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(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM TO

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER: 001-35388

PROSPERITY BANCSHARES, INC.®

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

TEXAS 74-2331986
(State or other jurisdiction (I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

Prosperity Bank Plaza

4295 San Felipe

Houston, Texas 77027

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(713) 693-9300

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "accelerated filer", "large accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act:

Large Accelerated Filer

Accelerated Filer

Non-accelerated Filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller Reporting Company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

As of November 4, 2015, there were 70,030,090 outstanding shares of the registrant's Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share.

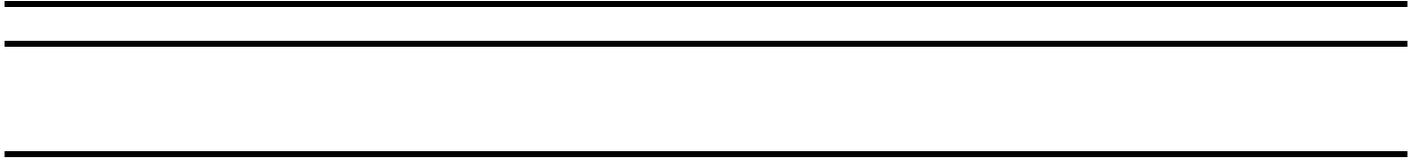


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	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(Dollars in thousands, except par value)	
ASSETS		
Cash and due from banks	\$300,230	\$677,285
Federal funds sold	996	569
Total cash and cash equivalents	301,226	677,854
Available for sale securities, at fair value	110,855	145,399
Held to maturity securities, at cost (fair value of \$9,494,664 and \$8,948,692, respectively)	9,419,906	8,900,377
Total securities	9,530,761	9,045,776
Loans held for sale	12,564	8,602
Loans held for investment	9,192,424	9,235,581
Total loans	9,204,988	9,244,183
Less: allowance for credit losses	(81,003)	(80,762)
Loans, net	9,123,985	9,163,421
Accrued interest receivable	48,719	51,941
Goodwill	1,881,955	1,874,191
Core deposit intangibles, net	51,712	58,947
Bank premises and equipment, net	271,650	281,549
Other real estate owned	3,271	3,237
Bank owned life insurance (BOLI)	234,046	230,095
Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas stock	61,843	15,432
Other assets	58,068	105,290
TOTAL ASSETS	\$21,567,236	\$21,507,733

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY**LIABILITIES:**

Deposits:

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Noninterest-bearing	\$5,093,175	\$4,936,420
Interest-bearing	11,846,762	12,756,738
Total deposits	16,939,937	17,693,158
Other borrowings	786,571	8,724
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	310,038	315,523
Junior subordinated debentures	-	167,531
Accrued interest payable	2,002	3,190
Other liabilities	117,449	74,781
Total liabilities	18,155,997	18,262,907
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES	-	-
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:		
Preferred stock, \$1 par value; 20,000,000 shares authorized; none issued or outstanding	-	-
Common stock, \$1 par value; 200,000,000 shares authorized; 70,077,578 and 69,816,653 shares issued at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively; 70,040,490 and 69,779,565 shares outstanding at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively	70,078	69,817
Capital surplus	2,033,737	2,025,235
Retained earnings	1,305,569	1,146,652
Accumulated other comprehensive income—net unrealized gain on available for sale securities, net of tax of \$1,326 and \$2,008, respectively	2,462	3,729
Less treasury stock, at cost, 37,088 shares	(607)	(607)
Total shareholders' equity	3,411,239	3,244,826
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$21,567,236	\$21,507,733

See notes to interim consolidated financial statements.

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	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015 2014		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 2014	
	(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)			
INTEREST INCOME:				
Loans, including fees	\$ 116,911	\$ 140,521	\$ 361,193	\$ 386,320
Securities	48,610	46,910	145,702	141,636
Federal funds sold	22	35	234	261
Total interest income	165,543	187,466	507,129	528,217
INTEREST EXPENSE:				
Deposits	8,753	10,240	27,499	30,545
Other borrowings	473	225	967	572
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	209	245	620	736
Junior subordinated debentures	-	1,099	791	2,961
Total interest expense	9,435	11,809	29,877	34,814
NET INTEREST INCOME	156,108	175,657	477,252	493,403
PROVISION FOR CREDIT LOSSES	5,310	5,000	7,060	11,925
NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER PROVISION FOR CREDIT LOSSES	150,798	170,657	470,192	481,478
NONINTEREST INCOME:				
Nonsufficient funds (NSF) fees	9,082	9,734	25,310	27,703
Credit card, debit card and ATM card income	5,955	5,921	17,596	17,103
Service charges on deposit accounts	4,438	4,255	12,806	12,189
Trust income	1,986	2,099	6,042	5,943
Mortgage income	1,770	1,414	4,431	3,215
Brokerage income	1,596	1,743	4,546	4,413
Net gain on sale of assets	173	23	1,822	4,634
Other	6,780	5,002	17,945	16,252
Total noninterest income	31,780	30,191	90,498	91,452
NONINTEREST EXPENSE:				
Salaries and employee benefits	46,587	52,179	144,372	149,713
Net occupancy and equipment	6,088	6,801	17,864	18,136
Credit and debit card, data processing and software amortization	3,924	4,044	11,786	11,237

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Regulatory assessments and FDIC insurance	3,366	4,051	11,973	10,663
Core deposit intangibles amortization	2,356	2,598	7,235	7,273
Depreciation	3,313	3,516	9,649	10,239
Communications	2,663	2,960	8,307	8,616
Other real estate expense	123	72	384	656
Other	8,010	9,319	24,057	27,393
Total noninterest expense	76,430	85,540	235,627	243,926
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	106,148	115,308	325,063	329,004
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	35,550	38,738	108,892	109,791
NET INCOME	\$70,598	\$76,570	\$216,171	\$219,213
EARNINGS PER SHARE:				
Basic	\$1.01	\$1.10	\$3.09	\$3.20
Diluted	\$1.01	\$1.10	\$3.09	\$3.19

See notes to interim consolidated financial statements.

