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Quarterly Report on FCS Condition June 10, 2021

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Topics for Open Session



- Economic Conditions Affecting the Farm Credit System
 - Macro economy
 - Commodity markets
 - Farm economy
- FCS Condition and Performance
 - System growth and loan portfolio
 - Earnings and capital
 - Financial Institution Rating System (FIRS)



Economic Conditions Affecting the Farm Credit System

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Rapid economic growth



- U.S. Q1 growth at historically high pace - 6.4%
- U.S. imports set monthly record of \$275B in March
- April retail sales up 18% over February 2020
- Equity markets roll on to records with cryptocurrencies
- Demand drivers:
 - Consumers unleashed
 - \$5 trillion in stimulus and related policies
 - Improving labor market and consumer confidence
 - Historically low interest rates



Supply chains and labor markets tighten

➤ Worldwide supply chains stretched thin

- Production bottlenecks and low inventory hangovers from 2020
- Key component shortages from micro chips to plastic resins
- Distribution and shipping constraints:
 - Baltic Dry Index (cost of moving by sea) reached 10-year high in April
 - U.S. domestic freight expenditures index rose 6.5% in March

➤ U.S. labor markets tighten

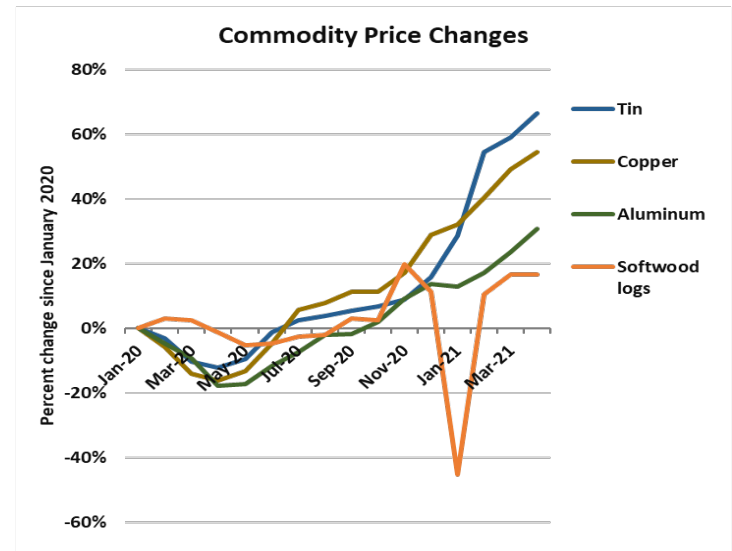
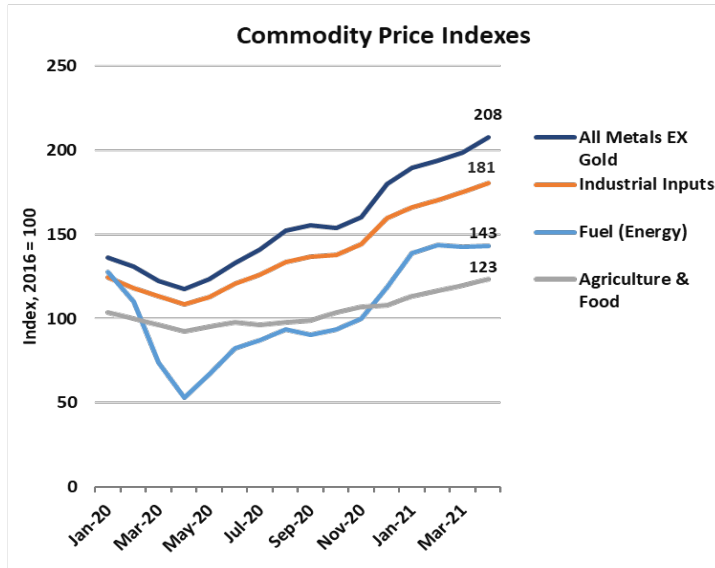
- More job openings but smaller workforce than before pandemic
- Workforce participation restrained by government policies and other factors
- Labor shortages emerge – manufacturing, construction, trucking, and food services
- Wages and compensation rising – April wages up 5.8% from February 2020





Raw material prices rise

- Widespread commodity price increases – some to records
- Supply and demand imbalances and future expectations
- China is leading commodity importer – 45% of maritime dry-bulk market



Source: International Monetary Fund database.





Inflation rekindled?

- April CPI rose at 4.2% annual rate -- a 13 year high (6.2% for first 4 months)
- Too much money chasing too few goods
 - The median sales price of existing-homes rose 19.1% year-over-year in April to \$341,600, both record highs (National Association of Realtors)
 - Rising building materials costs and low inventory caused new home sales prices to jump 20% year-over-year in April (National Association of Home Builders)
 - Year-over-year April used car and truck prices up 21% in BLS data while Manheim Used Vehicle Value Index increased 52.2%
- As economy fully opens, more consumer spending will shift to services which should moderate goods price increases





Will this latest inflation be “transitory”?

- Younger generations (borrowers) have never experienced sustained rates above 4%
- Once rooted, curtailing inflation can require substantial monetary policy adjustments
- Monetary policy includes soaking up some \$120 billion per month of federal stimulus

FRED — Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: All Items in U.S. City Average



Source: St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank. Shaded areas are economic recessions.

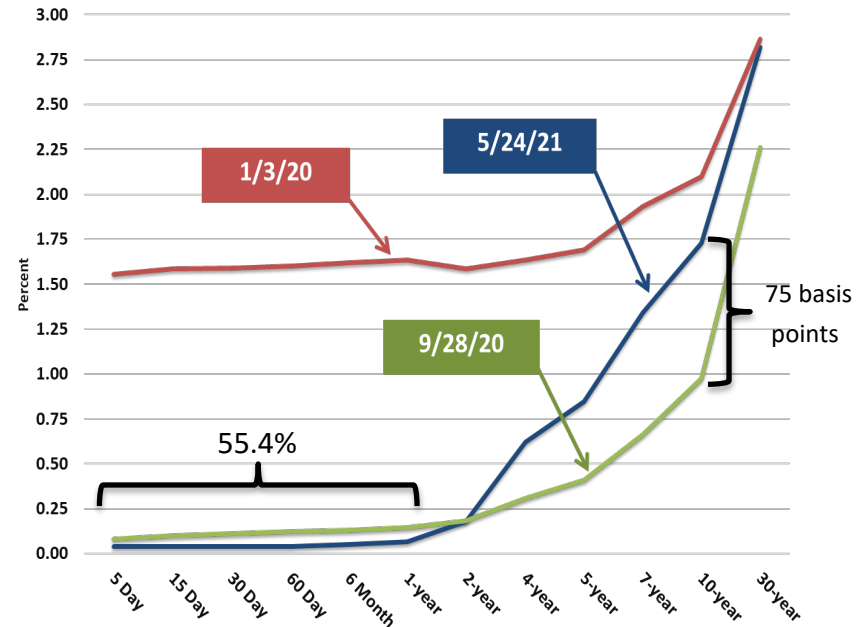


Higher inflation leads to higher interest rates

Impact on System borrowers

- Yield curve has become steeper
- Changes in interest rates quickly impact borrowing costs on majority of System loans
- Share of loans repricing in:
 - Less than 1 year: 55.4%
 - 1 to 5 years: 24.9%
 - Over 5 years: 19.6%

FCS Debt Yield Curve



Source: First Quarter 2021 Information Statement of the FCS.

