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FCS 8th District '87 Land Sales Are \$135.6 Million

ARM Credit System Capital Corporation (Capital Corporation) in Omaha reports \$35,371,645 in property sales involving 83,151 acres in Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming during the month of April at an average price of \$425.39 an acre. The Capital Corporation closed out the month with an additional \$59, 350,370 in pending sales involving 174,336 acres, or \$340.44 per acre.

During the first four months of 1987 (January 1 through April 30) the Capital Corporation efforts have

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EIGHTH FARM CREDIT DISTRICT YEAR-TO-DATE SALES—April 30, 1987

| | Number | Acres | Volume | Acre | |
|------------------------|--------|---------|---------------|----------|--|
| January | 113 | 28,214 | \$ 9,734,374 | 345.02 | |
| February | 116 | 14,783 | 7,797,145 | 527.44 | |
| March | 281 | 46,369 | 23,305,640 | 502.61 | |
| 1ST QTR | 510 | 89,366 | \$40,837,159 | 456.97 | |
| April | 415 | 83,151 | 35,371,645 | 425.39 | |
| Pending Sales TOTAL | 623 | 174,336 | 59,350,370 | 340.44 | |
| SALES YTD | 1,548 | 346,853 | \$135,559,174 | \$390.82 | |

IOWA SALES YEAR-TO-DATE—April 30, 1987

| | Number | Acres | Volume | Per Acre |
|--------------------|--------|---------|--------------|-------------|
| January | 86 | 9,296 | \$ 6,517,300 | 701.09 |
| February | 76 | 6,771 | 5,741,499 | 847.95 |
| March | 207 | 21,557 | 16,969,985 | 787.21 |
| April | 275 | 34,521 | 26,605,355 | 770.70 |
| Pending Sales | 396 | 58,675 | 39,350,688 | 670.66 |
| TOTAL YTD SALES | 1040 | 130.820 | \$95.184.827 | \$727.60 |

NEBRASKA SALES YEAR-TO-DATE—April 30, 1987

| | Number | Acres | Volume | Per Acre |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------------|-------------|
| January | 21 | 3,363 | \$ 1,417,250 | 421.42 |
| February | 10 | 2,033 | 823,677 | 405.15 |
| March | 39 | 6,517 | 2,830,175 | 434.28 |
| April | 51 | 19,372 | 4,952,497 | 255.65 |
| Total | 121 | 31,285 | 10,023,599 | 320.40 |
| Pending Sales TOTAL | 93 | 50,828 | 10,082,488 | 198.36 |
| YTD SALES | 214 | 82,113 | \$20,106,087 | \$244.86 |

SOUTH DAKOTA SALES YEAR-TO-DATE—April 30, 1987

| | Number | Acres | Volume | Per Acre |
|------------------------|--------|---------|--------------|-------------|
| January | 4 | 1,160 | \$ 190,000 | 163.79 |
| February | 26 | 5,879 | 1,167,638 | 198.61 |
| March | 31 | 12,228 | 1,564,655 | 127.96 |
| April | 56 | 28,938 | 3,483,793 | 120.39 |
| Pending Sales TOTAL | 125 | 59,960 | 8,929,794 | 148.93 |
| YTD SALES | 242 | 108,165 | \$15,335,880 | \$141.78 |

WYOMING SALES

YEAR-TO-DATE-April 30, 1987

| | | Number | Acres | V | olume | Per Acre | |
|--|------------------------|--------|-------|-----|----------|-------------|--|
| | January | 3 | 173 | \$ | 7,914 | 45.75 | |
| | February | 4 | 100 | | 70,064 | 700.64 | |
| | March | 4 | 3,067 | | 419,500 | 136.78 | |
| | April | 2 | 320 | | 330,000 | 1,031.25 | |
| | Pending Sales TÓTAL | 9 | 4,873 | _ | 987,400 | 202.63 | |
| | YTD SALES | 22 | 8,533 | \$1 | ,814,878 | \$ 212.69 | |



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resulted in the sale of 346,853 acres worth \$135,559, 174, an average of \$390.82 per acre. The aggressive marketing efforts have resulted in an average selling price of 102% of

appraised value.

The Farm Credit System Capital Corporation (Capital Corporation) is the national organization authorized by Congress to manage non-accrual loans, manage and sell acquired property, and to channel funds to financially stressed banks in the Farm Credit System.

"We originally anticipated sales activity would slacken in April after the federal farm program sign-up deadlines had passed in March, and as spring field work got underway; this has not materialized. Sales activity remains brisk," said Don Korkow, Capital Corporation vice president-acquired property.

"The rate of property coming into inventory is lower than expected. Last year's excellent crops and government farm programs have pumped a lot of money into agriculture. And, I suspect the significant restructuring efforts of the Omaha District have kept more farmers on their farm," Mr. Korkow added.

