

—export credit insurance which protects exporters and lenders against both the commercial and political risks of a foreign buyer defaulting on payment;

—loan guarantees which encourage sales to creditworthy foreign buyers by providing private sector lenders in medium- and long-term transactions with Ex-Im Bank guarantees against the political and commercial risks of nonpayment; and

—direct loans made to provide foreign buyers with competitive, fixed-rate medium- or long-term financing from Ex-Im Bank for their purchases from U.S. exporters.

Ex-Im Bank initiated several changes to enhance its support to small business. It created a new position, Senior Vice President for Small Business, who reports directly to the Bank's President and Chairman. In addition, the Bank's regional offices are now dedicated exclusively to small business outreach and support. The Bank also established a Small Business Committee to coordinate, evaluate, and make recommendations on Bank functions necessary for a successful small business strategy.

Regional Offices

The Export-Import Bank operates five regional offices.

Regional Offices—Export-Import Bank

Region	Address	Telephone	Fax
Regional Offices			
New York	20 Exchange Pl., New York, NY 10005	212-809-2650	212-809-2646
Miami	Suite 203, 5835 Blue Lagoon Dr., Miami, FL 33126	305-526-7436	305-526-7435
Chicago	Suite 2450, 200 W. Adams St., Chicago, IL 60606	312-353-8081	312-353-8098
Houston	Suite 585, 1880 S. Dairy Ashford II, Houston, TX 77077 ...	281-721-0465	281-679-0156
Western Regional Offices			
Long Beach, CA	Suite 1670, 1 World Trade Ctr., Long Beach, CA 90831 ...	562-980-4580	562-980-4590
San Francisco, CA	14th Fl., 250 Montgomery St., San Francisco, CA 94104 ..	415-705-2285	415-705-1156
San Diego, CA	Suite 230, 6363 Greenwich Dr., San Diego, CA 92122	619-557-7091	619-557-6176

For further information, contact the Export-Import Bank, Business Development Office, 811 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20571. Phone, 202-565-3946 or 800-565-EXIM. Internet, www.exim.gov.

FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

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[For the Farm Credit Administration statement of organization, see the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Title 12, Parts 600 and 611]

The Farm Credit Administration is responsible for ensuring the safe and sound operation of the banks, associations, affiliated service organizations, and other entities that collectively comprise what is known as the Farm Credit System, and for protecting the interests of the public and those who borrow from Farm Credit institutions or invest in Farm Credit securities.

The Farm Credit Administration (FCA) was established as an independent financial regulatory agency in the executive branch of the Federal Government by Executive Order 6084 on March 27, 1933. The Administration carries out its responsibilities by conducting examinations of the various Farm Credit lending institutions, which are Farm Credit Banks, the Agricultural Credit Bank, Agricultural Credit Associations, and Federal Land Credit Associations. It also examines the service organizations owned by the Farm Credit lending institutions, as well as the National Consumer Cooperative Bank (also known as the National Cooperative Bank).

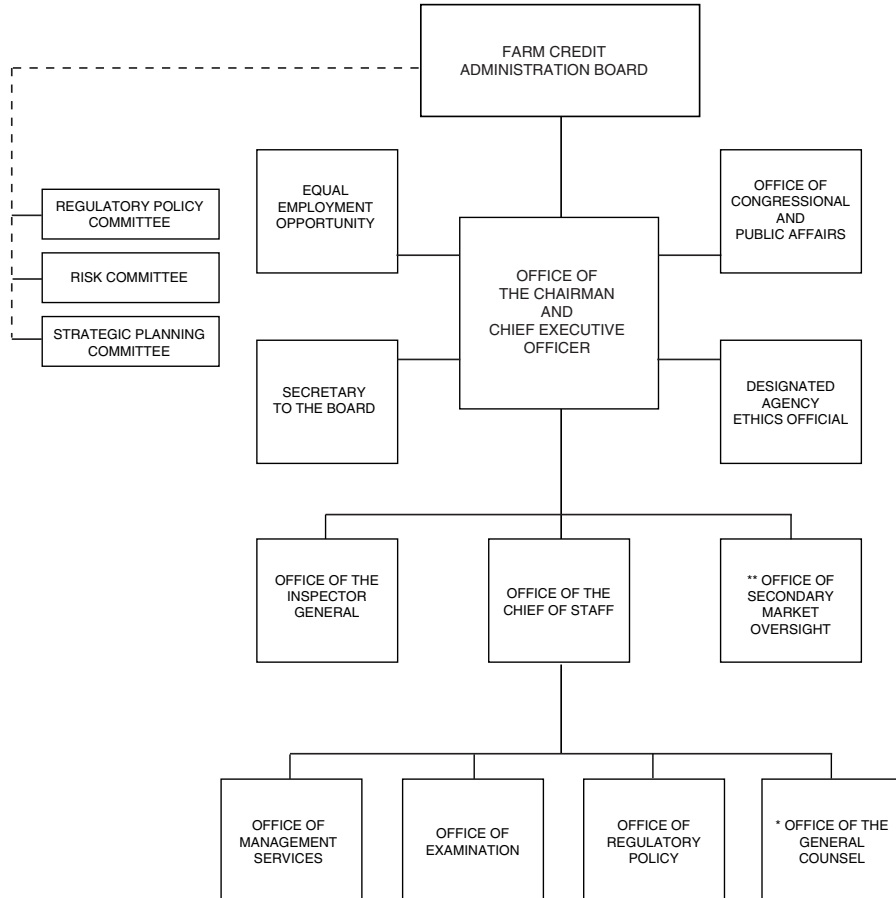
FCA policymaking is vested in the Farm Credit Administration Board, whose three full-time members are appointed to 6-year terms by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate. One member of the Board is designated by the President as Chairman and serves as the Administration's chief executive officer. The Board is responsible for approving rules and regulations, providing for the examination and regulation of and reporting by Farm Credit institutions, and establishing the policies under which the Administration operates. Board meetings are regularly held on the second Thursday of the month and are subject to the Government in the Sunshine Act. Public announcements of these meetings are published in the *Federal Register*.