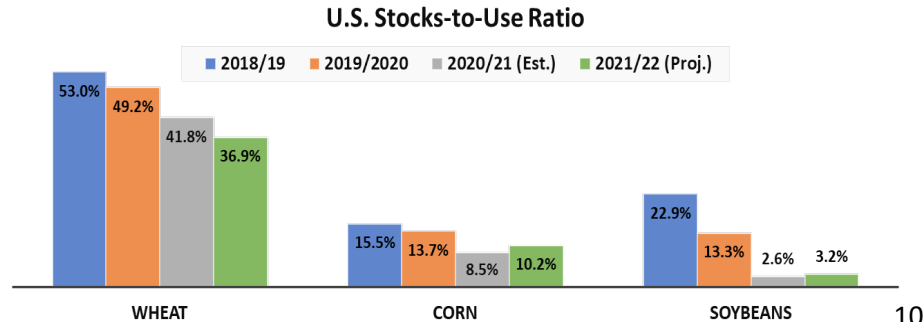
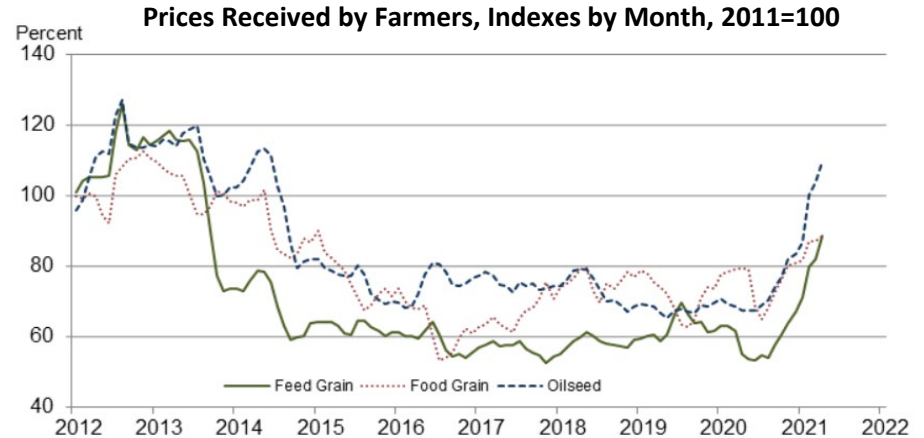
Source: FCA.



Grain and oilseed prices soar on shortages



- Profitable pricing opportunities for the next two crops
- China feed grain and oilseed needs push exports to the country to records
- South American production (safrinha corn) shortfalls
- U.S. and global stocks forecast to remain tight for 2021/22
- Looking ahead on renewal fuel standards



Source: UDSA-NASS and USDA-WOAB.



Farmland prices jump with crop prices

➤ How much have values risen?

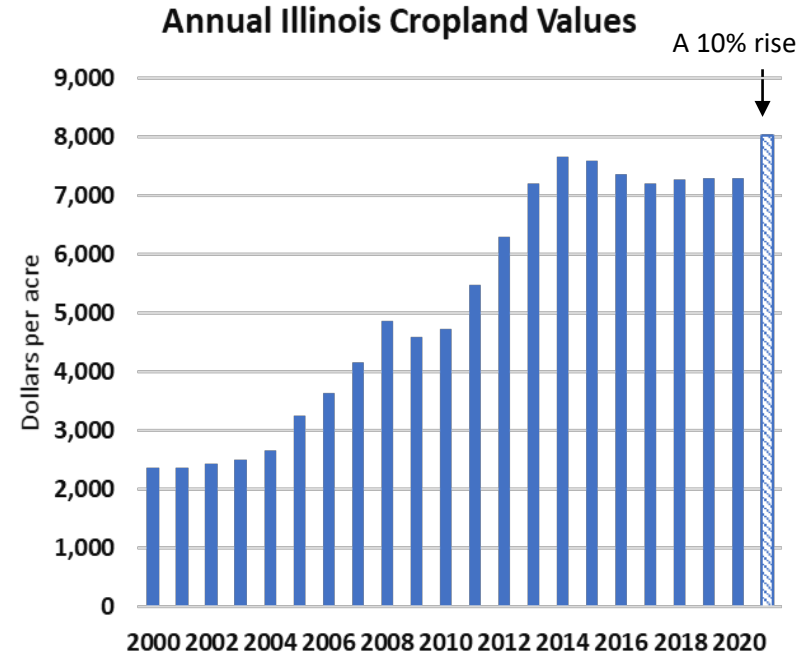
- Chicago Fed - 7% in 12 month
- Iowa survey - 8% in 6 months
- Prime land prices – 10% - 15% spikes

➤ Pricing factors

- Higher grain prices
- Government payments/stimulus
- Limited supply on market
- Greater investor interest
- Low interest rates

➤ Outlook

- Monetary and tax policy changes
- 2022 rental costs expected to rise



Data source: USDA.

