8.0 billion in 2024 (see Figure 6). Insured debt outstanding grew \$32.5 billion in 2024 (7.8%).

The unallocated and allocated Insurance Fund as a percentage of adjusted insured debt at December 31, 2024, was 2.02%, which was \$82 million above the secure base amount (see Figure 7). When the aggregate amount in the Insurance Fund exceeds the SBA, FCSIC is required to allocate the excess amount to the AIRAs, less the amount that FCSIC, in its sole discretion, determines to be the sum of the estimated operating expenses and estimated insurance obligations for the next calendar year. Since there are no insurance obligations and FCSIC's budget for 2025 is \$5.3 million, FCSIC transferred \$77 million to the AIRAs on December 31, 2024.

We also transferred funds to the AIRAs in 2023. The unallocated and allocated Insurance Fund as a percentage of adjusted insured debt at December 31, 2023, was 2.03%, \$128 million above the SBA (see Figure 7). Since there were no insurance obligations and our 2024 budget was \$5.1 million, in 2023, FCSIC transferred \$123 million to the AIRAs.

Figure 6
Insurance Fund Balances
(Dollars in Billions)

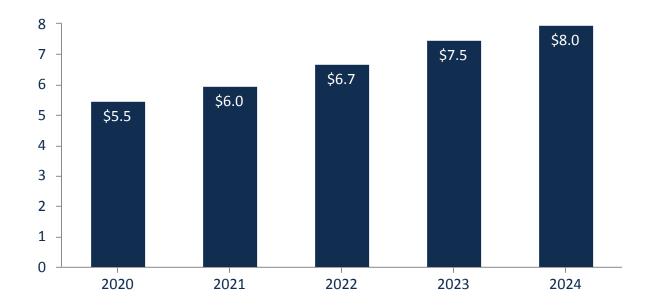
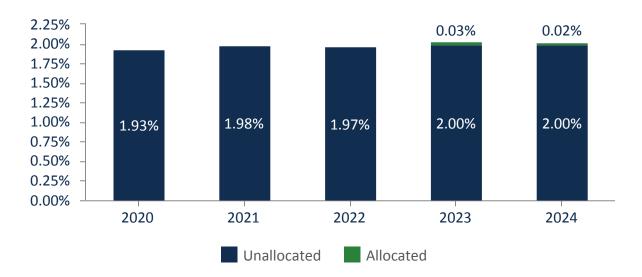


Figure 7
Insurance Fund Relative to 2% Secure Base Amount



#### **Premiums**

In setting premiums, the FCSIC board's objective is to achieve and maintain the statutory secure base amount of 2% in the Insurance Fund. The board reviews premium assessment rates as often as necessary but at least semiannually. The review focuses on the current level of the Insurance Fund and the amount of money and time needed to reach the secure base amount based on expected growth in Systemwide insured obligations.

The review also examines the risk that the Insurance Fund will need to be used in the next 12 months. It includes an analysis of the condition of the System, the health of the agricultural economy, and risks in the financial environment.

The Farm Credit Act requires premium assessments to be 20 basis points on adjusted insured debt outstanding unless they are reduced by the FCSIC board of directors. There is a risk surcharge of up to 10 basis points on nonaccrual loans and on other-than-temporarily impaired investments. In addition, the Farm Credit Act reduces the total insured debt on which premiums are assessed and requires premiums to be based on outstanding insured debt obligations adjusted downward by 90% of federal government-guaranteed loans and investments and by 80% of state government-guaranteed loans and investments.

The unallocated Insurance Fund began 2024 at 2.0% of the secure base amount. The board of directors set premium accrual rates at its February 7, 2024, meeting at 10 basis points on average adjusted insured debt. The board also continued the assessment of the surcharge of 10 basis points on the average principal balance outstanding for nonaccrual loans and other-than-temporarily impaired investments.

At its July 10, 2024, meeting, the board of directors reviewed premiums and voted to maintain the premium accrual rate on average adjusted insured debt at 10 basis points. The board also continued the assessment of the surcharge of 10 basis points on the average principal balance outstanding for nonaccrual loans and other-than-temporarily impaired investments for the second half of 2024. The most important determinants in setting premium accrual rates are the Insurance Fund balance and prospects for Systemwide debt growth during the year.

During 2024, insured debt outstanding increased by 7.8%. The Insurance Fund finished 2024 above the 2% secure base level, at 2.02% of adjusted insured obligations or \$82 million above the target level.

#### **Revenues and Expenses**

FCSIC operates with no annually appropriated funds. We collect insurance premiums from each Farm Credit System bank. These premiums and the income from our investment portfolio provide the funds necessary to fulfill our mission.

Our revenues decreased to \$628.8 million in 2024 from \$789.7 million in 2023 (see Figure 8) largely due to a decrease in the premiums charged to the System banks. Interest income increased to \$252.8 million in 2024 from \$163.7 million in 2023.

Figure 8

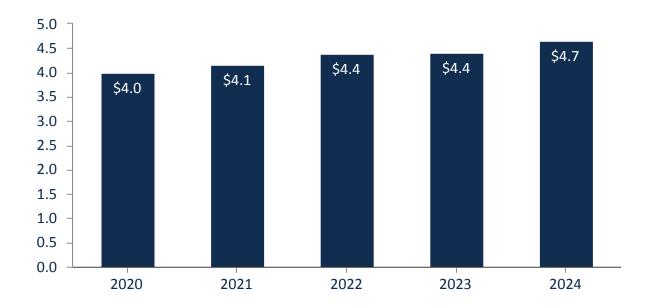
FCSIC Revenues
(Dollars in Millions)



To avoid duplication of effort and minimize costs, we operate with a small core staff and use private- and public-sector contractors to leverage our efforts. The board of directors and management adopted this model as a cost-effective and efficient way to use available expertise, services, and resources to accomplish our mission.

Our operating costs as a percentage of total assets represented 6 basis points for 2024, unchanged from 2023. Costs for staff salaries, rent, and miscellaneous expenses were \$3.7 million of the \$4.7 million total for the year. The remaining expenses of \$1.0 million were for contracted services. Total expenses were up slightly compared with the prior year (see Figure 9).

Figure 9 **FCSIC Operating Expenses**(Dollars in Millions)



### **INVESTMENTS**

FCSIC's investments increased from \$6.8 billion as of year-end 2023 to \$7.5 billion as of year-end 2024 (see Figure 10) due to the premiums collected from System banks and earnings on investments. We invested \$626.0 million received from System banks for 2023 premiums (received in January 2024) and the \$203.2 million in interest received during the year. These amounts were offset by AIRA distributions of \$122.8 million in April 2024. At December 31, 2024, we held \$24.2 million in the overnight investment account, compared with \$3.0 million at December 31, 2023. The funds in the overnight investment account are classified as "cash and cash equivalents" on the balance sheet.

Our primary investment objective is to ensure adequate liquidity of the Insurance Fund to meet our mission. Our secondary objective is to optimize the rate of return on our investment portfolio. Funds are invested in U.S. Treasury securities in accordance with the Farm Credit Act and our investment policy. All investments are held to maturity. FCSIC does not trade for capital gains purposes.

In 2020, the board of directors revised FCSIC's policy statement to implement a short-duration investment strategy to minimize loss exposure in the event FCSIC needs to make disbursements to meet its statutory obligations. Under the current policy, at least 40% of the portfolio must consist of Treasury securities with remaining maturities of 2 years or less; Treasury securities with maturities of between 5 and 10 years must not exceed 20% of the portfolio. FCSIC does not purchase Treasury securities with maturities that exceed 10 years.

In 2023, FCSIC fully implemented its five-year bond ladder strategy. Under the current strategy, FCSIC keeps about 42% of the portfolio in the 0- to 2-year range and about 58% of the portfolio in the 3- to 5-year range. As of December 31, 2024, the weighted-average maturity of the portfolio was 2.5 years, unchanged from its level at the end of 2023. The composition of the investment portfolio as of December 31, 2024, is shown in Figure 11.