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	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Net income	\$70,598	\$76,570	\$216,171	\$219,213
Other comprehensive loss, before tax:				
Securities available for sale:				
Change in unrealized gain during period	(867)	(951)	(1,949)	(1,757)
Total other comprehensive loss	(867)	(951)	(1,949)	(1,757)
Deferred tax benefit related to other comprehensive loss	303	333	682	615
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax	(564)	(618)	(1,267)	(1,142)
Comprehensive income	\$70,034	\$75,952	\$214,904	\$218,071

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	Common Stock Shares	Common Stock Amount	Capital Surplus	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Treasury Stock	Total Shareholders' Equity
(In thousands, except share and per share data)							
BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2013	66,085,179	\$ 66,085	\$ 1,798,862	\$ 917,595	\$ 4,883	\$ (607)	\$ 2,786,818
Net income				219,213			219,213
Other comprehensive loss					(1,142)		(1,142)
Common stock issued in connection with the exercise of stock options and restricted stock awards	410,134	410	2,925				3,335
Common stock issued in connection with the acquisition of F&M Bancorporation Inc.	3,298,022	3,298	214,866				218,164
Stock based compensation expense			5,933				5,933
Cash dividends declared, \$0.7200 per share				(49,371)			(49,371)
BALANCE AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2014	69,793,335	\$ 69,793	\$ 2,022,586	\$ 1,087,437	\$ 3,741	\$ (607)	\$ 3,182,950
BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2014	69,816,653	\$ 69,817	\$ 2,025,235	\$ 1,146,652	\$ 3,729	\$ (607)	\$ 3,244,826
Net income				216,171			216,171
Other comprehensive loss					(1,267)		(1,267)
Common stock issued in connection with the exercise of stock options and restricted stock awards	260,925	261	(38)				223
Stock based compensation expense			8,540				8,540
Cash dividends declared, \$0.8175 per share				(57,254)			(57,254)
	70,077,578	\$ 70,078	\$ 2,033,737	\$ 1,305,569	\$ 2,462	\$ (607)	\$ 3,411,239

BALANCE AT
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	Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,	
	2015	2014
	(Dollars in thousands)	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net income	\$216,171	\$219,213
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and core deposit intangibles amortization	16,884	17,512
Provision for credit losses	7,060	11,925
Net amortization of premium on investments	44,456	38,647
Gain on sale of other real estate	(86)	(1,315)
Gain on sale of assets	(1,822)	(4,634)
Net accretion of discount on loans	(44,283)	(67,285)
Net accretion of discount on deposits	(860)	(113)
Gain on sale of loans	(4,267)	(3,096)
Proceeds from sale of loans held for sale	185,319	140,611
Originations of loans held for sale	(185,014)	(143,829)
Stock based compensation expense	8,540	5,933
Increase in accrued interest receivable and other assets	(1,388)	(11,110)
Increase in accrued interest payable and other liabilities	38,413	77,571
Net cash provided by operating activities	279,123	280,030
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Proceeds from maturities and principal paydowns of held to maturity securities	1,261,788	3,521,830
Purchase of held to maturity securities	(1,825,802)	(4,152,203)
Proceeds from maturities and principal paydowns of available for sale securities	4,642,623	3,140,424
Purchase of available for sale securities	(4,609,999)	(3,099,998)
Net decrease in loans held for investment	78,211	75,213
Purchase of bank premises and equipment	(7,959)	(8,864)
Proceeds from sale of bank premises, equipment and other real estate	9,948	22,239
Net cash and cash equivalents acquired in the purchase of F&M Bancorporation Inc.	—	487,599
Net cash used in investing activities	(451,190)	(13,760)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Net increase in noninterest-bearing deposits	156,755	208,924
Net decrease in interest-bearing deposits	(909,116)	(752,091)
Net proceeds from other short-term borrowings	780,000	280,000
Repayments of other long-term borrowings	(2,153)	(717)
Net decrease in securities sold under repurchase agreements	(5,485)	(6,304)

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Redemption of junior subordinated debentures	(167,531)	-
Proceeds from stock option exercises	223	3,335
Payments of cash dividends	(57,254)	(49,371)
Net cash used in financing activities	(204,561)	(316,224)
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(376,628)	(49,954)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	677,854	381,390
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD	\$301,226	\$331,436
NONCASH ACTIVITIES:		
Stock issued in connection with the F&M Bancorporation Inc. acquisition	\$-	\$218,164
Acquisition of real estate through foreclosure of collateral	2,079	5,900
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:		
Income taxes paid	\$73,274	\$77,995
Interest paid	35,069	34,719

See notes to interim consolidated financial statements.

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The interim consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Prosperity Bancshares, Inc.® (“Bancshares”) and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Prosperity Bank® (the “Bank”, collectively referred to as the “Company”). All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated.

The accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) for interim financial information and with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, the statements reflect all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Company on a consolidated basis, and all such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature. These financial statements and the notes thereto should be read in conjunction with the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014. Operating results for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2015 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2015 or any other period.

2. INCOME PER COMMON SHARE

Outstanding stock options issued by the Company represent the only dilutive effect reflected in diluted weighted average shares. The following table illustrates the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share:

Three Months Ended September 30,		Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
Per	Per	Per	Per	Per	Per	Per	Per
Share	Share	Share	Share	Share	Share	Share	Share
Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount

	(Amounts in thousands, except per share data)							
Net income	\$70,598		\$76,570		\$216,171		\$219,213	
Basic:								
Weighted average shares outstanding	70,041	\$ 1.01	69,751	\$ 1.10	70,037	\$ 3.09	68,548	\$ 3.20
Diluted:								
Add incremental shares for:								
Effect of dilutive securities - options	12		40		17		66	
Total	70,053	\$ 1.01	69,791	\$ 1.10	70,054	\$ 3.09	68,614	\$ 3.19

There were no stock options exercisable during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 or 2014 that would have had an anti-dilutive effect on the above computation.

3. NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

Accounting Standards Updates (“ASU”)

ASU 2015-16, “*Business Combinations (Topic 805) – Simplifying the Accounting for Measurement-Period Adjustments.*” ASU 2015-16 requires that an acquirer recognize adjustments to provisional amounts that are identified during the measurement period in the reporting period in which the adjustment amounts are determined. The acquirer must record, in the same period’s financial statements, the effect on earnings of changes in depreciation, amortization, or other income effects, if any, as a result of the change to the provisional amounts, calculated as if the accounting had been completed at the acquisition date. Additionally, the entity is required to present separately on the face of the income statement or disclose in the notes the portion of the amount recorded in current-period earnings by line item that would have been recorded in previous reporting periods if the adjustment to the provisional amounts had been recognized as of the acquisition date. ASU 2015-16 is effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2016, though early adoption is permitted. ASU 2015-16 is not expected to have a significant impact on the Company’s financial statements.

