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Federal Reserve: Rise in Farm Real Estate Values Accelerates

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Lenders reported a mostly favorable outlook for agriculture in the District but cited the rise in input costs as a risk to the sector. Even with uncertainty around input costs, lenders expected favorable conditions in the economy to support farm finances and lead to further gains in farmland values in 2022.

The possibility of weaker agricultural income and higher interest rates in the economy remain as risks for farmland markets. Despite the risks, the agricultural sector appears to be well positioned for the year ahead, supported by strong balance sheets, high agricultural commodity prices and sharp gains in farmland values.

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Chart 3: Tenth District Average Interest Rates

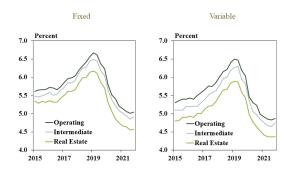


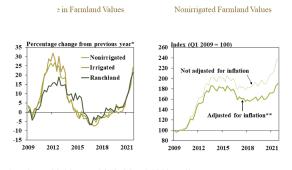
Chart 5: Tenth District Cash Rents



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Chart 4: Tenth District Farmland Values



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