In 2023, we adopted a new 60-month benchmark to assess portfolio performance. The benchmark is designed to compare our performance against a passive five-year bond ladder investment strategy. In 2024, the average FCSIC investment portfolio yield was 3.4%, up from 2.5% in 2023. Our benchmark yield equaled 2.3% in 2024, up from 2.0% in 2023.

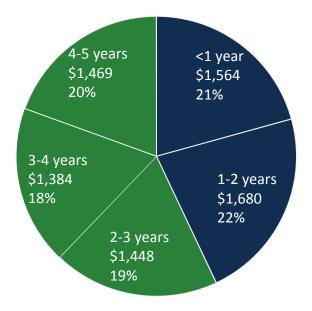
Figure 10
FCSIC Investments

(Dollars in Billions)



Note: Total investments reflected on this chart include overnight investments classified as "cash and cash equivalents" on the balance sheet.

Figure 11
Investment Portfolio by Maturity as of December 31, 2024
(Dollars in Millions)



Note: Total investments reflected in this chart include overnight investments classified as "cash and cash equivalents" on the balance sheet.

At least 40% of the portfolio must consist of Treasury securities with remaining maturities of 2 years or less; Treasury securities with maturities of between 5 and 10 years must not exceed 20% of the portfolio.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

FCSIC's primary purpose is to insure the timely payment of principal and interest on Systemwide debt securities. The System banks, through the jointly owned Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation, issue Systemwide debt securities, insured by FCSIC, to fulfill their mission. Anything impairing the System banks' ability to repay their insured debt constitutes an insurance risk. To carry out our mission, FCSIC monitors conditions in the farm, rural, domestic, and global economies that affect the System's ability to repay insured debt obligations.

FCSIC works productively with FCA, the System's primary safety and soundness regulator, to mitigate risk to the Insurance Fund. We partner with FCA examination staff to explore institution specific risk issues, participate in joint FCA-FCSIC working groups, and consult with FCA on proposed mergers, capital actions, and other System applications. When we identify key systemic and structural risks to the Insurance Fund, we seek to manage those risks, in part, by working with FCA to develop mitigating regulatory, policy, and supervisory solutions.

#### **FCSIC's Risk Profile**

FCSIC's Insurance Fund is exposed to a variety of risks, some inherent in insuring financial institutions and others specific to the System. Examples of specific events that could increase risk to the Insurance Fund include the following:

- Material reduction in System bank capital
- Material adverse change in the System banks' ability to access debt markets
- Catastrophic operational failure at a System institution related to a control deficiency or cybersecurity breach
- Inadequate governance at a System institution, such as a failed business strategy or mismanagement of the organization
- Significant, rapid, or unexpected credit deterioration resulting from adversity in the agricultural sector

Major categories of risk monitored by FCSIC include the following:

**Credit risk** — the risk of default on a debt that may arise from a borrower failing to make required payments. Credit risk includes consideration of loan concentrations and other broad elements of System institution portfolios. FCSIC primarily focuses on credit risk issues affecting the underlying agricultural borrowers' ability to repay their debts to individual System institutions. These risks include the following:

- Changes in farmland values
- Price volatility for agricultural commodities
- Changes in government support programs for agricultural producers
- Changes in supply and demand for U.S. agricultural products
- · Changes in international trade and the value of the U.S. dollar
- Changes in production costs

- Changes in the domestic economy that affect incomes from off-farm jobs
- Climate, weather, and other environmental conditions
- Availability of agricultural workers

Liquidity risk — the risk that an institution may be unable to meet short-term financial demands without unacceptable losses. The System relies on its ability to regularly issue new debt obligations in part to pay maturing obligations. The System banks also hold liquidity investments that are available if needed. A significant disruption in the System banks' ability to issue new debt obligations or sell liquidity investments would impair their ability to repay insured obligations. As further discussed on page 33, FCSIC has procedures in place to provide liquidity assistance to System banks if external market circumstances make it likely that the banks will be unable to pay maturing insured obligations.

**Interest rate risk** — the risk that changes in interest rates may reduce the value of assets with a consequent negative impact on operating results and financial condition.

**Operational risk** — the prospect of losses resulting from inadequate or failed procedures, controls, systems, or policies, including employee errors, systems failures, or fraud or other unauthorized activity. Operational risk also includes inadequate defenses against cyber-threats.

**Strategic risk** — the risk that a failed business strategy, decision, or series of decisions leads to losses.

**Structural risk** — the risk related to the design of the Farm Credit System. For example, as a lender to a single industry (agriculture), the System has a built-in concentration risk. Also, any changes to the System's fundamental organization, such as an alteration in the supervisory relationship between System banks and associations, or diminution of the two layers of loss-absorbing capital, may create risk to the Insurance Fund.

**Reputational risk** — the risk resulting from events that affect the reputation of the System or the agriculture industry. Such events may affect the System's funding costs depending on market reaction.

**Political risk** — the risk of loss of support from federal and state governments. This includes any change in government support for government-sponsored enterprises.

### The Risk Environment in 2024

The global economy remained resilient in 2024. Inflation continued to ease despite lingering pressures in many service sectors. While some labor markets weakened, unemployment rates remained near historic lows in many countries. Real interest rates remained restrictive, but lower yields helped revive housing and credit markets.

The U.S. economy performed well in 2024. Consumers continued to drive growth as the unemployment rate remained historically low, job gains remained steady, and wages continued to rise at a robust pace. U.S. real gross domestic product increased 2.8% in 2024, down slightly

from 2.9% in 2023. Personal consumption expenditures increased by 2.8%, with goods and services consumption increasing by 2.4% and 3.0%, respectively. Gross private domestic investment increased 4.0%, with business spending on equipment, structures, and intellectual property all rising at a robust pace. Residential investment climbed 4.2%. The trade deficit widened as imports exceeded exports.

Inflation abated in 2024 but remained elevated. The year-over-year increase in the non-seasonally adjusted consumer price index dropped from 3.4% in 2023 to 3.0% in 2024. The Federal Reserve lowered the federal funds rate 100 basis points between September and December. Its target rate was 4.25–4.50% at the end of 2024. The 3-month to 10-year Treasury spread returned to a positive in December 2024 after being inverted since October 2022.

Despite continued high interest rates and tighter credit conditions, the U.S. labor market remained robust throughout the year. The unemployment rate began the year at 3.7%. It then rose steadily from March (3.8%) to July (4.2%) before declining to 4.0% in December. The annual increase in average hourly wages and the job openings-to-unemployed ratio remained above historical trends throughout 2024.

Production agriculture is a cyclical business and therefore System borrowers will face challenges from commodity price volatility, weather, government policies (including, among other things, tax, trade, tariffs, immigration, crop insurance, and ad hoc aid), interest rates, foreign exchange rate volatility, input costs, and various other factors that affect supply and demand.

During the past few years, farm sector financial performance generally has been favorable. As a result, many System borrowers' financial positions are relatively strong, positioning them to continue to manage their businesses if the farm sector enters a period of lower net farm income and reduced commodity prices.

In February 2025, USDA forecast net farm income (income after expenses from production) for 2024 at \$139.1 billion, an \$8.2 billion decrease from 2023, but \$34.0 billion above the 10-year average. The same forecast projects 2025 net farm income at \$180.1 billion, a \$41.0 billion or 29.5% increase from 2024 and \$75.0 billion above the 10-year average.

USDA attributes the increase in net farm income for 2025 to a combination of factors. USDA expects increases in direct government payments of \$33.1 billion and cash receipts for animals and animal products of \$3.8 billion. In addition, USDA projects a decrease in cash expenses of \$3.2 billion, which is partially offset by a decrease of \$5.6 billion in cash receipts for crops.

The increase in direct government payments reflects higher anticipated payments from supplemental ad hoc disaster aid and economic assistance, mainly from the 2025 Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act contained in the 2025 American Relief Act. Approximately \$21 billion in aid is expected to go to farmers who suffered natural disasters in 2023 and 2024. An

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service. (2025, February 6). *Farm Sector Income & Finances: Farm Sector Income Forecast.*<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

additional \$10 billion in economic assistance is expected to help crop producers address financial losses during the 2024 production year.

