

	May 2025	April 2026	May 2026
Area Economic Index	44.0	47.9	45.7
Loan Volume	75.0	65.2	67.4
Checking Deposits	45.8	60.9	54.3
Certificates of Deposit and Savings Instruments	60.4	56.5	60.9
Farmland Prices	39.6	48.0	50.1
Farm Equipment Sales	23.9	26.1	18.2
Home Sales	47.9	45.8	47.8
Hiring	52.1	50.0	43.5
Retail Business	41.7	39.1	41.3
Confidence Index (area economy six months out)	30.0	39.1	34.8

	Percentage of Bankers Reporting			
	Higher Fuel Costs	Soaring Input Costs	Drought/Weather	Low Grain Prices
Regarding recent negative impacts on farms in your area, which of the following has had the greatest harmful effect on the farm economy:	8.7%	13.1%	21.7%	56.5%
	Lower Interest Rates by ¼%	Leave Interest Rates Unchanged	Raise Rates by ¼%	
What action should the Fed take at their next meeting on June 16-17?	12.9%	73.9%	13.2%	
	Improved Slightly	No Change	Worsened Slightly	Worsened Modestly
Farm financial conditions in your area for 2026 compared to 2025 have:	17.4%	34.8%	39.0%	8.8%

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