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| Table 1: Rural Mainstreet Economy Last 2 Months & One Year Ago: (index > 50 indicates expansion) | | | | |
|  | Mar-18 | Feb-19 | | Mar-19 |
| Area economic index | 54.7 | 50.2 | 52.9 | |
| Loan volume | 56.9 | 71.3 | 76.7 | |
| Checking deposits | 58.0 | 40.9 | 42.4 | |
| Certificates of deposit and savings instruments | 50.0 | 47.0 | 47.1 | |
| Farmland prices | 42.7 | 42.2 | 36.4 | |
| Farm equipment sales | 37.2 | 32.8 | 32.8 | |
| Home sales | 52.3 | 50.0 | 52.9 | |
| Hiring | 58.1 | 60.6 | 65.7 | |
| Retail business | 48.9 | 48.4 | 48.5 | |
| Confidence index (area economy six months out) | 58.0 | 48.5 | 45.7 | |

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| Table 2: The Rural Mainstreet Economy, March 2019 | | | | | | | |
|  | Percentage of bankers reporting | | | | | | |
|  | 1% - 4% | 5% - 9% | 10% - 14% | 15% - 24% | | | Over 25% |
| What percentage of grain farmers in your area are projecting negative cash flow for 2019? | 6.3% | 18.8% | 12.4% | 37.5% | | | 25% |
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|  | Percentage of bankers reporting | | | | | | |
|  | Not an issue | Not a big issue | Important issue | | Major issue | Top issue | |
| How big of an economic issue or problem are property taxes for farmers in your area? | 3.0% | 30.3% | 39.4% | | 27.3% | 0.0% | |
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|  | Percentage of bankers reporting | | | | | | |
|  | Little or no impact | Modest negative | Negative | | Significant negative | Catastrophic impact | |
| What has been, or will be, the impact of recent floods on your local economy | 47.5% | 19.1% | 9.5% | | 19.1% | 4.8% | |