An additional risk is the continuing outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza that have negatively impacted egg layer populations and reduced the egg supply. This lower supply has caused a spike in egg prices.

The System's loan volume increased \$30.7 billion, or 7.7%, to \$428.9 billion at year-end 2024, compared with \$398.2 billion at year-end 2023. The growth was primarily due to increases in the following loan categories: real estate mortgages, production and intermediate-term loans, processing and marketing loans, power loans, and loans to cooperatives.

System credit quality remained relatively strong in 2024. Nonaccrual loans increased \$1.6 billion, or 97.4%, to \$3.2 billion at December 31, 2024. The increase was primarily due to credit quality deterioration, which affected a limited number of borrowers in the poultry, horticulture, nuts, hogs, and various food-processing sectors. The ratio of nonaccrual loans to total loans outstanding was 0.74% at December 31, 2024, and 0.40% at December 31, 2023 (see Figure 12).

Figure 12

Nonaccrual Loans as a Percentage of Total Loans Outstanding



Source: Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation

The System's allowance for loan losses was \$1.8 billion at December 31, 2024, an increase of \$182 million, or 11.2%, versus December 31, 2023. The allowance for loan losses represents the

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aggregate of each System entity's individual evaluation of its allowance for loan losses requirements. Evaluations consider factors including loan loss experience, portfolio quality and composition, collateral value, current agricultural production, and economic conditions. Although aggregated for the System's combined financial statements, the allowance of each entity is specific to that institution and is not available to absorb losses at other System entities.

The System continued to have reliable access to the debt markets to support its mission. Investor demand for Systemwide insured debt securities remained favorable across all products throughout 2024. The System is a government-sponsored enterprise that continues to benefit from broad access to domestic and global capital markets, providing a dependable source of competitively priced debt.

FCA's capital rule for banks and associations is comparable to the Basel III standardized approach adopted by the federal banking regulatory agencies. FCA's regulatory minimums include a 4.5% common equity tier 1 risk-based capital ratio, a 6.0% tier 1 risk-based capital ratio, an 8.0% total risk-based capital ratio, and a 4.0% tier 1 leverage ratio, of which at least 1.5% must be composed of unallocated retained earnings (URE) and URE equivalents. The risk-based capital ratios also include a 2.5% common equity tier 1 capital conservation buffer. The tier 1 leverage ratio includes a 1.0% leverage buffer. As of December 31, 2024, all System institutions exceeded the regulatory minimum and buffer requirements.

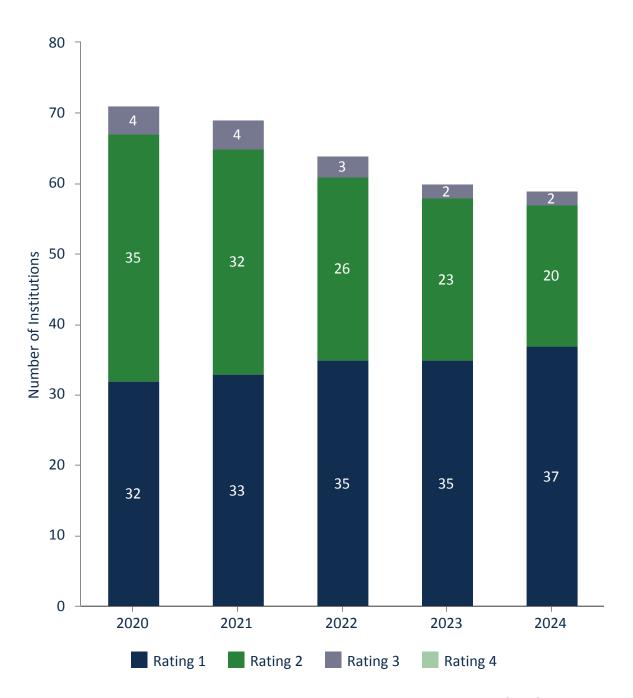
FCA authorizes each System bank to hold eligible investments in an amount not to exceed 35% of its total outstanding loans for the purposes of maintaining a liquidity reserve, managing short-term funds, and managing interest rate risk. The liquidity reserve must consist of marketable investments that are sufficient to fund 90 days of on-balance-sheet maturing obligations. The System banks reported a combined \$93.5 billion in cash and available-for-sale investments with a liquidity position of 177 days at year-end 2024, up from 183 days at year-end 2023.

The System banks are further required to maintain a three-tiered liquidity reserve, consisting of level 1 instruments to cover each bank's maturing obligations for the first 15 days; level 1 and 2 instruments sufficient to cover days 16 to 30; and level 1, 2, and 3 instruments to cover days 31 to 90. All four System banks exceeded these requirements in 2024.

The System banks have established contingency funding plans to provide for events that could impede access to the debt markets. The System banks also regularly perform credit and liquidity stress testing to determine their ability to withstand severe market events while continuing to fulfill their mission.

Figure 13 shows a summary of composite year-end Financial Institution Rating System (FIRS) ratings for System banks and associations. Institutions with performance-related issues continued to receive greater examination scrutiny and supervisory attention from FCA.

Figure 13
FIRS Composite Year-End Ratings for Banks and Associations of the Farm Credit
System



Source: Farm Credit Administration

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND RESOLUTIONS

FCSIC has statutory authority to provide "stand-alone assistance" to a System bank or association for any of the following reasons:

- To prevent the placing of the institution in receivership
- To restore the institution to "normal operations"
- To reduce the risk to FCSIC caused by "severe financial conditions"

FCSIC may also provide assistance to facilitate a merger or consolidation of a troubled System institution with another System institution. In July 2023, the FCSIC Board adopted an updated policy statement clarifying how and when FCSIC would use its assistance authority.

At present, no assistance agreements are outstanding. If a System institution needs financial assistance, FCSIC must ensure that the proposed assistance is the least costly means for resolving the institution's problems; by law, FCSIC cannot provide financial assistance if the cost of liquidation is lower than the cost of providing assistance.

FCSIC has procedures in place to provide liquidity assistance to System banks when severe financial conditions threaten the banks' ability to repay maturing insured debt. The procedures implement FCSIC's Policy Statement Concerning Assistance. Along with the procedures, we developed a model assistance agreement, drafted necessary forms related to valuation of collateral and liquidity reserves, and entered into a collateral pledge agreement with each bank and a collateral custodian. We review the procedures annually to evaluate whether changes are needed and to engage with System stakeholders through a biennial preparedness exercise. FCSIC liquidity assistance is designed to cover System bank insured debt obligations during a short-term liquidity crisis, allowing markets time to recover normal operation.

To support potential liquidity assistance needs, FCSIC maintains a \$10 billion line of credit with the Federal Financing Bank that can be accessed when exigent market circumstances make it extremely doubtful that the System banks will be able to pay maturing debt obligations that we insure. This liquidity backstop allows us to provide more assistance to System banks than we otherwise could provide from the Insurance Fund alone.

When appointed by FCA, FCSIC has the statutory responsibility to serve as receiver or conservator for System banks and associations. As conservator, we will operate the institution as a going concern. Upon appointment as receiver, we will take possession of a System institution to settle its business operations, collect the debts owed to it, liquidate its property and assets, pay its creditors, and distribute any remaining proceeds to stockholders. Our statutory receivership and conservatorship powers are based on, and intended by Congress to be functionally equivalent to, the parallel authorities of the FDIC.

Currently there are no active receiverships or conservatorships in the System.

Our staff maintains contact with the resolution staff of the FDIC and the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) to stay informed about best practices and exchange information concerning receivership management.

We have board-approved policies that provide guidance related to resolution activities, including the management and disposition of owned assets and FCSIC's examination authority for troubled institutions. These policies are supported by detailed procedures. The FCSIC board must review and approve all policy statements every five years.

Audited Financial Statements
For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation McLean, VA 22102

In our audits of the fiscal year 2024 and 2023 financial statements of the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation (FCSIC), we found:

- The financial statements as of and for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America;
- FCSIC maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2024; and
- No reportable noncompliance in fiscal year 2024 with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements that we tested.

