Table 1: Rural Mainstreet Economy Last 2 Months & One Year Ago: (index > 50 indicates expansion)						
	May 2022	April 2023	May 2023			
Area Economic Index	57.7	50.1	55.8			
Loan Volume	73.0	62.5	75.0			
Checking Deposits	54.0	25.0	22.0			
Certificates of Deposit and Savings Instruments	38.0	74.0	70.0			
Farmland Prices	72.0	64.6	56.3			
Farm Equipment Sales	66.9	54.3	50.2			
Home Sales	61.5	44.0	55.8			
Hiring	61.5	54.2	58.0			
Retail Business	50.0	41.7	56.0			
Confidence Index (area economy six months out)	40.4	38.0	38.5			

	Percentage of Bankers Reporting					
	It is behind us  15.4%			Banks will continue to suffer insolvencies  84.6%		
Which of the following best represents your expectations regarding the current banking crisis:						
	Percentage of Bankers Reporting					
	No change	+1% To +1.9%		+2.0% To +9.9%	+10.0% To +15%	
In your area, how much have average farmland prices (non-pasture) changed over the <b>PAST</b> 12 months:	23.0%	15.4%		53.9%	7.7%	
	Percentage of Bankers Reporting					
	-1.0% To -9.0%	No change	+1.0% To +1.9%	+2.0% To +9.9%	+10.0% To +15.0%	
In your area, how much do you expect average farmland prices (non-pasture) to change over the <b>NEXT</b> 12 months:	34.5%	38.5%	7.7%	15.4%	3.9%	

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