

**Statement on Farm Credit System Outreach
to Veterans and Native Americans
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FCA Board Chairman and CEO
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In November, we recognize two communities of particular importance to me and the work we do here at FCA – veterans and Native Americans.

November marks National Veterans and Families Month. Earlier this week, the board had the opportunity to recognize the 34 armed forces veterans who now continue their service at FCA and FCSIC. I am pleased to have honored these individuals alongside Board Member Hall and Board Member Smith, and I thank them for their service.

Yesterday, I issued a message to Farm Credit System institutions recognizing the work they do to serve veterans and encouraging them to extend outreach for lending and hiring. It is important to do all that we can to serve this population of heroes.

November is also Native American Heritage Month. Earlier this month, I issued a message to System institutions encouraging them to explore expanding both their workforce and customer base by further including tribal communities.

As I underscored in my message, Indian Country faces endemic challenges to credit access for agriculture and rural development; however, these challenges should not dissuade us that there is also great opportunity.

Forging these important connections will enhance the System's fulfillment of its mission to serve all eligible, creditworthy potential borrowers.

Unfortunately, our original presenter, Tyler Fish, is unable to be with us today. However, we are grateful to the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and Inclusion for sharing a message from Tyler on the significance of November for both of these communities and our mission focus at FCA.