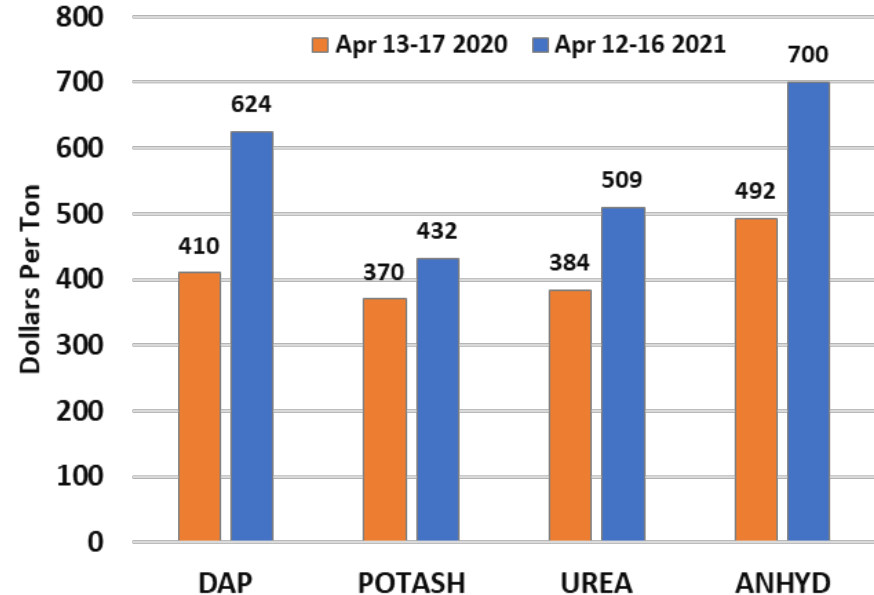


Higher crop input costs this spring



- Ag chemicals with large supply chain exposures to China saw reduced availability, higher shipping costs, freight delays
- Major fertilizer prices moved higher throughout this spring
- Anhydrous ammonia retail price hits \$700 per ton in April for first time since 2015
- Diesel fuel costs 25% higher in April 2021 vs. April 2020
- Modest seed price increases

Spring Fertilizer Prices

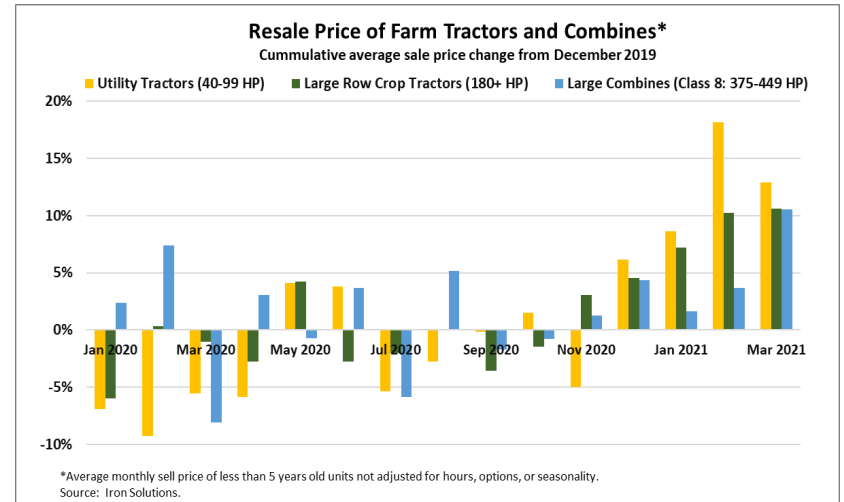
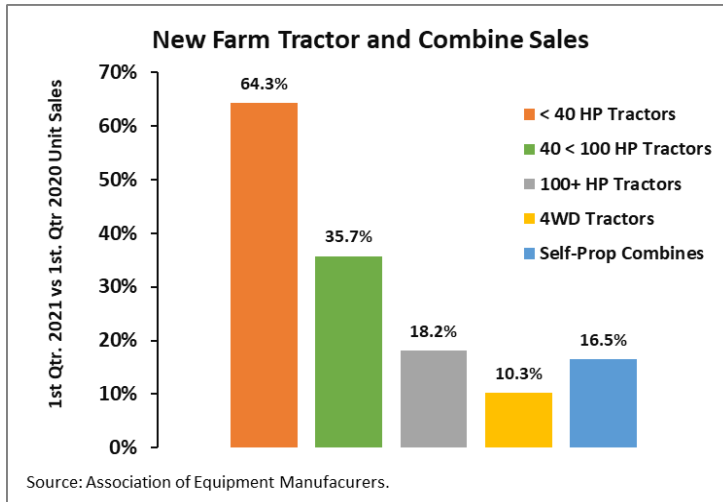


Source: DTN.



Higher machinery sales and prices

- Large farm tractor and combine sales rise on stronger farm incomes and government payments
- Small tractor sales rise on strong rural lifestyle demand aided by stimulus payments
- Low financing rates aids sales across all segments
- Resale prices (used) on farm equipment rose last fall into this spring





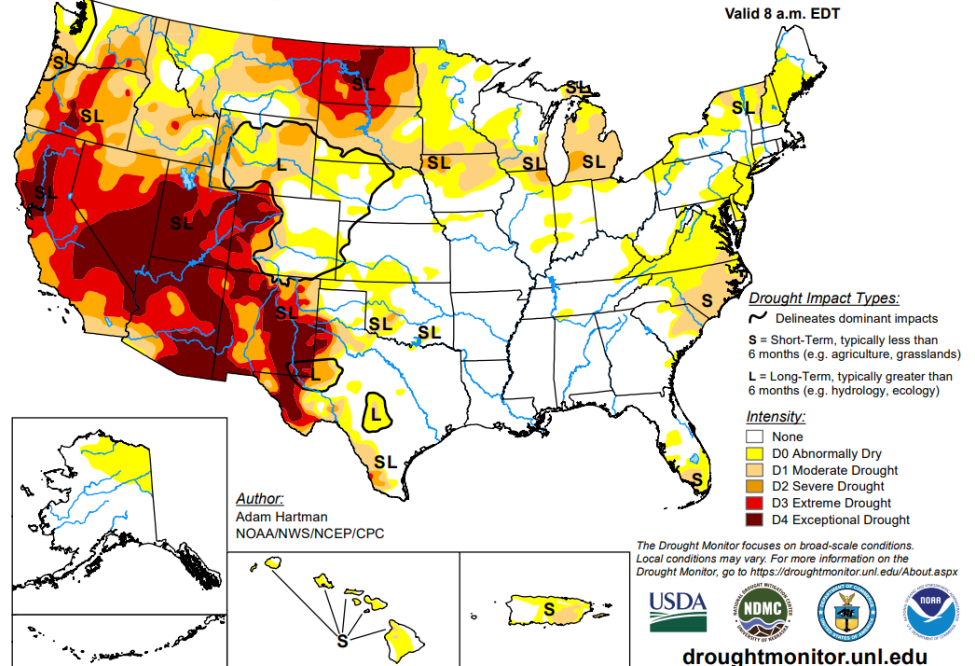
All eyes on weather



- Stressed pastures and reduced hay production in cattle country
- With tight supplies, crop conditions here and abroad are being closely scrutinized
- Corn and bean crops off to a very good start
- Kansas wheat tour reports a record yield is coming (58 bu.)
- Western / California drought is a growing concern