### The following sections contain:

- Our report on FCSIC's financial statements and on internal control over financial reporting, which includes a section on other information included with the financial statements;<sup>1</sup> and
- 2. Our report on FCSIC's compliance and other matters as required by *Government Auditing Standards*. This section also includes FCSIC's comments on our report.

#### REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

#### **Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the financial statements of FCSIC, which comprise the statements of financial condition as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the related statements of income and expenses and changes in insurance fund and statements of cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of FCSIC as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Other information consists of information included with the financial statements, other than the auditors' report.



### **Opinion on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

We also have audited FCSIC's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2024, based on criteria established under 31 U.S. Code (U.S.C.) § 3512(c), (d), commonly known as the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act of 1982 (FMFIA). In our opinion, FCSIC maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2024, based on criteria established under FMFIA.

### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); standards applicable to financial statement audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and guidance contained in Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Bulletin 24-02, *Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Statements*.

Our responsibilities under those standards and OMB Bulletin 24-02 are further described in the *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements and Internal Control over Financial Reporting* section of our report. We are required to be independent of FCSIC and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

# Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements and Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Management is responsible for (1) the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; (2) the preparation and presentation of other information included in FCSIC's Annual Report, and the consistency of that information with the audited financial statements; (3) the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; (4) its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting based on the criteria established under FMFIA; and (5) its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2024, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about FCSIC's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

# Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audits of the Financial Statements and Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinions.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit of the financial statements or an audit of internal control over financial reporting conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and OMB guidance will always detect a material misstatement or material weakness when it exists.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial



The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgments made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit of financial statements and an audit of internal control over financial reporting in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and OMB guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audits.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to our audit of internal control over financial reporting, assess the risks that a material weakness exists, and test and evaluate the design and operating effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting based on the assessed risk. Our audit of internal control also considered FCSIC's process for evaluating and reporting on internal control over financial reporting based on criteria established under FMFIA. We did not evaluate all internal controls relevant to preparing performance information and ensuring efficient operations. We limited our internal control testing to testing controls over financial reporting. Our internal control testing was for the purpose of expressing an opinion on whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained, in all material respects. Consequently, our audit may not identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that are less severe than a material weakness.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Perform other procedures we consider necessary in the circumstances.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about FCSIC's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and

correct, misstatements on a timely basis.



**Definition and Inherent Limitations of Internal Control over Financial Reporting**An entity's internal control over financial reporting is a process effected by those charged with governance, management, and other personnel. The objectives of internal control over financial reporting are to provide reasonable assurance that:

- Transactions are properly recorded, processed, and summarized to permit the
  preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted
  accounting principles, and assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized
  acquisition, use, or disposition, and
- Transactions are executed in accordance with provisions of applicable laws, including those governing the use of budget authority, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements due to fraud or error. We also caution that projecting any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods is subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

#### Other Information

FCSIC's other information contains a wide range of information, some of which is not directly related to the financial statements. This information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report but does not include the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

### REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

In connection with our audits of FCSIC's financial statements, we tested compliance with selected provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements consistent with our auditors' responsibilities discussed below.

# Results of Our Tests for Compliance with Laws, Regulations, Contracts, and Grant Agreements and Other Matters

Our tests for compliance with selected provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters for 2024 that would be reportable under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, the objective of our tests was not to provide an opinion on compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements applicable to FCSIC. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.



# Basis for Results of Our Tests for Compliance with Laws, Regulations, Contracts, and Grant Agreements and Other Matters

We performed our tests of compliance in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.

# Responsibilities of Management for Compliance with Laws, Regulations, Contracts, and Grant Agreements

FCSIC management is responsible for complying with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements applicable to FCSIC.

# Auditor's Responsibilities for Tests of Compliance with Laws, Regulations, Contracts, and Grant Agreements

Our responsibility is to test compliance with selected provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements applicable to FCSIC that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in FCSIC's financial statements, and to perform certain other limited procedures. Accordingly, we did not test compliance with all provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements applicable to FCSIC. We caution that noncompliance may occur and not be detected by these tests.

# Purpose of Report on Compliance with Laws, Regulations, Contracts, and Grant Agreements and Other Matters

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of compliance with selected provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering compliance. Accordingly, this report on compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements is not suitable for any other purpose.

### **FCSIC'S COMMENTS**

FCSIC's management did not provide any formal comments to this report.

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Alexandria, VA February 14, 2025

### **Statements of Financial Condition**

(Dollars in thousands)

December 31,	2024		2023
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 24,356	\$	3,240
Investments in U.S. Treasury obligations	7,521,134		6,784,993
Premiums receivable	375,959		626,019
Accrued interest receivable	38,036		43,771
Operating lease right-of-use assets	145		300
Total Assets	\$ 7,959,630	\$	7,458,323
Liabilities and Insurance Fund			
Liabilities			
Operating lease liabilities	\$ 149	\$	306
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	854	*	691
Total Liabilities	1,003		997
Insurance Fund			
Unallocated Insurance Fund	7 992 024		7 224 521
Allocated Insurance Fund	7,882,034 76,593		7,334,531 122,795
Total Insurance Fund	7,958,627		7,457,326
Total Liabilities and Insurance Fund	\$ 7,959,630	\$	7,458,323

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

# Statements of Income and Expenses and Changes in Insurance Fund (Dollars in thousands)

Year-ended December 31,	<b>2024</b> 20				
Income					
Premiums Interest income	\$ 375,959 252,792	\$ 626,019 163,667			
Total Income	628,751	789,686			
Expenses					
Administrative operating expenses	4,655	4,403			
Total expenses	4,655	4,403			
Net income	624,096	785,283			
Insurance Fund - beginning of year	7,457,326	6,672,043			
Payment to AIRAs Accountholders	(122,795)	0			
Insurance Fund - end of year	\$ 7,958,627	\$ 7,457,326			

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

### **Statements of Cash Flows**

(Dollars in thousands)

Year-ended December 31,	2024	2023
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	\$ 624,096	\$ 785,283
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	0	1
Noncash lease expense	155	152
Net amortization and accretion of investments	(74,884)	(13,328)
Principal reduction in operating lease liabilities	(157)	(151)
Decrease in premiums receivable	250,060	18,524
(Increase) Decrease in accrued interest receivable	5,734	(9,995)
Increase (Decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses	163	(12)
ехрепзез	103	(12)
Net cash provided by operating activities	805,167	780,474
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payments for purchase of U.S. Treasury obligations	(2,140,958)	(2,796,741)
Proceeds from maturity of U.S. Treasury obligations	1,479,702	2,018,859
Net cash used in investing activities	(661,256)	(777,882)
Increase in AIRAs Distribution	(122.705)	0
(Payment to AIRAs Accountholders)	(122,795)	U
Net cash used in financing activities	(122,795)	0
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	21,116	2,592
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	3,240	648
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 24,356	\$ 3,240

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

### Note 1: Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Farm Credit Insurance Fund (Insurance Fund)

### **Statutory Framework:**

The Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 established the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation (the Corporation or FCSIC) for the purpose of insuring the timely payment of principal and interest on notes, bonds, debentures, and other obligations issued under subsection (c) or (d) of section 4.2 of the Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended (the Farm Credit Act). Each bank in the Farm Credit System (System) participating in insured obligations is an insured System bank. At December 31, 2024 there were four insured System banks and 55 direct lender associations, down one from December 31, 2023.

The Corporation is managed by a board of directors consisting of the same individuals as the Farm Credit Administration (FCA) board except that the chairman of the FCA board may not serve as the chairman of the Corporation's board of directors.

The Corporation must spend amounts in the Insurance Fund necessary to insure the timely payment of interest and principal on insured obligations. The Corporation, in its sole discretion, is authorized to expend amounts to provide financial assistance to System banks and direct lender associations. The Corporation may also act as receiver or conservator of a System bank or association. In addition, FCSIC has the authority to create, and the Farm Credit Administration to charter, a System bridge bank, to assist with resolving a failed bank.