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ASU 2015-01, "Income Statement - Extraordinary and Unusual Items (Subtopic 225-20) – Simplifying Income Statement Presentation by Eliminating the Concept of Extraordinary Items." ASU 2015-01 eliminates from U.S. GAAP the concept of extraordinary items, which, among other things, required an entity to segregate extraordinary items considered to be unusual and infrequent from the results of ordinary operations and show the item separately in the income statement, net of tax, after income from continuing operations. ASU 2015-01 is effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2016, though early adoption is permitted. ASU 2015-01 is not expected to have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

ASU 2014-12 "Compensation-Stock Compensation (Topic 718) - Accounting for Share-Based Payments When the Terms of an Award Provide That a Performance Target Could Be Achieved after the Requisite Service Period." ASU 2014-12 requires that a performance target that affects vesting and that could be achieved after the requisite service period be treated as a performance condition. The performance target should not be reflected in estimating the grant-date fair value of the award. Compensation cost should be recognized in the period in which it becomes probable that the performance target will be achieved and should represent the compensation cost attributable to the period(s) for which the requisite service has already been rendered. If the performance target becomes probable of being achieved before the end of the requisite service period, the remaining unrecognized compensation cost should be recognized prospectively over the remaining requisite service period. The total amount of compensation cost recognized during and after the requisite service period should reflect the number of awards that are expected to vest and should be adjusted to reflect those awards that ultimately vest. The requisite service period ends when the employee can cease rendering service and still be eligible to vest in the award if the performance target is achieved. ASU 2014-12 is effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2016 and is not expected to have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

ASU 2014-11 "Transfers and Servicing (Topic 860) - Repurchase-to-Maturity Transactions, Repurchase Financings, and Disclosure." ASU 2014-11 changes the accounting for repurchase-to-maturity transactions to secured borrowing accounting. It also requires separate accounting for a transfer of a financial asset executed contemporaneously with a repurchase agreement with the same counterparty, which will result in secured borrowing accounting and disclosure for the repurchase agreement. ASU 2014-11 became effective for the Company on January 1, 2015 and did not have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

ASU 2014-09 “Revenue from Contract with Customers (Topic 606).” ASU 2014-09 supersedes the revenue recognition requirements in Revenue Recognition (Topic 605), and most industry-specific guidance throughout the Industry Topics of the Codification. Additionally, ASU 2014-09 supersedes some cost guidance included in Revenue Recognition—Construction-Type and Production-Type Contracts (Subtopic 605-35). In addition, the existing requirements for the recognition of a gain or loss on the transfer of nonfinancial assets that are not in a contract with a customer are amended to be consistent with the guidance on recognition and measurement. The core principle of ASU 2014-09 is that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. ASU 2014-09 is effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2018, with retrospective application to each prior reporting period presented. The Company is currently evaluating the requirements of ASU 2014-09, but it is not expected to have a significant impact on the Company’s financial statements.

ASU 2014-04 “Receivables—Troubled Debt Restructurings by Creditors (Subtopic 310-40) — Reclassification of Residential Real Estate Collateralized Consumer Mortgage Loans upon Foreclosure.” ASU 2014-04 intends to reduce diversity by clarifying when an in substance repossession or foreclosure occurs, that is, when a creditor should be considered to have received physical possession of residential real estate property collateralizing a consumer mortgage loan such that the loan receivable should be derecognized and the real estate property recognized. ASU 2014-04 became effective for the Company on January 1, 2015 and did not have a significant impact on the Company’s financial statements.

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The amortized cost and fair value of investment securities were as follows:

	September 30, 2015			
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Available for Sale				
States and political subdivisions	\$5,939	\$ 40	\$ -	\$5,979
Collateralized mortgage obligations	27,721	78	(11)	) 27,788
Mortgage-backed securities	60,818	3,564	(16)	) 64,366
Other securities	12,588	181	(47)	) 12,722
Total	\$107,066	\$ 3,863	\$ (74)	) \$110,855
Held to Maturity				
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. Government agencies	\$50,982	\$ 1,259	\$ -	\$52,241
States and political subdivisions	366,076	6,571	(854)	) 371,793
Collateralized mortgage obligations	4,093	32	(2)	) 4,123
Mortgage-backed securities	8,998,755	116,314	(48,562)	) 9,066,507
Total	\$9,419,906	\$ 124,176	\$ (49,418)	) \$9,494,664
	December 31, 2014			
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Available for Sale				
States and political subdivisions	\$14,402	\$ 183	\$ -	\$14,585
Collateralized mortgage obligations	33,519	91	(37)) 33,573

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Mortgage-backed securities	79,153	5,344	(14)	84,483
Other securities	12,588	201	(31)	12,758
Total	\$ 139,662	\$ 5,819	\$ (82	)	\$ 145,399

Held to Maturity

U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. Government agencies	\$ 52,353	\$ 360	\$ (74	)	\$ 52,639
States and political subdivisions	404,356	6,147	(1,422	)	409,081
Collateralized mortgage obligations	19,585	215	(8	)	19,792
Mortgage-backed securities	8,424,083	96,650	(53,553)	8,467,180
Total	\$ 8,900,377	\$ 103,372	\$ (55,057)	\$ 8,948,692

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Management evaluates securities for other-than-temporary impairment (“OTTI”) at least on a quarterly basis, and more frequently when economic or market conditions warrant such an evaluation. The investment securities portfolio is evaluated for OTTI by segregating the portfolio into two general segments and applying the appropriate OTTI analysis. Investment securities classified as available for sale or held to maturity are evaluated for OTTI under Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”): Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) Topic 320, *“Investments-Debt and Equity Securities.”*

In determining OTTI, management considers many factors, including: (1) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than cost, (2) the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, (3) whether the market decline was affected by macroeconomic conditions, and (4) whether the entity has the intent to sell the debt security or more likely than not will be required to sell the debt security before its anticipated recovery. The assessment of whether an other-than-temporary decline exists involves a high degree of subjectivity and judgment and is based on the information available to management at a point in time.

When OTTI occurs, the amount of the other-than-temporary impairment recognized in earnings depends on whether an entity intends to sell the security or more likely than not will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis less any current-period credit loss. If an entity intends to sell or more likely than not will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis less any current-period credit loss, the OTTI shall be recognized in earnings equal to the entire difference between the investment’s amortized cost basis and its fair value at the balance sheet date. If an entity does not intend to sell the security and it is not more likely than not that the entity will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis less any current-period loss, the OTTI shall be separated into the amount representing the credit-related portion of the impairment loss (“credit loss”) and the noncredit portion of the impairment loss (“noncredit portion”). The amount of the total OTTI related to the credit loss is determined based on the difference between the present value of cash flows expected to be collected and the amortized cost basis and such difference is recognized in earnings. The amount of the total OTTI related to the noncredit portion is recognized in other comprehensive income, net of applicable taxes. The previous amortized cost basis less the OTTI recognized in earnings shall become the new amortized cost basis of the investment.

As of September 30, 2015, management does not have the intent to sell any of its investment securities and believes that it is more likely than not that the Company will not have to sell any such securities before a recovery of cost. The unrealized losses are largely due to increases in market interest rates over the yields available at the time the

underlying securities were purchased. The fair value is expected to recover as the securities approach their maturity date or repricing date or if market yields for such investments decline. Management does not believe any of the securities are impaired due to reasons of credit quality. Accordingly, as of September 30, 2015, management believes any impairment in the Company's securities is temporary and no impairment loss has been realized in the Company's consolidated statements of income.