U.S. Drought Monitor

May 25, 2021
(Released Thursday, May. 27, 2021)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



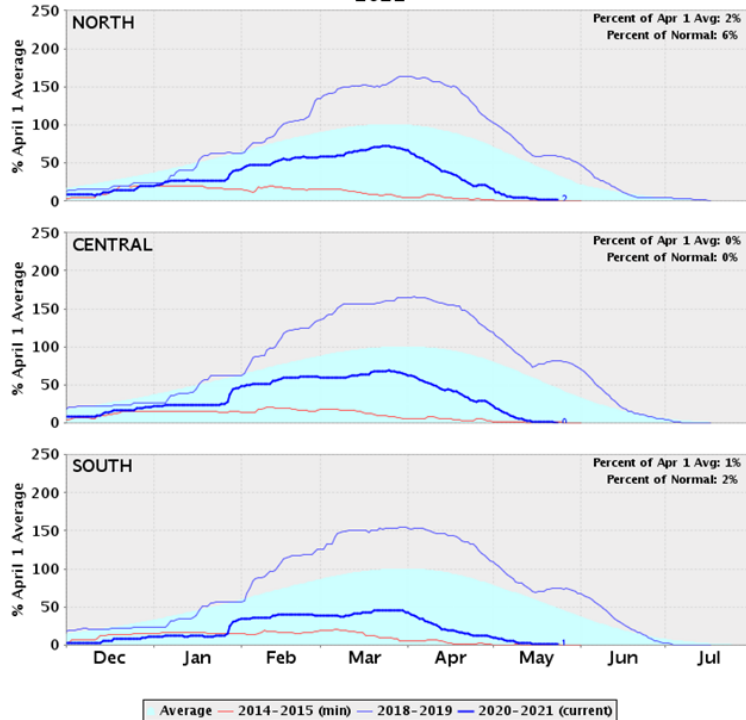
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California drought rerun?



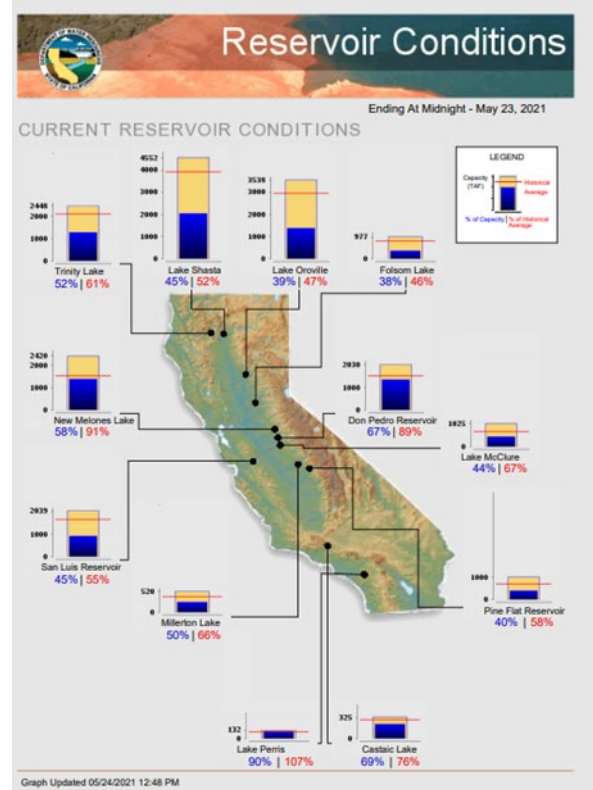
California Snow Water Content – Percent of April 1 Average For: 24-May-2021



Statewide Percent of average to date

2.0%

Source: <http://cdec.water.ca.gov/>





Rising costs cloud protein outlook

- Producers and processors face higher costs:
 - Higher feed bills
 - Rising labor costs/shortages and Covid mitigation expenses
 - Processing capacities
 - Transportation costs/bottlenecks/cyberattack disruptions
 - Rising cost of capital goods
- Demand turns up – but for how long?
 - Export market growth
 - Reopening of restaurants reshapes distribution once again
 - Return of social and family gatherings and grill season
 - Stimulus payments find their way into food budgets
 - Domestic food purchases and return of school lunches



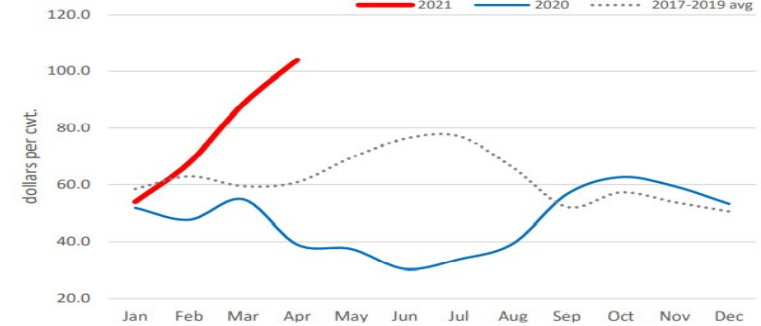


Hog and broilers prices soar with low supplies

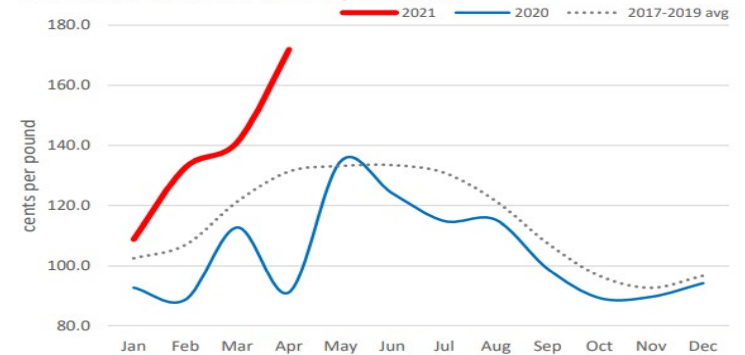
- Exports draw down stocks
- Low cold storage stocks of pork and chicken
- Chicken sandwich wars
- Supply/production constraints