As of December 31, 2024, the System banks reported amounts totaling \$451 billion of insured obligations compared to \$418 billion as of December 31, 2023.

When the Insurance Fund is exhausted after making payments on insured obligations, remaining System banks will be required to make payments under joint and several liability, as required by section 4.4 (a)(2) of the Farm Credit Act. The insurance provided by the Insurance Fund is limited to the resources in the Insurance Fund. System obligations are not guaranteed by the U.S. government.

Under section 5.63 of the Farm Credit Act, the Corporation is exempt from all Federal, state, and local taxes with the exception of real property taxes.

### Accounting Framework:

The Corporation applies accounting and reporting standards issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB).

### Note 2: Basis of Accounting

The accounting and reporting policies of the Corporation conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) and, as such, the financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

### Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include investments in U.S. Treasury obligations with original maturities of 90 days or less. At December 31, 2024, the Corporation held \$24,156.1 thousand in overnight Treasury certificates maturing on January 2, 2025, with an interest rate of 4.32 percent, and approximately \$200.0 thousand in cash. At December 31, 2023, the Corporation held \$2,946.3 thousand in overnight

Treasury certificates maturing on January 2, 2024, with an interest rate of 5.42 percent, and approximately 293.9 in cash.

### Investments in U.S. Treasury Obligations

Section 5.62 of the Farm Credit Act requires that funds of the Corporation, not otherwise employed, shall be invested in obligations of the United States or in obligations guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States. The Corporation has classified its investments as held-to-maturity in accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 320, *Investments - Debt and Equity Securities* and carries them at amortized cost. Amortization of premium and accretion of discount on investments has been computed under the interest method since 2002.

Investments in U.S. Treasury obligations are generally not expected to have an allowance for credit losses as there is a zero-loss expectation because they are explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. Government, are highly rated by major rating agencies, and have a long history of no credit losses. At December 31, 2024, FCSIC has estimated allowance for losses on investments to be zero.

### Premium Receivable - Concentration of Credit Risk

The Farm Credit Act requires that the System banks pay premiums to FCSIC. The premium receivable balance consists of amounts due from the four System banks and as such is exposed to risks due to concentration. Historically, FCSIC has not experienced any losses related to the premium receivable balance. FCSIC performs a quarterly analysis related to estimating an allowance for premium receivable which continues to indicate that no allowance is warranted.

#### Leases

Leases arise from contractual obligations that convey the right to control the use of identified property, plant, or equipment for a period of time in exchange for consideration. At the inception of the contract, FCSIC determines if an arrangement contains a lease based on whether there is an identified asset and whether FCSIC controls the use of the identified asset. FCSIC also determines whether the lease classification is an operating or financing lease at the commencement date.

A right-of-use asset represents FCSIC's right to use an underlying asset and a lease liability represents FCSIC's obligation to make payments during the lease term. Right-of-use assets are recorded and recognized at commencement for the lease liability amount, adjusted for initial direct costs incurred and lease incentives received. Lease liabilities are recorded at the present value of the future lease payments over the lease term at commencement. FCSIC uses a risk-free discount rate at the lease commencement date for all new leases and at January 1, 2022 (the "Adoption date") (See "Accounting pronouncement adopted" paragraph below) to determine the present value of lease payments.

FCSIC's operating lease typically includes non-lease components such as common-area maintenance costs, utilities, and other maintenance costs. FCSIC has elected to include non-lease components with lease payments for the purpose of calculating lease right-of-use assets and liabilities.

FCSIC's lease terms may include options to extend or terminate the lease. FCSIC uses the base, non-cancelable, lease term when recognizing the lease assets and liabilities, unless it is reasonably certain that FCSIC will exercise those options. FCSIC's lease agreements do not contain any material residual value guarantees or material restrictive covenants.

FCSIC does not have any short-term lease agreements.

### Liability for Estimated Insurance Obligations

The liability for estimated insurance obligations is the present value of estimated probable insurance payments to be made in the future based on the Corporation's analysis of economic conditions of insured System banks.

The insured System banks' primary lending markets are borrowers engaged in farming, ranching, and producing or harvesting of aquatic products, and their cooperatives. Financial weaknesses in these market segments and the effect of general market conditions on the System's borrowers could adversely affect the banks' financial condition and profitability. Insured System banks also face risks from changing interest rate environments and the need to maintain ongoing access to financial markets. Adverse changes in the financial condition and profitability of insured System banks resulting from increased levels of credit, financial, or other risks could occur in the future which would require a liability for estimated insurance obligations to be recorded.

The Corporation actively monitors the creditworthiness and financial condition of the insured System banks. Management is not aware of any events or circumstances at this time which would require a liability for estimated insurance obligations to be recorded at December 31, 2024.

#### **Premiums**

Annual premiums are recorded as revenue during the 12-month calendar year period on which the premiums are based. All premiums are required to be paid to FCSIC on or before January 31st of the year subsequent to the year in which they are earned.

### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements, in conformity with GAAP, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### Note 3: Investments in U.S. Treasury Obligations

In addition to the amounts referenced in Note 2, Cash and Cash Equivalents, at December 31, 2024 and 2023, investments in U.S. Treasury obligations, which are carried at amortized cost, consisted of the following:

(Dollars in thousands)	Amortized Cost	ι	Gross Inrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value
December 31, 2024 U.S. Treasury obligations	\$ 7,521,134	\$	9,873	\$ (77,287)	\$ 7,453,720
December 31, 2023 U.S. Treasury obligations	\$ 6,784,993	\$	27,461	\$ (103,448)	\$ 6,709,006

The fair value of FCSIC's investments in U.S. Treasury obligations have been included below for disclosure purposes only and are estimated based on quoted market prices for those instruments. The estimated fair value of U.S. Treasury obligations is measured using the Level 1 hierarchy, which is defined in the accounting standards as unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets that are available at the measurement date.

The amortized cost and estimated fair value of U.S. Treasury obligations at December 31, 2024, by contractual maturity, are shown below:

(Dollars in thousands)	A	Amortized Cost	Estimated Fair Value	
Due in one year or less Due after one year through five years	\$	1,622,350 5,898,784	\$ 1,613,806 5,839,914	
	\$	7,521,134	\$ 7,453,720	

### Note 4: Premiums, the Secure Base Amount and Excess Insurance Fund Balances

Each System bank which issues insured obligations under subsection (c) or (d) of section 4.2 of the Farm Credit Act is an insured System bank and is required to pay premiums to the Corporation.

The Farm Credit Act sets a secure base amount (SBA) for the Insurance Fund to achieve. The statutory SBA is equivalent to 2 percent of the aggregate outstanding insured obligations of all insured System banks (adjusted downward by a percentage of the guaranteed portions of principal outstanding on certain government-guaranteed loans and investments) or such other percentage as determined by the Corporation in its sole discretion to be actuarially sound to maintain in the Insurance Fund taking into account the risk of insuring outstanding insured obligations.

The Farm Credit Act requires FCSIC to assess premiums based on each bank's pro rata share of insured debt (rather than on individual loans). FCSIC may collect from 0 to 20 basis points annually on adjusted insured debt outstanding. The Farm Credit Act also authorizes a risk surcharge of up to 10 basis points on nonaccrual loans and on other-than-temporarily impaired investments. The Farm Credit Act reduces the total insured debt on which premiums are assessed by 90 percent of Federal government-guaranteed loans and investments and 80 percent of state government-guaranteed loans and investments and deducts similar percentages of such guaranteed loans and investments when calculating the SBA.

Insurance premium rates are reviewed at least semiannually. For 2024, the board of directors set premium accrual rates at its February 7, 2024 meeting at 10 basis points on average adjusted insured debt and continued the assessment of the 10 basis point surcharge on the average principal balance outstanding for nonaccrual loans and other-than-temporarily impaired investments. The board of directors again reviewed premiums at its July 10, 2024 meeting and voted to maintain the premium accrual rate on average adjusted insured debt at 10 basis points and continued the assessment of 10 basis points for nonaccrual loans and other-than-temporally impaired investments. In 2024, outstanding insured obligations increased by \$32.5 billion (7.8 percent). At December 31, 2024, the total Insurance Fund was 2.02 percent of adjusted insured obligations.