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Securities with unrealized losses, segregated by length of time, that have been in a continuous loss position were as follows:

	September 30, 2015					
	Less than 12 Months		More than 12 Months		Total	
	Estimated	Unrealized	Estimated	Unrealized	Estimated	Unrealized
	Fair Value	Losses	Fair Value	Losses	Fair Value	Losses
	(Dollars in thousands)					
Available for Sale						
Collateralized mortgage obligations	\$ 308	\$ (4)	\$ 4,937	\$ (7)	\$ 5,245	\$ (11)
Mortgage-backed securities	982	(4)	2,586	(12)	3,568	(16)
Other securities	-	-	1,689	(47)	1,689	(47)
Total	\$ 1,290	\$ (8)	\$ 9,212	\$ (66)	\$ 10,502	\$ (74)
Held to Maturity						
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. Government agencies	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -
States and political subdivisions	14,440	(102)	45,514	(752)	59,954	(854)
Collateralized mortgage obligations	-	-	109	(2)	109	(2)
Mortgage-backed securities	1,702,410	(14,624)	1,731,754	(33,938)	3,434,164	(48,562)
Total	\$ 1,717,350	\$ (14,726)	\$ 1,777,377	\$ (34,692)	\$ 3,494,727	\$ (49,418)
December 31, 2014						
	Less than 12 Months		More than 12 Months		Total	
	Estimated	Unrealized	Estimated	Unrealized	Estimated	Unrealized
	Fair Value	Losses	Fair Value	Losses	Fair Value	Losses
	(Dollars in thousands)					
Available for Sale						
Collateralized mortgage obligations	\$ 6,675	\$ (36)	\$ 45	\$ (1)	\$ 6,720	\$ (37)
Mortgage-backed securities	358	-	2,837	(14)	3,195	(14)
Other securities	1,706	(31)	-	-	1,706	(31)
Total	\$ 8,739	\$ (67)	\$ 2,882	\$ (15)	\$ 11,621	\$ (82)

Held to Maturity

U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. Government agencies	\$17,098	\$ (74)	\$-	\$ -	\$17,098	\$ (74)
States and political subdivisions	45,680	(425)	44,760	(997)	90,440	(1,422)
Collateralized mortgage obligations	670	(5)	322	(3)	992	(8)
Mortgage-backed securities	1,149,380	(2,600)	2,349,143	(50,953)	3,498,523	(53,553)
Total	\$1,212,828	\$ (3,104)	\$2,394,225	\$ (51,953)	\$3,607,053	\$ (55,057)

At September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, there were 472 securities and 501 securities, respectively, in an unrealized loss position for more than 12 months.

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The amortized cost and fair value of investment securities at September 30, 2015, by contractual maturity, are shown below. Actual maturities will differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations at any time with or without call or prepayment penalties.

	Held to Maturity		Available for Sale	
	Amortized	Fair	Amortized	Fair
	Cost	Value	Cost	Value
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Due in one year or less	\$34,896	\$34,984	\$12,588	\$12,722
Due after one year through five years	179,932	182,259	3,289	3,308
Due after five years through ten years	150,563	154,621	2,650	2,671
Due after ten years	51,667	52,170	-	-
Subtotal	417,058	424,034	18,527	18,701
Mortgage-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations	9,002,848	9,070,630	88,539	92,154
Total	\$9,419,906	\$9,494,664	\$107,066	\$110,855

The Company recorded no gain or loss on sale of securities for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014. As of September 30, 2015, the Company did not own any non-agency collateralized mortgage obligations.

At September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Company did not own securities of any one issuer (other than the U.S. government and its agencies) for which aggregate adjusted cost exceeded 10% of the consolidated shareholders' equity at such respective dates.

Securities with an amortized cost of \$5.02 billion and \$5.08 billion and a fair value of \$5.06 billion and \$5.10 billion at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, were pledged to collateralize public deposits and for other purposes required or permitted by law.

5. LOANS AND ALLOWANCE FOR CREDIT LOSSES

The loan portfolio consists of various types of loans made principally to borrowers located within the states of Texas and Oklahoma and is categorized by major type as follows:

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Residential mortgage loans held for sale	\$12,564	\$8,602
Commercial and industrial	1,648,832	1,806,267
Real estate:		
Construction, land development and other land loans	1,072,985	1,026,475
1-4 family residential (including home equity)	2,584,021	2,513,579
Commercial real estate (including multi-family residential)	2,992,726	3,030,340
Farmland	420,366	361,943
Agriculture	198,197	189,703
Consumer and other	275,297	307,274
Total loans held for investment	9,192,424	9,235,581
Total	\$9,204,988	\$9,244,183

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(i) Commercial and Industrial Loans. In nearly all cases, the Company's commercial loans are made in the Company's market areas and are underwritten on the basis of the borrower's ability to service the debt from income. As a general practice, the Company takes as collateral a lien on any available real estate, equipment or other assets owned by the borrower and obtains a personal guaranty of the borrower or principal. Working capital loans are primarily collateralized by short-term assets whereas term loans are primarily collateralized by long-term assets. In general, commercial loans involve more credit risk than residential mortgage loans and commercial mortgage loans and, therefore, usually yield a higher return. The increased risk in commercial loans is due to the type of collateral securing these loans as well as the expectation that commercial loans generally will be serviced principally from the operations of the business, and those operations may not be successful. Historical trends have shown these types of loans to have higher delinquencies than mortgage loans. As a result of these additional complexities, variables and risks, commercial loans require thorough underwriting and more active servicing than other types of loans.

(ii) Commercial Real Estate. The Company makes commercial real estate loans collateralized by owner-occupied and nonowner-occupied real estate to finance the purchase of real estate. The Company's commercial real estate loans are collateralized by first liens on real estate, typically have variable interest rates (or five year or less fixed rates) and amortize over a 15- to 20-year period. Payments on loans secured by nonowner-occupied properties are often dependent on the successful operation or management of the properties. Accordingly, repayment of these loans may be subject to adverse conditions in the real estate market or the economy to a greater extent than other types of loans. The Company seeks to minimize these risks in a variety of ways, including giving careful consideration to the property's operating history, future operating projections, current and projected occupancy, location and physical condition in connection with underwriting these loans. The underwriting analysis also includes credit verification, analysis of global cash flow, appraisals and a review of the financial condition of the borrower. At September 30, 2015, approximately 47.8% of the outstanding principal balance of the Company's commercial real estate loans were secured by owner-occupied properties.

(iii) 1-4 Family Residential Loans. The Company's lending activities also include the origination of 1-4 family residential mortgage loans (including home equity loans) collateralized by owner-occupied residential properties located in the Company's market areas. The Company offers a variety of mortgage loan portfolio products which generally are amortized over five to 25 years. Loans collateralized by 1-4 family residential real estate generally have been originated in amounts of no more than 89% of appraised value or have mortgage insurance. The Company requires mortgage title insurance and hazard insurance. The Company retains these portfolio loans for its own account rather than selling them into the secondary market. By doing so, the Company incurs interest rate risk as well as the risks associated with nonpayments on such loans. The Company's Home Loan Center offers a variety of mortgage loan

products which are generally amortized over 30 years, including FHA and VA loans. The Company sells the loans originated by the Home Loan Center into the secondary market.

