

	Aug. '18	July-'19	Aug. '19
Area economic index	54.8	50.2	46.5
Loan volume	72.2	71.9	66.3
Checking deposits	36.0	51.5	52.5
Certificates of deposit and savings instruments	48.8	47.1	53.8
Farmland prices	44.7	45.6	46.3
Farm equipment sales	37.8	37.9	30.3
Home sales	63.1	67.6	57.7
Hiring	68.7	66.2	55.0
Retail business	53.5	47.1	45.0
Confidence index (area economy six months out)	46.5	51.5	40.0

Table 2: The Rural Mainstreet Economy, August 2019

	Percentage of bankers reporting			
	Cut tariffs	Continue current tariffs	Raise tariffs (put more pressure on China)	
Regarding tariffs on imported goods, farmers and others dependent on agriculture in your area think the Administration should:	28.2%	53.9%	18%	
	Percentage of bankers reporting			
	Defaults unchanged	Defaults up 1% to 9%	Defaults up 10% to 20%	Defaults up more than 20%
Regarding farm loan defaults in your area over the NEXT year, what do you expect?	45.0%	45.0%	7.5%	2.5%
	Percentage of bankers reporting			
	Positive impact	Little or no impact	A negative impact	A very negative impact
The recent trade skirmishes/war have had, or will have:	5%	20%	65%	10%