In Iowa, Eastern Nebraska and Eastern South Dakota, higher quality crop lands have sold exceptionally well. Some areas have reported a five to eight percent increase in selling prices. This is expected to have a "cost-tail" effect on marginal properties.

In the Western part of the District (Western Nebraska, Western South Dakota, and Wyoming), larger ranch properties sales are

starting to pick up. Livestock economics are extremely favorable right now. However, field personnel report that some prospective buyers continue to concentrate on return on investment; but are looking at money market rates for comparable return on investment, rather than historical rates of return for the type of land and production.

Most sales of Farm Credit System acquired property are being sold to people within local communities or people who have had a connection to it. Seventy-two percent of buyers buy for farming purposes; twenty-four percent of buyers buy for investment purposes (including farmers, retired farmers, local business people and investors) and four percent of sales are rural home purchases. Seventy-six percent are cash purchases, including cash generated by loans.

Acquired properties represent assets of the stockholders of the member-owned Farm Credit System. Proceeds from the sale of property are used to retire debts and obligations of the member institutions and reduce operating expenses.

Regional listings of properties for sale in the four-state district (Wyoming, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Iowa) are available by calling a toll-free telephone number 1-800-367-9780 (in Nebraska 1-800-422-5568). Similar listings are available in Farm Credit Services offices and through the Capital Corporation office in each region.



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Nebraska News

LB 335, which would close the annuity/life insurance contract loophole, passed the Nebraska legislature by a vote of 35 to 9. An earlier ballot fell two votes short of attaching the Emergency Clause, which means the bill will not become effective for 90 days. LB 335 will prevent those filing bankruptcy from retaining their assets by converting them into annuities and life insurance.

The regional interstate banking bill has been set aside by Nebraska legislators until they reconvene next January. According to Don Adams, v.p. for legislative affairs at FirsTier Financial, it wasn't certain that there were enough votes to pass the bill, so supporters opted to table it and try to build support. Meanwhile, the Nebraska Bankers Association, which opposes the bill, will continue to examine its position and consult with bankers over the summer.

LINCOLN: Orrin A. Wilson has been elected president and chief operating officer of FirsTier Bank

Lincoln. As president, he succeeds William C. Smith, who has assumed the title of chairman and CEO of FirsTier Lincoln. In addition, Mr. Smith continues as president and CEO of FirsTier Bank Omaha and FirsTier Financial. Inc., the holding company for the banks. Prior to this executive change, Mr. Wilson had been senior executive vice president of FirsTier Bank Lincoln, a position he held since joining the bank in 1980 after working for Northern Trust Company of Chicago for 18 years, the last four there as vice president in correspondent banking.

New directors elected to the Firs-Tier Bank Lincoln board include Larry Frazier, president and CEO. Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Nebraska; John Haessler, president and CEO, Woodmen Accident & Life Company, and Gates Minnick, president, DuTeau Chevro-

Minnesota News

MINNEAPOLIS: Levor "Bud" Garnaas has been promoted to senior vice president of the metropolitan division of First Bank System. He most recently served as vice president, government trading and sales division, capital markets. Meanwhile, FBS has promoted Lars P. Lidberg to senior vice president, capital markets. His previous position was as vice president, international money markets, capital mar-

MINNEAPOLIS: William H. Queenan, former president of Norwest Bank Bloomington and Norwest Bank MetroSouth, has been named chief credit officer of Norwest Corceeds Richard D. Schneider, who has 1965 respectively.

left the company to pursue outside interests. Mr. Schneider had been with Norwest since 1964.

Illinois News

The Independent Community Banks in Illinois will sponsor its School for Community Bankers in August at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington. The First Year school will be August 24-28 and the Second Year school will be August 22-26. Enrollment fees include registration, tuition, housing, meals, materials and social events. They are First Year-\$600, Second Year-\$650 for member bankers; First Year-\$1200, Second Year-\$1300 for nonmembers. For more information contact Barbara Blough, ICBI, 300 W. Edwards, Springfield, IL 62704.

CHICAGO: Cole Taylor Bank/ Drovers has announced Daniel S. Bleil has been named vice president, corporate banking. He has served as an assistant vice president since 1985.

Wisconsin News

LANCASTER: At Union Bank & Trust of Lancaster, Will Johnson has been named president and trust officer, and Pat Friar, who is vice president and security officer, holds the additional position of cashier.

North Dakota News

FARGO: At First Bank Fargo, Pamela Anderson has been appointed vice president and account executive, and Charles A. Ostlund has been appointed v.p. and financial services group manager. The poration's banking group. He suc- two joined the bank in 1986 and

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