(iv) Construction, Land Development and Other Land Loans. The Company makes loans to finance the construction of residential and, to a lesser extent, nonresidential properties. Construction loans generally are collateralized by first liens on real estate and have floating interest rates. The Company conducts periodic inspections, either directly or through an agent, prior to approval of periodic draws on these loans. Underwriting guidelines similar to those described above are also used in the Company's construction lending activities. Construction loans involve additional risks attributable to the fact that loan funds are advanced upon the security of a project under construction, and the project is of uncertain value prior to its completion. Because of uncertainties inherent in estimating construction costs, the market value of the completed project and the effects of governmental regulation on real property, it can be difficult to accurately evaluate the total funds required to complete a project and the related loan to value ratio. As a result of these uncertainties, construction lending often involves the disbursement of substantial funds with repayment dependent, in part, on the success of the ultimate project rather than the ability of a borrower or guarantor to repay the loan. If the Company is forced to foreclose on a project prior to completion, there is no assurance that the Company will be able to recover all of the unpaid portion of the loan. In addition, the Company may be required to fund additional amounts to complete a project and may have to hold the property for an indeterminate period of time. While the Company has underwriting procedures designed to identify what it believes to be acceptable levels of risks in construction lending, no assurance can be given that these procedures will prevent losses from the risks described above.

(v) Agriculture Loans. The Company provides agriculture loans for short-term crop production, including rice, cotton, milo and corn, farm equipment financing and agriculture real estate financing. The Company evaluates agriculture borrowers primarily based on their historical profitability, level of experience in their particular agriculture industry, overall financial capacity and the availability of secondary collateral to withstand economic and natural variations common to the industry. Because agriculture loans present a higher level of risk associated with events caused by nature, the Company routinely makes on-site visits and inspections in order to identify and monitor such risks.

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(vi) Consumer Loans. Consumer loans made by the Company include direct “A”-credit automobile loans, recreational vehicle loans, boat loans, home improvement loans, personal loans (collateralized and uncollateralized), credit cards and deposit account collateralized loans. The terms of these loans typically range from 12 to 180 months and vary based upon the nature of collateral and size of loan. Generally, consumer loans entail greater risk than do real estate secured loans, particularly in the case of consumer loans that are unsecured or collateralized by rapidly depreciating assets such as automobiles. In such cases, any repossessed collateral for a defaulted consumer loan may not provide an adequate source of repayment for the outstanding loan balance. The remaining deficiency often does not warrant further substantial collection efforts against the borrower beyond obtaining a deficiency judgment. In addition, consumer loan collections are dependent on the borrower’s continuing financial stability, and thus are more likely to be adversely affected by job loss, divorce, illness or personal bankruptcy. Furthermore, the application of various federal and state laws may limit the amount which can be recovered on such loans.

The Company maintains an independent loan review department that reviews and validates the credit risk program on a periodic basis. Results of these reviews are presented to management. The loan review process complements and reinforces the risk identification and assessment decisions made by lenders and credit personnel, as well as the Company’s policies and procedures.

Concentrations of Credit. Most of the Company’s lending activity occurs within the states of Texas and Oklahoma. The majority of the Company’s loan portfolio consists of commercial real estate, 1-4 family residential loans, and commercial and industrial loans. As of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, there were no concentrations of loans related to any single industry in excess of 10% of total loans.

Foreign Loans. The Company has U.S. dollar-denominated loans and commitments to borrowers in Mexico. The outstanding balance of these loans and the unfunded amounts available under these commitments was not significant at September 30, 2015 or December 31, 2014.

Related Party Loans. As of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, loans outstanding to directors, officers and their affiliates totaled \$4.3 million and \$4.9 million, respectively. All transactions entered into between the Company and such related parties are done in the ordinary course of business and made on the same terms and conditions as

similar transactions with unaffiliated persons.

An analysis of activity with respect to these related party loans is as follows:

	September	December
	30,	31,
	2015	2014
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Beginning balance on January 1	\$4,940	\$ 6,187
New loans	206	4,913
Repayments and reclassified related loans	(853)	(6,160)
Ending balance	\$4,293	\$ 4,940

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Nonperforming Assets and Nonaccrual and Past Due Loans. The Company has several procedures in place to assist it in maintaining the overall quality of its loan portfolio. The Company has established underwriting guidelines to be followed by its officers and the Company also monitors its delinquency levels for any negative or adverse trends. There can be no assurance, however, that the Company's loan portfolio will not become subject to increasing pressures from deteriorating borrower credit due to general economic conditions.

The Company generally places a loan on nonaccrual status and ceases accruing interest when the payment of principal or interest is delinquent for 90 days, or earlier in some cases, unless the loan is in the process of collection and the underlying collateral fully supports the carrying value of the loan.

The Company requires appraisals on loans collateralized by real estate. With respect to potential problem loans, an evaluation of the borrower's overall financial condition is made to determine the need, if any, for possible writedowns or appropriate additions to the allowance for credit losses.

An aging analysis of past due loans, segregated by category of loan, is presented below:

	September 30, 2015					
	Loans Past Due and Still					
	Accruing					
	30-89	90 or	Total	Nonaccrual	Current	Total
	Days	More	Past	Loans	Loans	Loans
		Days	Due			
			Loans			
	(Dollars in thousands)					
Construction, land development and other land loans other land loans	\$387	\$-	\$387	\$ 215	\$1,072,383	\$1,072,985
Agriculture and agriculture real estate (includes farmland)	2,606	-	2,606	376	615,581	618,563

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1-4 family (includes home equity) (1)	3,578	-	3,578	2,447	2,590,560	2,596,585
Commercial real estate (includes multi-family residential)	5,821	21	5,842	15,799	2,971,085	2,992,726
Commercial and industrial	9,237	240	9,477	25,828	1,613,527	1,648,832
Consumer and other	306	-	306	270	274,721	275,297
Total	\$21,935	\$ 261	\$22,196	\$ 44,935	\$9,137,857	\$9,204,988

December 31, 2014
Loans Past Due and Still
Accruing

	30-89 Days	90 or More Days	Total Past Due Loans	Nonaccrual Loans	Current Loans	Total Loans
(Dollars in thousands)						
Construction, land development and other land loans	\$7,667	\$-	\$7,667	\$ 526	\$1,018,282	\$1,026,475
Agriculture and agriculture real estate (includes farmland)	2,995	377	3,372	96	548,178	551,646
1-4 family (includes home equity) (1)	2,261	82	2,343	3,570	2,516,268	2,522,181
Commercial real estate (includes multi-family residential)	12,679	65	12,744	6,340	3,011,256	3,030,340
Commercial and industrial	18,305	869	19,174	20,537	1,766,556	1,806,267
Consumer and other	612	800	1,412	353	305,509	307,274
Total	\$44,519	\$2,193	\$46,712	\$ 31,422	\$9,166,049	\$9,244,183

(1) Includes \$12.6 million and \$8.6 million of residential mortgage loans held for sale at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively.

