

Table 1: Rural Mainstreet Economy Last 2 Months & One Year Ago: (index > 50 indicates expansion)

	April 2024	March 2025	April 2025
Area Economic Index	45.8	41.1	40.0
Loan Volume	85.4	77.8	70.8
Checking Deposits	52.2	50.0	58.7
Certificates of Deposit and Savings Instruments	71.7	55.6	58.3
Farmland Prices	56.5	38.9	41.7
Farm Equipment Sales	47.7	20.8	17.4
Home Sales	34.8	42.6	45.8
Hiring	56.8	53.7	43.8
Retail Business	41.3	40.4	39.6
Confidence Index (area economy six months out)	37.5	30.4	36.0

Table 2: The Rural Mainstreet Economy, April 2025				
	Percentage of Bankers Reporting			
	Should Be More Severe	Are About Right	Should Be Pulled Back	
Regarding Trump’s imposition of tariffs on China, the tariffs:	0.0%	75%	25%	
	Percentage of Bankers Reporting			
	Fully Offset Farmer Losses	Partially Offset Farmer Losses	Provide Non-Monetary Assistance	Let Markets Allocate Resources to Farmers
The Chinese have retaliated against U.S. tariffs by raising tariffs on U.S. agriculture. The federal government should:	20.8%	37.5%	20.6%	21.1%
	Percentage of Bankers Reporting			
	Kept “as is”	Lengthened	Abolished with Tariffs Beginning Immediately	Returned to Jan. 1, 2025, Tariffs
The 90-day pause in higher tariffs for U.S. trading partners should be:	79.2%	4.0%	4.3%	12.5%