

## NEWS RELEASE



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### **FCSIC Board of Directors Reduces Insurance Premiums for 2012**

McLEAN, Va., January 19, 2012 — The Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation (FCSIC or Corporation) Board of Directors voted today to reduce the insurance premium assessment rate for Farm Credit System (System) banks on their adjusted insured debt from 6 to 5 basis points for 2012. The Board also announced the continued assessment of the 10-basis-point risk surcharge on nonaccrual loans and other-than-temporarily impaired investments.

“The Board decided to lower the premium rate on adjusted insured debt because preliminary reports indicate that insured debt declined approximately 2.1 percent during 2011,” said Kenneth A. Spearman, Chairman of the FCSIC Board of Directors.

“At year-end 2011, insured debt was \$183.5 billion, down by approximately \$4 billion from \$187.5 billion at year-end 2010,” Mr. Spearman said.

Twice a year, the Corporation Board reviews the insurance premium rate and makes adjustments, if necessary, to maintain the secure base amount, which is 2 percent of the level of adjusted insured debt outstanding at System banks. According to preliminary results, the unallocated Farm Credit Insurance Fund level was 2.15 percent of adjusted insured debt outstanding, or \$237 million above the secure base amount.

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The Board's premium review is based on an assessment of the current level of the Insurance Fund and the projected growth of insured obligations, the likelihood of any potential Insurance Fund losses, the financial condition of System banks and associations, the outlook for the agricultural economy, and any risks in the financial environment.

"The Corporation will review premium rates again in June 2012," Mr. Spearman said.

The Corporation is managed by a three-member Board of Directors. In addition to Chairman Spearman, Leland A. Strom and Jill Long Thompson serve as members of the Board.

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The Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, an independent U.S. government-controlled corporation, ensures the timely payment of principal and interest on insured notes, bonds, and other obligations issued on behalf of Farm Credit System banks.

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