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The following table presents information regarding nonperforming assets as of the dates indicated:

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014		
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Nonaccrual loans (1)	\$44,935	\$ 31,422		
Accruing loans 90 or more days past due	261	2,193		
Total nonperforming loans	45,196	33,615		
Reposessed assets	161	67		
Other real estate	3,271	3,237		
Total nonperforming assets	\$48,628	\$ 36,919		
Nonperforming assets to total loans and other real estate	0.53	%	0.40	%

(1) Includes troubled debt restructurings of \$607 thousand and \$911 thousand as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively.

The Company had \$48.6 million in nonperforming assets at September 30, 2015 compared with \$36.9 million at December 31, 2014, of which \$25.8 million and \$30.7 million, respectively, were originated by acquired banks. This increase was primarily due to one commercial real estate participation loan for \$11.9 million that was initiated by an acquired bank and moved to nonaccrual during the third quarter of 2015. Nonperforming assets were 0.53% of total loans and other real estate at September 30, 2015 compared with 0.40% of total loans and other real estate at December 31, 2014. These low nonperforming assets to total loans and other real estate ratios are reflective of the Company's conservative lending approach.

If interest on nonaccrual loans had been accrued under the original loan terms, approximately \$2.8 million and \$1.4 million would have been recorded as income for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Acquired Loans. Acquired loans were preliminarily recorded at fair value based on a discounted cash flow valuation methodology that considers, among other things, interest rates, projected default rates, loss given default, and recovery rates (no allowance for credit losses was carried over from acquisitions completed during 2014 or 2013). During the valuation process, the Company identified Purchased Credit-Impaired (“PCI”) and Non-PCI loans in the acquired loan portfolios. Loans acquired with evidence of credit quality deterioration at acquisition for which it was probable that the Company would not be able to collect all contractual amounts due were accounted for as PCI. PCI loan identification considers the following factors: payment history and past due status, debt service coverage, loan grading, collateral values and other factors that may indicate deterioration of credit quality since origination. Non-PCI loan identification considers the following factors: account types, remaining terms, annual interest rates or coupons, current market rates, interest types, past delinquencies, timing of principal and interest payments, loan to value ratios, loss exposures and remaining balances. Accretion of purchased discounts on PCI loans will be based on estimated future cash flows, regardless of contractual maturities. Accretion of purchased discounts on Non-PCI loans will be recognized on a level-yield basis based on contractual maturity of individual loans.

PCI Loans. The carrying amount of PCI loans included in the consolidated balance sheet and the related outstanding balance as of the dates indicated are presented in the table below. The outstanding balance represents the total amount owed as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, including accrued but unpaid interest.

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(Dollars in thousands)	
PCI loans:		
Outstanding balance	\$83,272	\$ 129,412
Less: discount	41,814	72,270
Recorded investment	\$41,458	\$ 57,142

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Changes in the accretable yield for acquired PCI loans as of the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 were as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Balance at beginning of period	\$6,351	\$14,689	\$9,867	\$9,855
Additions	-	-	-	7,158
Reclassifications from nonaccretable	3,940	7,168	12,572	13,203
Accretion	(3,974)	(9,336)	(16,122)	(17,695)
Balance at September 30	\$6,317	\$12,521	\$6,317	\$12,521

Income recognition on PCI loans is subject to the Company's ability to reasonably estimate both the timing and amount of future cash flows. PCI loans for which the Company is accruing interest income are not considered non-performing or impaired. The non-accretable difference represents contractual principal and interest the Company does not expect to collect.

Non-PCI Loans. The carrying amount of Non-PCI loans included in the consolidated balance sheet and the related outstanding balance as of the dates indicated are presented in the table below. The outstanding balance represents the total amount owed as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, including accrued but unpaid interest.

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(Dollars in thousands)	

Non-PCI loans:

Outstanding balance	\$1,560,730	\$2,186,111
Less: discount	60,819	89,105
Recorded investment	\$1,499,911	\$2,097,006

Changes in the discount accretion for Non-PCI loans for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 were as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Balance at beginning of period	\$67,895	\$123,327	\$89,105	\$87,798
Additions	-	-	-	66,059
Accretion charge-offs	(16)	(9)	(125)	(71)
Accretion	(7,060)	(19,122)	(28,161)	(49,590)
Balance at September 30	\$60,819	\$104,196	\$60,819	\$104,196

Impaired Loans. Loans are considered impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable the Company will be unable to collect all amounts due in accordance with the original contractual terms of the loan agreement, including scheduled principal and interest payments. Impairment is evaluated in total for smaller-balance loans of a similar nature and on an individual loan basis for other loans. If a loan is impaired, a specific valuation allowance is allocated, if necessary, so that the loan is reported net, at the present value of estimated future cash flows using the loan's existing rate or at the fair value of collateral if repayment is expected solely from the collateral. Interest payments on impaired loans are typically applied to principal unless collectability of the principal amount is reasonably assured, in which case interest is recognized on a cash basis. Impaired loans, or portions thereof, are charged off when deemed uncollectible.

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Impaired loans are set forth in the following tables. No interest income was recognized on impaired loans subsequent to their classification as impaired. The average recorded investment presented in the tables below is reported on a year-to-date basis.

	September 30, 2015			
	Unpaid Contractual Principal			Average
	Recorded	Principal	Related	Recorded
	Investment	Balance	Allowance	Investment
	(Dollars in thousands)			
With no related allowance recorded:				
Construction, land development and other land loans	\$241	\$ 550	\$ -	\$ 245
Agriculture and agriculture real estate (includes farmland)	38	41	-	19
1-4 family (includes home equity)	1,626	1,779	-	1,668
Commercial real estate (includes multi-family residential)	15,081	15,170	-	10,087
Commercial and industrial	3,547	3,821	-	6,516
Consumer and other	78	153	-	4,111
Total	20,611	21,514	-	22,646
With an allowance recorded:				
Construction, land development and other land loans	8	12	2	142
Agriculture and agriculture real estate (includes farmland)	310	318	123	178
1-4 family (includes home equity)	282	301	111	854
Commercial real estate (includes multi-family residential)	542	2,137	292	302
Commercial and industrial	16,933	21,671	6,550	9,694
Consumer and other	186	220	43	210
Total	18,261	24,659	7,121	11,380
Total:				
Construction, land development and other land loans	249	562	2	387
Agriculture and agriculture real estate (includes farmland)	348	359	123	197
1-4 family (includes home equity)	1,908	2,080	111	2,522
Commercial real estate (includes multi-family residential)	15,623	17,307	292	10,389
Commercial and industrial	20,480	25,492	6,550	16,210

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Consumer and other	264	373	43	4,321
	\$38,872	\$ 46,173	\$ 7,121	\$ 34,026

