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| SURVEY OF TERMS OF BANK LENDING MADE DURING FEBRUARY 4-8,1991 | FEDERAL RESERVE BANK | March 28, 199 |
| Loans to farmers | OF PHILADELPHIA |  |



## NOTES

The Survey of Terms of Bank Lending to Farmers collects data on gross loan extensions made during the first full business week in the mid-month of each quarter by a sample of 250 banks of all sizes. The sample data are blown up to estimate the lending terms at all insured agricultural banks during that week. The estimated terms of bank lending are not intended for use in collecting the terms of loans extended over the entire quarter or residing in the portfolios of those banks. Loans of less than $\$ 1,000$ are excluded from the survey. Beginning with the August 1986 survey, loans that were secured by farm real estate were included in the survey. Also beginning in August of 1986, one purpose of a loan could be "purchase or improve farm real estate". In previous surveys, the purpose of such loans was reported as "other".

1. Average maturities are weighted by loan size and exclude demand loans.
2. Effective (compounded) annual interest rates are calculated from the stated rate and other terms of the loans and weighted by loan size.
3. The chances are about two out of three that the average rate shown would differ by less than this amount from the average rate that would be found by a complete survey of lending at all banks.
4. The interquartile range shows the interest rate range that encompasses the middle 50 percent of the total dollar amount of loans made.
5. Among banks reporting loans to farmers, most "large banks" (survey strata 1 and 2) had more than $\$ 20$ million of farm loans, most "other banks" (survey strata 3 to 5 ) had less than $\$ 20$ million of farm loans.
