

Table 1: Rural Mainstreet Economy Last Two Months and One Year Ago: (index > 50 indicates expansion)

	March 2016	February 2017	March 2017
Area economic index	40.2	45.8	45.3
Loan volume	70.7	50.1	58.4
Checking deposits	53.3	68.1	56.0
Certificates of deposit and savings instruments	39.1	46.8	47.6
Farmland prices	22.8	33.7	33.0
Farm equipment sales	6.7	20.5	22.0
Home sales	55.8	57.8	56.2
Hiring	51.2	54.3	59.6
Retail business	35.6	45.8	41.5
Confidence index (area economy six months out)	30.1	45.7	47.5

Table 2: The Rural Mainstreet Economy, March 2017

	Percentage of bankers reporting				
	Not an Issue	Not a big Issue	An important Issue	A Major Issue	The top Issue
How big of an issue or problem are property taxes for farmers in your area?	9.5%	16.7%	42.9%	28.6%	2.3%
	Percentage of bankers reporting				
	Below \$100	\$100-\$199	\$200 - \$249	\$250-\$299	Over \$299
What is the average annual cash rent per acre for cropland (not pasture) in your area?	14.6%	14.7%	29.3%	36.6%	4.8%
	Percentage of bankers reporting				
	Defaults Unchanged	Defaults rise 1% - 9%	Defaults rise 10% - 20%	Defaults rise Over 20%	
Regarding farm loan defaults in your area over the NEXT 12 months, what do you expect?	29.3%	53.7%	14.6%	2.4%	

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