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	December 31, 2014			
	Unpaid Contractual			Average
	Recorded	Principal	Related	Recorded
	Investment	Balance	Allowance	Investment
	(Dollars in thousands)			
With no related allowance recorded:				
Construction, land development and other land loans	\$250	\$ 256	\$ -	\$ 264
Agriculture and agriculture real estate (includes farmland)	-	-	-	7
1-4 family (includes home equity)	1,710	1,831	-	1,147
Commercial real estate (includes multi-family residential)	5,093	5,126	-	3,792
Commercial and industrial	9,485	9,678	-	4,794
Consumer and other	8,144	8,161	-	4,080
Total	24,682	25,052	-	14,084
With an allowance recorded:				
Construction, land development and other land loans	276	276	225	138
Agriculture and agriculture real estate (includes farmland)	46	55	24	34
1-4 family (includes home equity)	1,426	1,473	418	1,973
Commercial real estate (includes multi-family residential)	62	63	24	838
Commercial and industrial	2,454	4,182	1,597	1,783
Consumer and other	234	251	205	164
Total	4,498	6,300	2,493	4,930
Total:				
Construction, land development and other land loans	526	532	225	402
Agriculture and agriculture real estate (includes farmland)	46	55	24	41
1-4 family (includes home equity)	3,136	3,304	418	3,120
Commercial real estate (includes multi-family residential)	5,155	5,189	24	4,630
Commercial and industrial	11,939	13,860	1,597	6,577
Consumer and other	8,378	8,412	205	4,244
	\$29,180	\$ 31,352	\$ 2,493	\$ 19,014

Credit Quality Indicators. As part of the ongoing monitoring of the credit quality of the Company's loan portfolio and methodology for calculating the allowance for credit losses, management assigns and tracks loan grades to be used as credit quality indicators. The following is a general description of the loan grades used:

Grade 1 – Credits in this category have risk potential that is virtually nonexistent. These loans may be secured by insured certificates of deposit, insured savings accounts, U.S. Government securities and highly rated municipal bonds.

Grade 2 – Credits in this category are of the highest quality. These borrowers represent top rated companies and individuals with unquestionable financial standing with excellent global cash flow coverage, net worth, liquidity and collateral coverage.

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Grade 3 – Credits in this category are not immune from risk but are well protected by the collateral and paying capacity of the borrower. These loans may exhibit a minor unfavorable credit factor, but the overall credit is sufficiently strong to minimize the possibility of loss.

Grade 4 – Credits in this category are considered to be of acceptable credit quality with moderately greater credit risk than Grade 3 and receiving closer monitoring. Loans in this category have sources of repayment that remain sufficient to preclude a larger than normal probability of default and secondary sources are likewise currently of sufficient quantity, quality, and liquidity to protect the Company against loss of principal and interest. These borrowers have specific risk factors, but the overall strength of the credit is acceptable based on other mitigating credit and/or collateral factors and can repay the debt in the normal course of business.

Grade 5 – Credits in this category constitute an undue and unwarranted credit risk; however, the factors do not rise to a level of substandard. These credits have potential weaknesses and/or declining trends that, if not corrected, could expose the Bank to risk at a future date. These loans are monitored on the Bank’s internally-generated watch list and evaluated on a quarterly basis.

Grade 6 – Credits in this category are considered “substandard” but “non-impaired” loans in accordance with regulatory guidelines. Loans in this category have well-defined weakness that, if not corrected, could make default of principal and interest possible. Loans in this category are still accruing interest and may be dependent upon secondary sources of repayment and/or collateral liquidation.

Grade 7 – Credits in this category are deemed “substandard” and “impaired” pursuant to regulatory guidelines. As such, the Bank has determined that it is probable that less than 100% of the contractual principal and interest will be collected. These loans are individually evaluated for a specific reserve and will typically have the accrual of interest stopped.

Grade 8 – Credits in this category include “doubtful” loans in accordance with regulatory guidance. Such loans are no longer accruing interest and factors indicate a loss is imminent. These loans are also deemed “impaired.” While a specific reserve may be in place while the loan and collateral is being evaluated, these loans are typically charged down to an amount the Bank estimates is collectible.

Grade 9 – Credits in this category are deemed a “loss” in accordance with regulatory guidelines and have been charged off or charged down. The Bank may continue collection efforts and may have partial recovery in the future.

The following table presents risk grades and PCI loans by category of loan at September 30, 2015. Impaired loans include loans in risk grades 7, 8 and 9, as well as any PCI loan that has a specific reserve allocated to it.

	Construction, Land Development and Other Land	Agriculture and Agriculture Real Estate (includes Farmland)	1-4 Family (includes Home Equity) (1)	Commercial Real Estate (includes Multi-Family Residential)	Commercial land Industrial	Consumer and Other	Total
	(Dollars in thousands)						
Grade 1	\$41	\$ 13,264	\$-	\$ 1,231	\$ 57,621	\$ 44,550	\$ 116,707
Grade 2	17,757	5,802	27,812	27,757	24,916	34,297	138,341
Grade 3	1,034,170	543,734	2,509,373	2,749,352	1,323,437	186,126	8,346,192
Grade 4	15,598	47,903	41,459	137,641	115,925	2,861	361,387
Grade 5	2,837	3,514	3,161	16,278	62,971	7,168	95,929
Grade 6	1,290	3,522	7,256	26,806	27,621	31	66,526
Grade 7	249	348	1,848	15,623	16,266	264	34,598
Grade 8	-	-	60	-	3,790	-	3,850
Grade 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PCI Loans (2)	1,043	476	5,616	18,038	16,285	-	41,458
Total	\$ 1,072,985	\$ 618,563	\$ 2,596,585	\$ 2,992,726	\$ 1,648,832	\$ 275,297	\$ 9,204,988

(1) Includes \$12.6 million of residential mortgage loans held for sale at September 30, 2015.

(2) Of the total PCI loans, \$19.4 million were classified as substandard at September 30, 2015 which includes \$424 thousand with specific reserves allocated to them.

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The following table presents risk grades and PCI loans by category of loan at December 31, 2014. Impaired loans include loans in risk grades 7, 8 and 9.

	Construction Land Development and Other Land Loans (Dollars in thousands)	Agriculture and Agriculture Real Estate (includes Farmland)	1-4 Family (includes Home Equity) (1)	Commercial Real Estate (includes Multi-Family Residential)	Commercial and Industrial	Consumer and Other	Total
Grade 1	\$-	\$ 13,507	\$-	\$ -	\$ 61,697	\$ 41,240	\$ 116,444
Grade 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grade 3	1,022,002	528,400	2,503,679	2,965,455	1,698,558	257,588	8,975,682
Grade 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grade 5	497	4,265	1,174	10,424	3,266	18	19,644
Grade 6	2,308	4,921	8,266	25,839	4,707	50	46,091
Grade 7	526	46	3,136	5,155	11,834	8,378	29,075
Grade 8	-	-	-	-	105	-	105
Grade 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PCI Loans (2)	1,142	507	5,926	23,467	26,100	-	57,142
Total	\$ 1,026,475	\$ 551,646	\$ 2,522,181	\$ 3,030,340	\$ 1,806,267	\$ 307,274	\$ 9,244,183

(1) Includes \$8.6 million of residential mortgage loans held for sale at December 31, 2014.