Monthly Negotiated Barrow/Gilt Prices



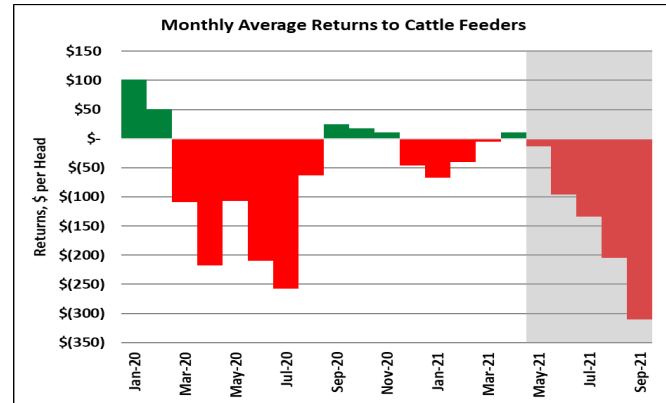
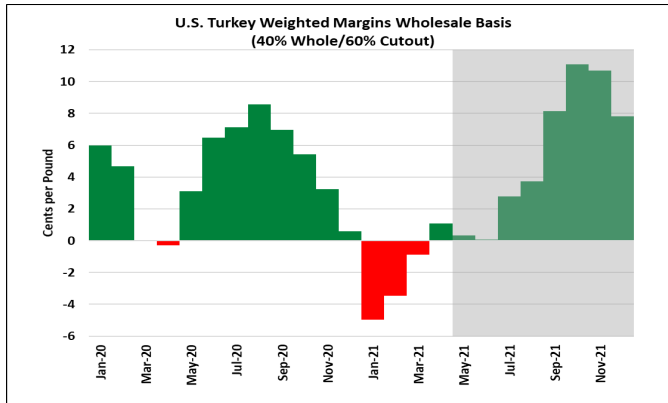
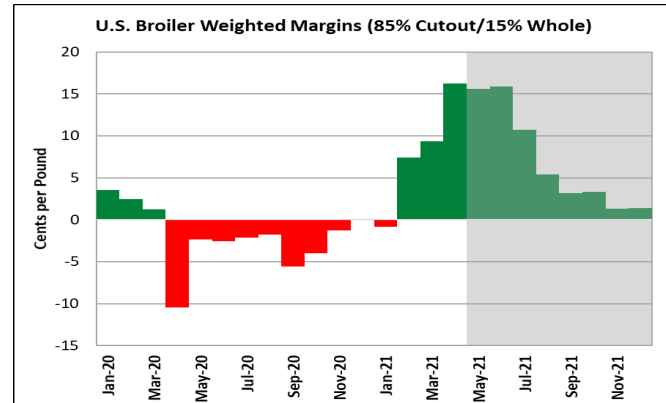
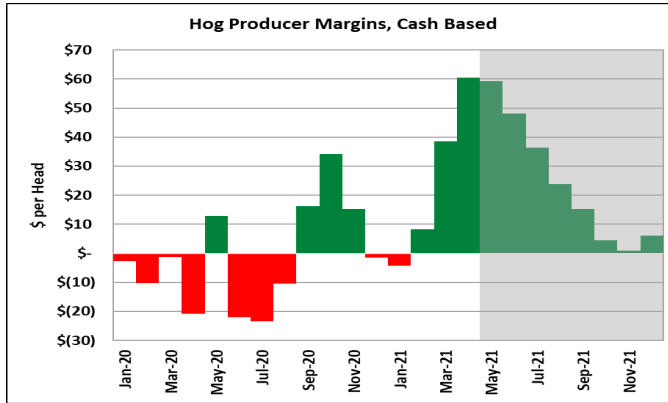
Northeast Chicken Price - B/S Breasts



Source: USDA/AMS.



How long will protein margins hold?



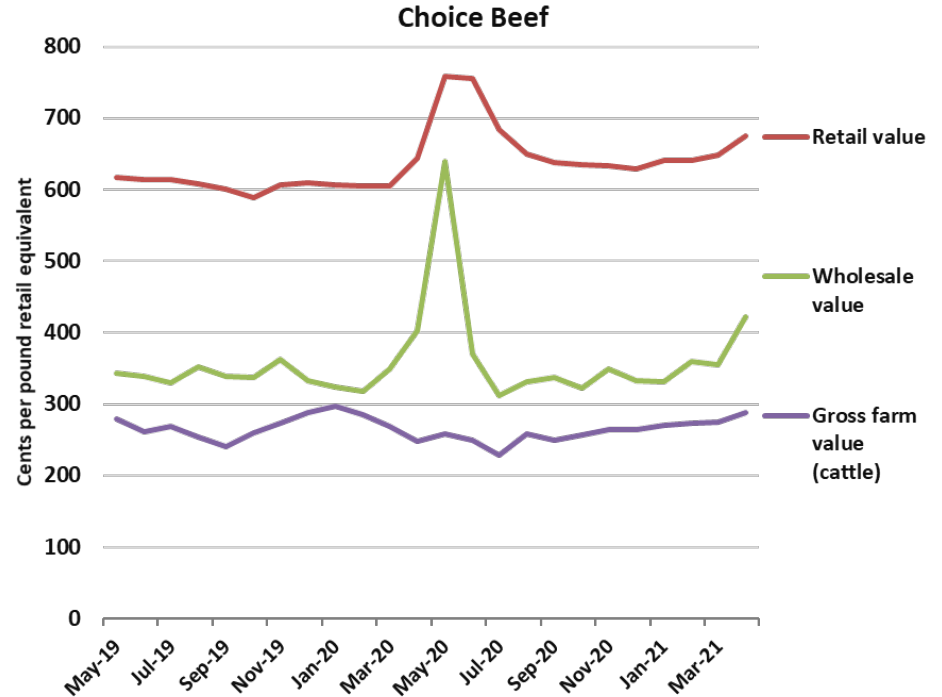
Shaded areas are forecasts. Source: IHS Markit May 2021.