For 2023, the board of directors set premium accrual rates at its February 8, 2023 meeting at 18 basis points on average adjusted insured debt and continued the assessment of the 10 basis point surcharge on the average principal balance outstanding for nonaccrual loans and other-than-temporarily impaired investments. The board of directors again reviewed premiums at its July 12, 2023 meeting and voted to maintain the premium accrual rate on average adjusted insured debt at 18 basis points and continued the assessment of 10 basis points for nonaccrual loans and other-than-temporarily impaired investments. In 2023, outstanding insured obligations increased by \$26.1 billion (6.7 percent). At December 31, 2023, the total Insurance Fund was 2.03 percent of adjusted insured obligations.

The Farm Credit Act requires if, at the end of any calendar year, the aggregate of the amounts in the Insurance Fund exceed the SBA, the Corporation is required to allocate to the Allocated Insurance Reserves Accounts (AIRAs) any excess balances less the amount that the Corporation, in its sole discretion, determines to be the sum of the estimated operating expenses and estimated insurance obligations of the Corporation for the immediately succeeding calendar year.

The total Insurance Fund exceeded the 2 percent SBA at December 31, 2024 by \$81.9 million, and after subtracting planned operating expenses of \$5.3 million for 2025, \$76.6 million was allocated to the AIRAs. The total Insurance Fund exceeded the 2 percent SBA at December 31, 2023 by \$127.9 million, and after subtracting planned operating expenses of \$5.1 million for 2024, \$122.8 million was allocated to the AIRAs.

The AIRAs' balances are recorded as part of the Insurance Fund until approved for payment by the Corporation's board of directors. AIRAs' balances may be used to absorb any insurance losses and claims. Furthermore, the board of directors has discretion to limit or restrict the AIRAs' payments.

### Note 5: Operating Lease

The Corporation is committed under a ten-year lease with the FCS Building Association for office space expiring on November 30, 2025. The Corporation recognizes the right-of-use asset, and liability, initially measured at the present value of the lease payments. Additionally, the Corporation recognizes a single lease expense, which is allocated over the lease term, generally on a straight-line basis.

As permitted under ASC Topic 842, the Corporation has elected not to recast/restate comparative periods and to set the initial adoption application date to January 1, 2022, the beginning of the period of adoption; additionally, the Corporation has not separated lease and non-lease components under its office space lease.

Office space payments are due on the first day of every month and the Corporation paid lease payments of approximately \$161 thousand for the year ended December 31, 2024. The lease contains fixed payments which increase by 2% annually and does not include a current option to extend or renew beyond the current terms.

During 2024, the Corporation recorded lease expense of approximately \$161 thousand reported in the accompanying Statements of Income and Expenses and Changes in Insurance Fund.

As of December 31, 2024, remaining maturities of lease liabilities approximated were as follows:

Years ending December 31, (Dollars in thousands)

(Bottars III thousands)	
2025	150
Total operating lease payments	150
Less: imputed interest	(1)
Total operating lease liabilities	\$ 149

Since the Corporation has only one lease as of December 31, 2024, the weighted-average lease term remaining is approximately 1 years. Because the Corporation does not have access to the rate implicit in the lease, the Corporation utilized the risk-free rate of 1.8% (the borrowing rate as of adoption

date) as the discount rate. Likewise, the weighted average discount rate as of December 31, 2024 was 1.8%.

As of December 31, 2024, the Corporation recorded a right-of-use asset of approximately \$145 thousand and related lease liability of approximately \$149 thousand in the accompanying Statements of Financial Condition.

### Note 6: Line of Credit

On September 24, 2013, the Corporation entered into an agreement with the Federal Financing Bank (the FFB), a United States government corporation subject to the supervision and direction of the U.S. Treasury. Pursuant to this agreement, as amended, the FFB would advance funds to the Corporation under certain limited circumstances. The Corporation would use these funds to increase its capacity to provide assistance to the System banks in exigent market circumstances that threaten the banks' ability to pay maturing debt obligations. The agreement provides for a short-term revolving credit facility of up to \$10 billion and will remain in full force and effect until terminated by either the Corporation or the FFB. Under the agreement, each provision of funds by the FFB is subject to certain terms and conditions. The interest rate for each advance will be established by the FFB at the time the respective advance is made. Each advance cannot have a maturity date longer than twelve months. The Corporation paid no commitment fee to secure this line of credit. There were no amounts drawn on this line of credit during 2024 and 2023 and no outstanding balance due as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

### Note 7: Retirement Plan

All permanent Corporation employees are covered by the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS). The Corporation's contribution was 18.4 percent of base pay for 2024. In addition, the Corporation automatically contributes 1 percent of base pay to the employee's Thrift Savings Plan account, matches the first 3 percent contributed by the employee, and matches one-half of the next 2 percent contributed by the employee. The Corporation also offers a 401K plan for employees. The Corporation automatically contributes 1 percent of base pay to the employee's 401K account and matches the first 2 percent contributed by the employee. Retirement plan expenses amounted to \$591 thousand in 2024 and \$568 thousand in 2023.

### **Note 8: Related Parties**

The Corporation purchases services from FCA under an Interagency Agreement, including examination and administrative support services. The intention of the parties as stated in the agreement is that specified rates and fees will reimburse the party providing services for all reasonable costs associated with provision of the services. The Corporation purchased services for 2024 which totaled \$321 thousand, compared with \$318 thousand for 2023. At December 31, 2024 and 2023, included in the accompanying Statements of Financial Condition are the amounts of \$0 thousand and \$71 thousand respectively which were due to FCA for services.

The Corporation may also provide services to FCA under an Interagency Agreement; however, the Corporation provided no services and recognized no revenue for 2024 and 2023. At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Corporation did not have any receivables from FCA.

### Note 9: Subsequent Events

FCSIC evaluated subsequent events from the date of the statement of financial condition through February 14, 2025, the date at which FCSIC's financial statements were issued. No material subsequent events were identified for either recognition or disclosure.



### Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

The Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation's (FCSIC) internal control over financial reporting is a process effected by those charged with governance, management, and other personnel, designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the preparation of reliable financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America. Our 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 our transactions and dispositions of our assets: (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America and that receipts and expenditures of FCSIC are being made only in accordance with authorizations of FCSIC management and those charged with governance; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention, or timely detection and correction, of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of FCSIC's assets that could have a material effect on our financial statements.

Management of FCSIC is responsible for designing, implementing, and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. Management assessed the effectiveness of FCSIC's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2024 based on the criteria established under 31 U.S.C. 3512(c),(d)(commonly known as the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA)). Based on that assessment, management concluded that, as of December 31, 2024, FCSIC's internal control over financial reporting is effective.

Internal control over financial reporting has inherent limitations. Internal control over financial reporting is a process that involves human diligence and compliance and is subject to lapses in judgment and breakdowns resulting from human failures. Internal control over financial reporting also can be circumvented by collusion or improper management override. Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements. Also, projections of any assessment of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

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### **MANAGEMENT ASSURANCES**

February 15, 2025

The management of the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation is responsible for managing risk and maintaining effective internal control to meet the objectives of sections two and four of the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act.

FCSIC is an independent U.S. government-controlled corporation. Our primary purpose is to insure the timely payment of principal and interest on insured debt obligations issued on behalf of Farm Credit System banks.

The System is a nationwide government-sponsored enterprise of cooperative lending institutions owned by the agricultural and rural customers it serves. By protecting investors, we help maintain a dependable source of funds for the farmers, ranchers, and other borrowers of the System.

FCSIC actively monitors and manages insurance risk to minimize the Farm Credit Insurance Fund's exposure to potential losses. When appointed by the Farm Credit Administration, we also serve as receiver or conservator of any System bank or association.