The lending institutions of the Farm Credit System were established to provide adequate and dependable credit

and closely related services to farmers, ranchers, and producers or harvesters of aquatic products; persons engaged in providing on-the-farm services; rural homeowners; and associations of farmers, ranchers, and producers or harvesters of aquatic products, or federations of such associations that operate on a cooperative basis and are engaged in marketing, processing, supply, or business service functions for the benefit of their members. Initially capitalized by the United States Government, the Farm Credit lending institutions are organized as cooperatives and are completely owned by their borrowers. The loan funds provided to borrowers by these institutions are obtained primarily through the sale of securities to investors in the Nation's capital markets.

The Agricultural Credit Act of 1987, as amended (12 U.S.C. 2279aa-1), established the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation (commonly known as "Farmer Mac"). The Corporation, designated as part of the Farm Credit System, is a federally chartered instrumentality of the United States and promotes the development of a secondary market for agricultural real estate and rural housing loans. Farmer Mac also provides guarantees for the timely payment of principal and interest on securities, representing interests in or obligations backed by pools of agricultural real estate loans. The Administration is responsible for the examination and regulation of Farmer Mac to ensure the safety and soundness of its operations.

FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION



* Maintains a confidential advisory relationship with each of the Board members.
 ** Reports to the Board for policy and to the Chief Executive Officer for administration.

The Administration manages regulations under which Farm Credit institutions operate. These regulations implement the Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended (12 U.S.C. 2001), and have the force and effect of law. Similar to other Federal regulators of financial institutions, the Administration's authorities include the power to issue cease-and-desist orders, to levy civil monetary penalties, to remove officers and directors of Farm Credit institutions, and to establish financial and operating reporting requirements. Although it is prohibited from participation in routine management or operations of Farm Credit institutions, the Administration is authorized to become involved in these institutions' management and operations when the Farm Credit Act or its regulations have been violated, when taking an action to correct an unsafe or unsound practice, or when assuming a formal conservatorship over an institution.

The Administration does not operate on funds appropriated by Congress. Its income is derived from assessments collected from the institutions it regulates and examines. In addition to the headquarters office located in McLean, VA, the Administration maintains four field offices located in Aurora, CO; Bloomington, MN; Irving, TX; and Sacramento, CA.

Authority for the organization and activities of the institutions comprising the cooperative Farm Credit System which operate under the regulation of the Farm Credit Administration may be found in the Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended.

Sources of Information

Inquiries for information on the following subjects may be directed to the specified office, Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, VA 22102-5090.

Contracts and Procurement Inquiries regarding the Administration's procurement and contracting activities should be directed in writing to the Office of Management Services. Phone, 703-883-4135. TTY, 703-883-4444. Requests for proposals, invitations for bids, and requests for quotations are posted when open on the Administration's Web site at www.fca.gov.

Employment Inquiries regarding employment with the Administration should be directed to the Office of the Management Services. Phone, 703-883-4135. TTY, 703-883-4444. Vacancy announcements are posted on the Administration's Web site at www.fca.gov.

Freedom of Information Requests Requests for agency records must be submitted in writing, clearly labeled "FOIA Request" and addressed to the Office of the General Counsel. Phone, 703-883-4020 (voice and TTY). Requests may be submitted through the Internet at www.fca.gov.

Publications Publications and information on the Farm Credit Administration may be obtained by writing to the Office of Congressional and Public Affairs. They are also posted on the Farm Credit Administration's Web site at www.fca.gov. Phone, 703-883-4056 (voice and TTY). Fax, 703-790-3260. E-mail, info-line@fca.gov.

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