Cattle prices languish



- Cattle producers are not enjoying as much of a price increase relative to wholesale or retail levels
- Packer margins moved to historically high levels in April
- Feeder prices and feed costs present challenges under current pricing outlook



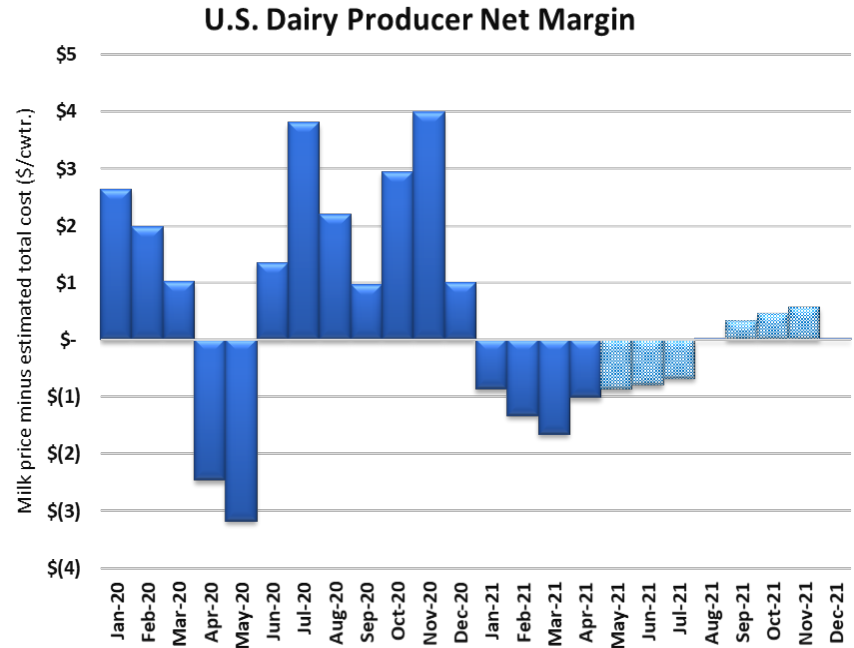
Source: USDA/ERS



Dairy demand is soaking up higher production



- Cheese and powder milk production is up
- Strong dairy exports
- Food service and domestic demand is ramping up
- Margins expected to improve
- Headwinds for fluid milk



Shaded areas are a forecast.

Source: IHS Markit.



Concluding comments

- U.S. economic rebound continues with stressed supply chains, tightening labor markets and upward pressure on prices.
- U.S. food system continues to adjust to demand shifts and supply disruptions in the post-pandemic environment.
 - Higher prices for many ag commodities
 - Higher costs for ag inputs
 - Not all outcomes are positive
- Price volatility and policy adjustments going forward.
- As always, weather here and abroad is critical.





Questions



Thank You!



Farm Credit System Condition and Performance

as of
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Topics

- ▶ System growth
- ▶ Portfolio credit quality
- ▶ Earnings
- ▶ Capital | Liquidity
- ▶ FIRS

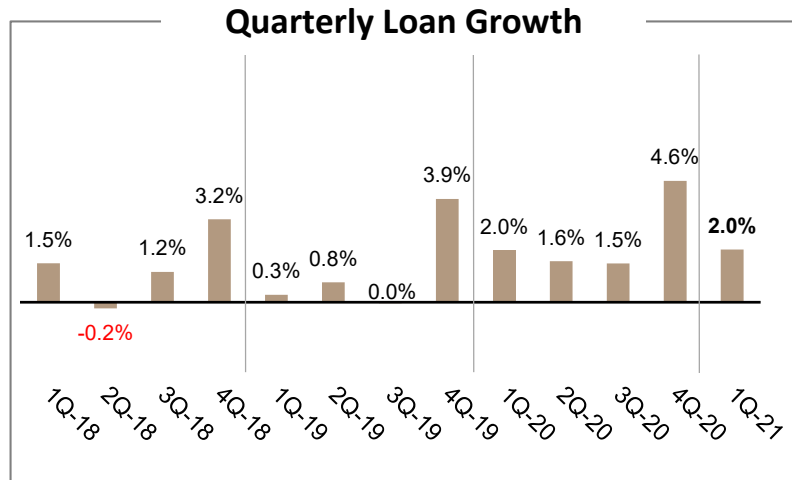




Real estate mortgage and agribusiness lending drive 1st quarter loan growth



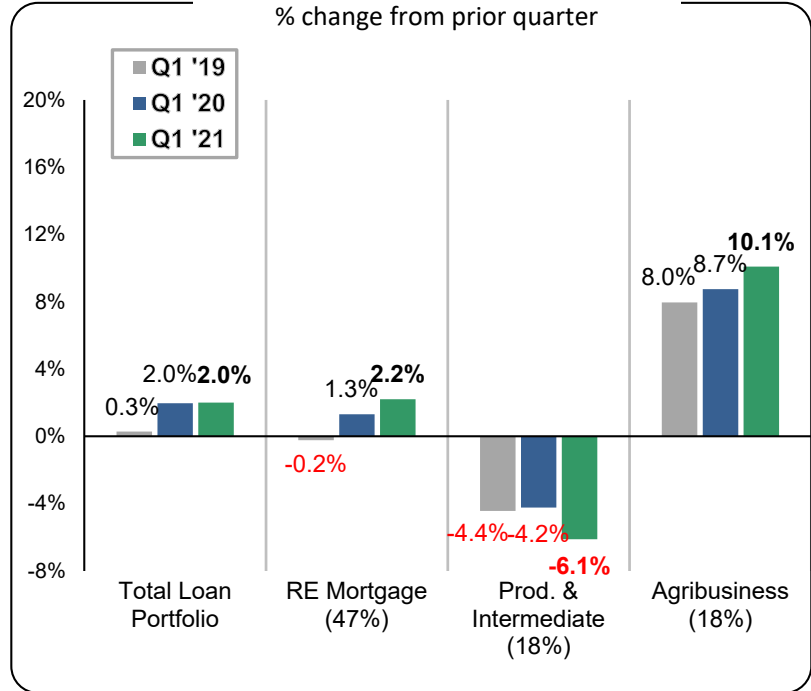
Total Assets 3/31/21	\$404.4	+0.9% Qtr	Gross Loans 3/31/21	\$321.8	+2.0% Qtr
	billion	+4.4% 12M		billion	+10.0% 12M