Our management has completed an assessment of the effectiveness of FCSIC's enterprise risk management and internal control systems in effect during 2024 in accordance with guidelines provided by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in consultation with the comptroller general (OMB Circular A-123, Management's Responsibility for Enterprise Risk Management and Internal Control). The objective of these controls and systems is to provide reasonable assurance that

- obligations and costs comply with applicable laws;
- assets are safeguarded against waste, fraud, unauthorized use, and mismanagement;
- revenues and expenditures applicable to our operations are recorded and accounted for properly; and
- financial and statistical reports are reliable, complete, and timely.

On the basis of established guidelines and the assessment performed, we can provide reasonable assurance that internal control over operations, reporting, and compliance was operating effectively as of December 31, 2024.

In addition, as stated in the accompanying report, FCSIC's independent auditor, Sikich CPA, LLC, indicated that the financial statements of the Farm Credit Insurance Fund as of December 31, 2024, are fairly presented in all material respects. They also conducted testing on the effectiveness of FCSIC's internal control over financial reporting and issued an opinion that it was effective in all material aspects.

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# COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL CIVIL PENALTIES INFLATION ADJUSTMENT ACT IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2015

FCSIC has authority under section 5.65(c) of the Farm Credit Act (12 U.S.C. 2277a-14) to impose civil money penalties against a Farm Credit System bank that willfully fails or refuses to file any certified statement or pay any required premium.

In addition, section 5.65(d) of the Farm Credit Act prohibits any person convicted of any criminal offense involving dishonesty or a breach of trust to serve as a director, officer, or employee of any System institution, except with the prior written consent of FCA. This section also authorizes FCSIC to recover penalties for a willful violation of this prohibition. Sections 5.65(c) and (d) provide for a penalty of not more than \$100 for each day during which the violation continues.

The Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 (the 2015 Act) amended the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990 (28 U.S.C. 2461 note) to provide for regular evaluation of civil penalties. It also required every applicable federal agency to adopt, through an interim final rule, a one-time catch-up adjustment to be effective no later than August 1, 2016, with annual adjustments thereafter.

On January 10, 2024, FCSIC published a final rule making the annual adjustment required by the 2015 Act. The 2024 adjustment increased our civil money penalties to not more than \$257 for each day during which a violation continues (89 Fed. Reg. 1445). On January 14, 2025, we published a final rule making the required annual adjustment for 2025. This adjustment increased our civil money penalties to not more than \$264 for each day during which a violation continues (90 Fed. Reg. 2922).

### PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

FCSIC's mandate is to insure the timely payment of principal and interest on insured Farm Credit System debt securities and to serve as receiver or conservator when appointed by the Farm Credit Administration board. FCSIC carries out its insurance program mission through three program areas: (1) Insurance Fund and financial management, (2) risk management, and (3) receivership, conservatorship, and assistance readiness.

We have implemented performance measures to help us evaluate the effectiveness of these program areas. It is important to note that some of these measures use management estimates that may be affected by the performance and condition of System institutions. Also, unforeseen events may have a material effect on performance measures over time.

### **Performance Measures**

### 1. Building and Managing the Fund to Protect Investors

The solvency of the Insurance Fund depends in part on the Corporation using its authorities to adjust insurance premium assessments when appropriate and effectively managing assets to ensure investment returns are maximized, while maintaining appropriate liquidity to carry out its mission. Congress established a statutory requirement for the Insurance Fund to be maintained at a SBA equal to 2 percent of adjusted insured obligations or such other percentage as the Corporation in its sole discretion determines to be actuarially sound.

The Corporation assesses the effectiveness of its performance in achieving this goal through the following:

- Reviewing, at least semiannually, the need for adjustments to insurance premium assessment.
- Measuring investment performance using reasonable qualitative and/or quantitative benchmarks.
- Maintaining the Insurance Fund at the statutory SBA, 2 percent of adjusted outstanding
  insured obligations. Maintaining the Insurance Fund at the SBA is affected by events
  beyond the control of the Corporation such as insurance losses that arise from troubled
  System institutions or growth in insured obligations exceeding FCSIC's ability to increase
  the Insurance Fund at the same rate because of statutory limits on premium
  assessments.
- Performing an annual assessment of the effectiveness of FCSIC's enterprise risk management and internal control systems in accordance with guidelines provided by Office of Management and Budget to implement the Federal Manager's Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA). This assessment supports management's assurance statement.
- Maintaining clean or unmodified audit opinions from our independent auditors, free from any material weaknesses.
- Developing and maintaining updated draft statements of work for business consulting and resolution activities, updated listings of vendors and consultants with resolution

- experience, and access to government contracting resources like the General Services Administration (GSA) System for Award Management (SAM) to ensure quick execution of new contracts during a resolution period.
- Participating in frequent meetings with third-party service providers, including FCA, to
  ensure contracted services remain capable of providing support to FCSIC, including
  executing key functions such as supporting expedited hiring activities.

### 2. Protecting the Fund from Losses

FCSIC monitors and manages insurance risk to minimize the Insurance Fund's exposure to potential losses. In the event a System bank is unable to timely repay insured debt obligations for which it is primarily liable, the Corporation must expend amounts in the Insurance Fund to the extent available to insure the timely payment of principal and interest on the insured obligations. FCSIC monitors and independently analyzes conditions in the general economy, capital markets, and agricultural and financial sectors to identify potential risks to the System and the Insurance Fund. FCSIC analyzes and evaluates the financial performance and condition of System institutions, maintains ongoing dialogue with FCA examiners, and reviews reports of examination. When necessary, the FCSIC Board of Directors authorizes special examinations at System institutions of concern. On a quarterly basis, FCSIC screens all System institutions against key performance criteria to identify institutions that may pose an insurance risk.

Program effectiveness is measured by the extent that emerging problems are promptly detected and insurance losses minimized. This includes effective use of financial indicators to monitor conditions and trends, and effective analysis and reporting before any need to reserve for losses.

In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, the Corporation must recognize an allowance for loss on its financial statements if a loss is probable and can be reasonably estimated. Timely evaluation of the Insurance Fund's risk exposure is critical to the determination of steps needed to preserve the Insurance Fund's solvency. In accordance with the Corporation's Policy Statement Concerning Allowance for Insurance Fund Losses, management assesses the need for an allowance at least quarterly using criteria specified in FCSIC's Allowance for Loss procedure.

### 3. Maintaining Receivership, Conservatorship, and Assistance Readiness

The Corporation is required to serve as receiver or conservator of System banks and associations when appointed by FCA. Additionally, the FCSIC Board may provide assistance to one or more System institutions to prevent placing an institution into receivership, restore an institution to normal operation, or stem financial contagion within the System. This goal requires that corporate readiness be maintained through periodic staff training, periodic review of potential strategies and procedures, and evaluation of potential resources available to ensure that sufficient qualified resources can be employed should the need arise.

The effectiveness of readiness efforts will be measured by the following:

- Maintaining a line of credit with the Federal Financing Bank to be available for use as additional FCSIC assistance to System banks in exigent market circumstances.
- Conducting training exercises with System banks and the Funding Corporation at least every two years regarding liquidity assistance procedures in exigent market circumstances and reviewing contact information and documentation annually.
- Timely reviewing and updating policies and procedures related to receiverships, conservatorships, and assistance in accordance with the Corporation's bylaws.
- Engaging with other federal insurers (e.g., FDIC, NCUA) for training, support, and sharing of best practices on at least an annual basis.
- Developing and maintaining a multi-year plan that identifies priority areas for receivership, conservatorship, and assistance readiness enhancement considering the stress scenarios that are considered the most likely and would require an immediate response, consistent with FCSIC's available resources.

The effectiveness of receivership, conservatorship, and assistance operations, if required, will be measured by the following:

- Completing initial processing of all claims within a period to be specified in accordance with the size and complexity of the individual case.
- Operating costs as a percentage of total assets.
- Actual asset recovery returns as a percentage of net realizable asset values.
- Exit of a conservatorship within a period to be specified in accordance with the initial plan of conservatorship.
- Completing analysis, Board recommendations, and execution of approved assistance requests within a time period that allows the assistance to have the potential to be effective.
- Effectiveness of any such assistance to avoid additional claims on the Insurance Fund.

