ORDERLY MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND LIVESTOCK

To the Member Bank Addressed:

At a regular meeting held on Monday, September 8, our Board of Directors discussed at some length the matter of movement of crops to market in this district and expressed a desire to be helpful. It was felt that at this time it would be proper to again remind our member banks that the credit facilities of this institution are available for this seasonal purpose, and resolution was accordingly adopted directing the bank's officers to issue an appropriate circular on this subject, and give it prominence through the press.

The extension of credit to facilitate the orderly marketing of crops and livestock is a normal and proper function of a Federal reserve bank. This institution therefore now wishes to reiterate statements made in previous years that it stands ready and willing to render its services to its member banks in any legitimate and proper manner consistent with law and sound banking practices.

Notes, drafts and bills of exchange secured by warehouse receipts, shipping documents or other evidences of title to agricultural products; notes secured by chattel mortgage on cotton or grain stored on the maker's farm, properly covered by insurance and protected from the weather, and notes secured by chattel mortgage on livestock, are eligible for rediscount with the Federal reserve bank. It is, of course, understood that all paper offered must be acceptable from a credit standpoint, and unsecured paper is equally acceptable, where it possesses the inherent qualities of eligibility and credit acceptability.

It is believed that the majority of our member banks are already thoroughly familiar with our own requirements and those laid down in the law; however, it will be a pleasure to inform those who are not, and their inquiries are solicited accordingly.

The purpose of this circular is merely to emphasize our desire to cooperate to the fullest extent in making available the resources of this institution in any proper manner to permit the orderly marketing of crops and livestock.

Yours very truly,

Chairman of the Board