Source: FCS Information Statements

Loan Growth by Loan Type

% change from prior quarter



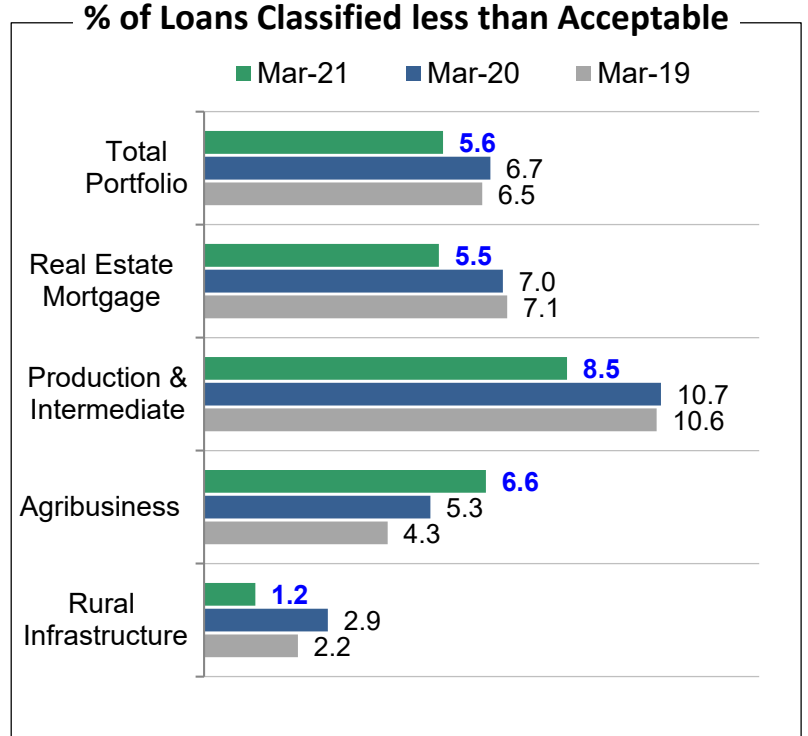


Portfolio loan quality is strong; little change in 1st quarter credit measures



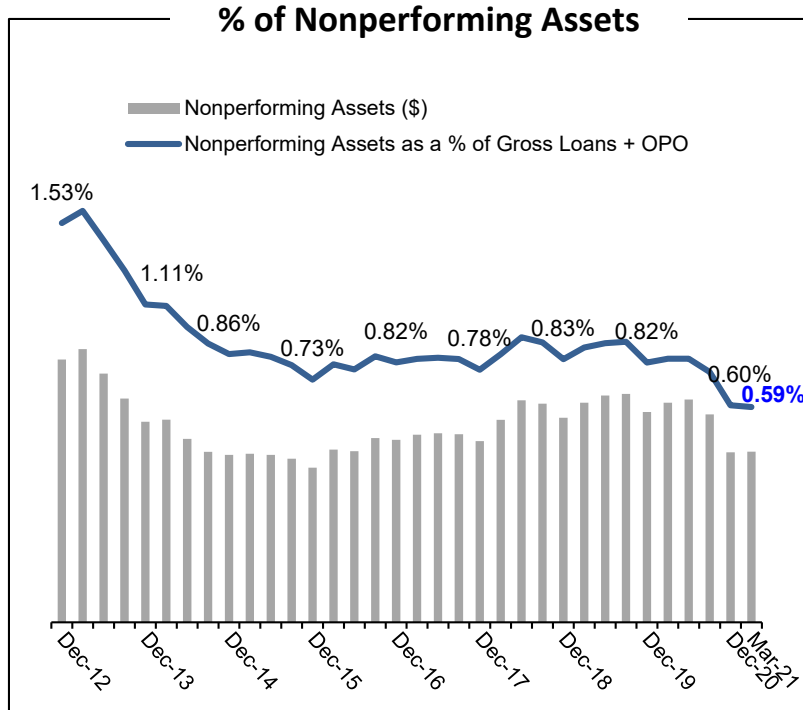
Nonperforming Assets (3/31/21)	\$1.905 billion	Qtr chg.	+\$8M or +0.4%
		12 month chg.	-\$546M or -22.3%
Delinquencies ⁽¹⁾ (3/31/21)	0.31%	Q4 '20	0.28%
		Q1 '20	0.46%