We did not have any assistance requests and were not appointed as a receiver or conservator in 2024.

### **Strategic Goals and Objectives**

The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, as amended, requires most federal government organizations to report on the results of program performance. Performance results are included in regular reports to the board of directors and in our annual report. Information for each of the three major program areas is presented in Table 4.

Table 4 **Strategic Goals and Objectives by Program Area** 

FCSIC's	Program Area	Strategic Goals	Strategic Objectives	For More
Mission				Information
Protect investors in insured Farm Credit System obligations and taxpayers through sound administration of the Insurance Fund.	Insurance Fund and financial management	Manage the Insurance Fund to maintain the SBA in order to provide protection for investors and taxpayers against identified risks.	1. Manage the Insurance Fund to ensure adequate liquidity while optimizing investment returns and ensuring premium collections and refunds reflect anticipated changes in adjusted insured debt levels and potential insurance claims.	See pages 19— 24 for 2024 results.
Exercise its authorities to minimize Insurance Fund loss. Help ensure the			2. Use actuarial and risk management tools to evaluate the adequacy of investor protections and risk exposures to the Insurance Fund.	
future of a permanent system for delivery of credit to agricultural borrowers.			3. Communicate accurate and easily understood information about the insurance program to Congress, the public, insured investors, federal agency partners, and System institutions.	
		Maintain effective internal controls and financial reporting.	Obtain clean or     unmodified audit     opinions and a control     environment free of     material weaknesses.	
		Maximize effectiveness of contracting.	1. Ensure FCSIC follows best practices in contracting including maintaining the capability to quickly engage third parties, including intergovernmental resources or contractors, as necessary to respond to a crisis situation.	

FCSIC's Mission	Program Area	Strategic Goals	Strategic Objectives	For More Information
	Risk management	Monitor, evaluate, report, and mitigate risks that could generate losses to the Insurance Fund.	<ol> <li>Monitor conditions         within and external to         the System in order to         anticipate and identify         risks to the Insurance         Fund, and ensure those         risks are appropriately         reflected in the setting         of insurance premiums         and the Corporation's         financial statements.</li> <li>Enhance the use of         analytical models and         other risk management         tools and processes to         develop more insightful         analysis on trends and         risks, including System         growth, funding needs,         condition, performance,         structural risks, and         sensitivities, as well as         ad hoc analysis on         current topics.</li> <li>Leverage FCSIC's         independent risk analysis         by proactively raising         awareness of identified         risks to the Board and         FCA and working with         FCA on policies and         regulations to mitigate         those risks.</li> </ol>	See pages 27—32 for 2024 results.

FCSIC's Mission	Program Area	Strategic Goals	Strategic Objectives	For More Information
Mission	Receivership, conservatorship, and assistance readiness	Be prepared to act as receiver or conservator or to provide assistance if called upon.	1. Consistent with FCSIC's efficient operating model, maintain readiness to act as receiver or conservator, or to provide assistance, focused on those activities and scenarios that are considered most likely and would require an immediate response.  2. Ensure that System banks have adequate temporary liquidity in situations where external market factors make normal debt market access extremely doubtful.  3. Subject to the provisions of the Farm Credit Act, including the least-cost test, provide assistance when appropriate to a System bank.	See pages 33—34 for 2024 results.
			4. If appointed as receiver or conservator of a System institution, ensure receiverships and conservatorships are managed to fulfill the purposes of the Farm Credit Act, protect creditors, and are terminated in an orderly and timely manner.	

### **GLOSSARY**

**Farm Credit Act** — The Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended, (12 U.S.C. 2001 *et seq.*) is the statute under which the Farm Credit System, FCSIC, and the Farm Credit Administration operate.

**Farm Credit Administration** (FCA) — FCA was established in 1933 to regulate the System. It is governed by a three-member presidentially appointed board. To ensure the safety and soundness of the System, FCA examines and supervises System institutions and develops regulations to govern them.

**Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation** — Based in Jersey City, New Jersey, the Funding Corporation manages the sale of Systemwide debt securities to finance the loans made by System institutions. It uses a network of bond dealers to market the System's securities.

**Financial Institution Rating System (FIRS)** — The FIRS is similar to the Uniform Financial Institutions Rating System used by other federal banking regulators except that the FIRS reflects the nondepository nature of System institutions. The FIRS provides a general framework for assimilating and evaluating all significant financial, asset quality, and management factors to assign a composite rating to each System institution. The ratings are described below.

**Rating 1** — Institutions in this group are basically sound in every respect; any negative findings or comments are of a minor nature and are anticipated to be resolved in the normal course of business. Such institutions are well managed, resistant to external economic and financial disturbances, and more capable of withstanding the uncertainties of business conditions than institutions with lower ratings. Each institution in this category exhibits the best performance and risk management practices for its size, complexity, and risk profile. These institutions give no cause for regulatory concern.

**Rating 2** — Institutions in this group are fundamentally sound but may reflect modest weaknesses correctable in the normal course of business. Because the nature and severity of deficiencies are not material, such institutions are stable and able to withstand business fluctuations. Overall risk management practices are satisfactory for the size, complexity, and risk profile of each institution in this group. While areas of weakness could develop into conditions of greater concern, regulatory response is limited to the extent that minor adjustments are resolved in the normal course of business, and operations continue in a satisfactory manner.

**Rating 3** — Institutions in this category exhibit a combination of financial, management, operational, or compliance weaknesses ranging from moderately severe to unsatisfactory. When weaknesses relate to asset quality or financial condition, these institutions may be vulnerable to the onset of adverse business conditions and could easily deteriorate if weaknesses are not corrected. Institutions that are in significant noncompliance with laws and regulations may also be given this rating. Risk management practices are less than satisfactory for the size, complexity, and risk profile

of each institution in this group. Institutions in this category generally give cause for regulatory concern and require more than normal supervision to address deficiencies. Overall strength and financial capacity, however, still make failure only a remote possibility if corrective actions are taken.

**Rating 4** — Institutions in this group have an immoderate number of serious financial or operating weaknesses. Serious problems or unsafe and unsound conditions exist that are not being satisfactorily addressed or resolved. Unless effective actions are taken to correct these conditions, they are likely to impair future viability or constitute a threat to the interests of investors, borrowers, and stockholders. Risk management practices are generally unacceptable for the size, complexity, and risk profile of each institution in this group. A potential for failure is present but is not yet imminent or pronounced. Institutions in this category require close regulatory attention, financial surveillance, and a definitive plan for corrective action.

**Rating 5** — This category is reserved for institutions with an extremely high, immediate, or near-term probability of failure. The number and severity of weaknesses or unsafe and unsound conditions are so critical as to require urgent external financial assistance. Risk management practices are inadequate for the size, complexity, and risk profile of each institution in this group. In the absence of decisive corrective measures, these institutions will likely require liquidation or some form of emergency assistance, merger, or acquisition.

**Government-sponsored enterprise (GSE)** — A GSE is typically a federally chartered corporation created by Congress that is privately owned, designed to provide a source of credit nationwide, and limited to servicing one economic sector. Each GSE has a public or social purpose. GSEs are usually created because the private markets did not satisfy a purpose that Congress deems worthy — either to fill a credit gap or to enhance competitive behavior in the loan market. Each is given certain features or benefits (called GSE attributes) to allow it to overcome the barriers that prevented purely private markets from developing. The System is the oldest financial GSE.

### **ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

AIRAs allocated insurance reserves accounts

CIPA Contractual Interbank Performance Agreement

Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended

FCA Farm Credit Administration

FCS Farm Credit System

FCSIC Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation

FDIC Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

FIRS Financial Institution Rating System

Funding Corporation Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation

NCUA National Credit Union Administration

OMB Office of Management and Budget

SBA secure base amount

System Farm Credit System

URE unallocated retained earnings

USDA United States Department of Agriculture

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