(1) accruing loans 30 days or more past due as a % of accruing loans



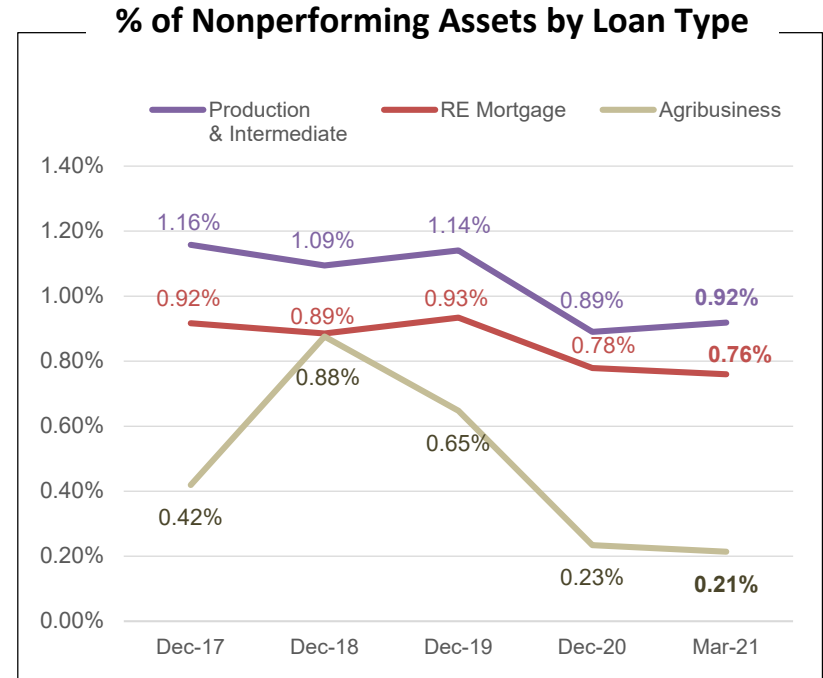


The percentage of nonperforming assets decreases to the lowest level in 15 years



OPO - Other Property Owned

Source: FCS Information Statements

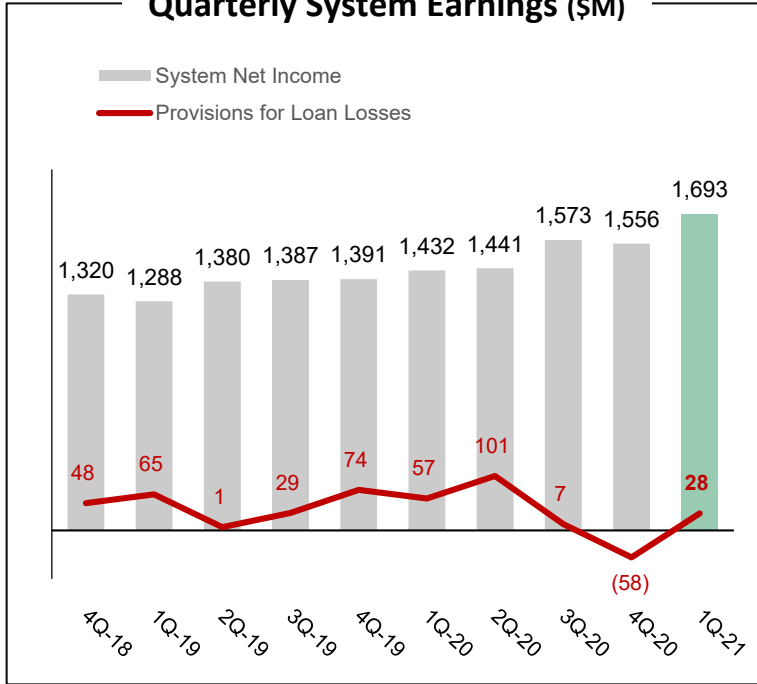




Strong 1st quarter financial results



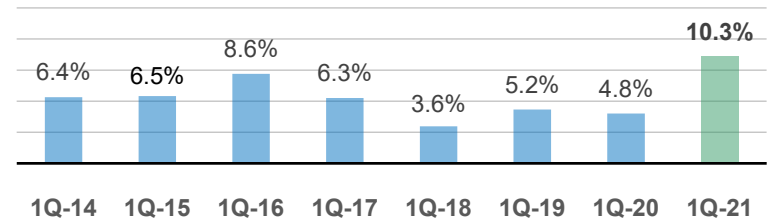
Quarterly System Earnings (\$M)



Source: FCS Information Statements

	Mar. '19	Mar. '20	Mar '21
Net Interest Spread (YTD annualized)	2.00%	2.16%	2.32%
Net Interest Margin (YTD annualized)	2.40%	2.47%	2.45%

% increase in Average Earning Assets (compared to the same period a year ago)





Continued capital growth; strong liquidity

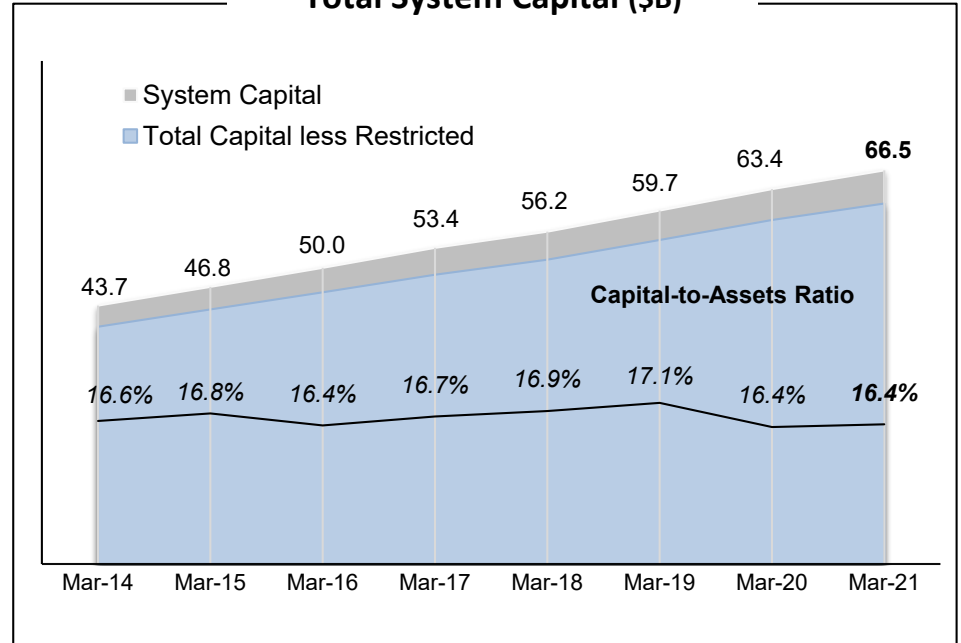
Capital and Liquidity

(as of March 31, 2021)

- ▶ Total Regulatory Capital:
Banks | 14.1% to 17.5%
Associations | 10.9% to 36.3%
- ▶ Days of liquidity for the four funding banks ranged from 169 to 211 days
- ▶ Capital and the allowance for loan losses as a % of loans outstanding ranged from 17.3% to 22.9% at a combined district level

Source: FCS Information Statements

Total System Capital (\$B)



Note: Restricted capital represents capital associated with the Insurance Fund.



System FIRS ratings

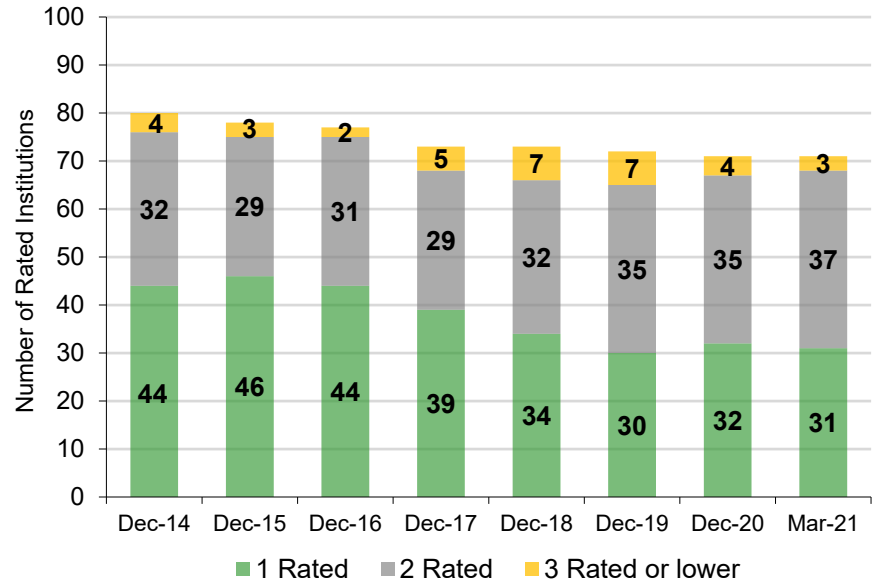


FIRS Ratings

(based on 3/31/21 financial reporting)

- ▶ Composite FIRS ratings were largely unchanged in the 1st quarter
- ▶ Over 95% of System banks and associations have a Composite FIRS rating of 1 or 2
- ▶ Institutions rated 3 or lower hold less than 1.0% of System assets

Composite FIRS Ratings Farm Credit System Banks and Associations



Source: FCA's FIRS ratings database



Summary and final points



- ▶ U.S. economic activity rebounds strongly, but supply chain issues and inflationary pressures bear watching.
- ▶ Grain and oilseed prices soar but rising feed costs have hurt livestock producers.
- ▶ Continuing drought in the West is a major concern.
- ▶ System loan quality is very good, but certain sectors and geographic regions face significant challenges.
- ▶ The Farm Credit System is safe and financially sound. System institutions are well-positioned to support the credit needs of agricultural producers and rural America.



Questions



THANK YOU