(2) Of the total PCI loans, \$32.0 million were classified as substandard at December 31, 2014.

Allowance for Credit Losses. The allowance for credit losses is a valuation established through charges to earnings in the form of a provision for credit losses. Management has established an allowance for credit losses which it believes is adequate for estimated losses in the Company's loan portfolio. The amount of the allowance for credit losses is affected by the following: (1) charge offs of loans that occur when loans are deemed uncollectible and decrease the allowance, (2) recoveries on loans previously charged off that increase the allowance and (3) provisions for credit losses charged to earnings that increase the allowance. Based on an evaluation of the loan portfolio and consideration

of the factors listed below, management presents a quarterly review of the allowance for credit losses to the Bank's Board of Directors, indicating any change in the allowance since the last review and any recommendations as to adjustments in the allowance. Although management believes it uses the best information available to make determinations with respect to the allowance for credit losses, future adjustments may be necessary if economic conditions or the borrower's performance differ from the assumptions used in making the initial determinations.

The Company's allowance for credit losses consists of two components: a specific valuation allowance based on probable losses on specifically identified loans and a general valuation allowance based on historical loan loss experience, general economic conditions and other qualitative risk factors both internal and external to the Company.

In setting the specific valuation allowance, the Company follows a loan review program to evaluate the credit risk in the total loan portfolio and assigns risk grades to each loan. Through this loan review process, the Company maintains an internal list of impaired loans which, along with the delinquency list of loans, helps management assess the overall quality of the loan portfolio and the adequacy of the allowance for credit losses. All loans that have been identified as impaired are reviewed on a quarterly basis in order to determine whether a specific reserve is required. For certain impaired loans, the Company allocates a specific loan loss reserve primarily based on the value of the collateral securing the impaired loan in accordance with ASC Topic 310-10, "*Receivables*." The specific reserves are determined on an individual loan basis. Loans for which specific reserves are provided are excluded from the general valuation allowance described below.

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In connection with this review of the loan portfolio, the Company considers risk elements attributable to particular loan types or categories in assessing the quality of individual loans. Some of the risk elements include:

for 1-4 family residential mortgage loans, the borrower's ability to repay the loan, including a consideration of the debt to income ratio and employment and income stability, the loan to value ratio, and the age, condition and marketability of collateral;

for commercial real estate loans and multifamily residential loans, the debt service coverage ratio (income from the property in excess of operating expenses compared to loan payment requirements), operating results of the owner in the case of owner-occupied properties, the loan to value ratio, the age and condition of the collateral and the volatility of income, property value and future operating results typical of properties of that type;

for construction, land development and other land loans, the perceived feasibility of the project including the ability to sell developed lots or improvements constructed for resale or the ability to lease property constructed for lease, the quality and nature of contracts for presale or prelease, if any, experience and ability of the developer and loan to value ratio;

for commercial and industrial loans, the operating results of the commercial, industrial or professional enterprise, the borrower's business, professional and financial ability and expertise, the specific risks and volatility of income and operating results typical for businesses in that category and the value, nature and marketability of collateral;

for agricultural real estate loans, the experience and financial capability of the borrower, projected debt service coverage of the operations of the borrower and loan to value ratio; and

for non-real estate agricultural loans, the operating results, experience and financial capability of the borrower, historical and expected market conditions and the value, nature and marketability of collateral.

In determining the amount of the general valuation allowance, management considers factors such as historical loan loss experience, concentration risk of specific loan types, the volume, growth and composition of the Company's loan

portfolio, current economic conditions that may affect the borrower's ability to pay and the value of collateral, the evaluation of the Company's loan portfolio through its internal loan review process, general economic conditions and other qualitative risk factors both internal and external to the Company and other relevant factors in accordance with ASC Topic 450, "*Contingencies*." Based on a review of these factors for each loan type, the Company applies an estimated percentage to the outstanding balance of each loan type, excluding any loan that has a specific reserve allocated to it. The Company uses this information to establish the amount of the general valuation allowance.

In addition, for each category, the Company considers secondary sources of income and the financial strength and credit history of the borrower and any guarantors.

At September 30, 2015, the allowance for credit losses totaled \$81.0 million or 0.88% of total loans, including acquired loans with discounts. At December 31, 2014, the allowance for credit losses totaled \$80.8 million or 0.87% of total loans, including acquired loans with discounts.

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The following table details activity in the allowance for credit losses by category of loan for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014. Allocation of a portion of the allowance to one category of loans does not preclude its availability to absorb losses in other categories.

	Construction Land Development and Other Land Loans	Agriculture Real Estate (includes Farmland)	1-4 Family (includes Home Equity)	Commercial Real Estate (includes Multi-Family Residential)	Commercial and Industrial	Consumer and Other	Total
(Dollars in thousands)							
Allowance for credit losses:							
Three Months Ended							
Balance June 30, 2015	\$ 16,909	\$ 3,771	\$ 16,593	\$ 13,002	\$ 29,205	\$ 1,492	\$ 80,972
Provision for credit losses	(1,506)	(79)	(1,386)	(742)	8,507	516	5,310
Charge-offs	(215)	(3)	(120)	(54)	(4,865)	(933)	(6,190)
Recoveries	42	43	10	1	439	376	911
Net charge-offs	(173)	40	(110)	(53)	(4,426)	(557)	(5,279)
Balance September 30, 2015	\$ 15,230	\$ 3,732	\$ 15,097	\$ 12,207	\$ 33,286	\$ 1,451	\$ 81,003
Nine Months Ended							
Balance January 1, 2015	\$ 15,825	\$ 3,722	\$ 16,377	\$ 12,744	\$ 30,002	\$ 2,092	\$ 80,762
Provision for credit losses	(279)	(173)	(1,072)	(337)	8,186	735	7,060
Charge-offs	(366)	(3)	(249)	(233)	(5,691)	(2,406)	(8,948)
Recoveries	50	186	41	33	789	1,030	2,129
Net charge-offs	(316)	183	(208)	(200)	(4,902)	(1,376)	(6,819)

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Balance September 30, 2015	\$ 15,230	\$ 3,732	\$ 15,097	\$ 12,207	\$ 33,286	\$ 1,451	\$ 81,003
Allowance for credit losses:							
Three Months Ended							
Balance June 30, 2014	\$ 14,993	\$ 1,448	\$ 18,905	\$ 23,679	\$ 10,957	\$ 3,284	\$ 73,266
Provision for credit losses	1,063	(25)	854	1,096	269	1,743	5,000
Charge-offs	-	(12)	(128)	-	(188)	(2,112)	(2,440)
Recoveries	28	65	58	6	171	1,459	1,787
Net charge-offs	28	53	(70)	6	(17)	(653)	(653)
Balance September 30, 2014	\$ 16,084	\$ 1,476	\$ 19,689	\$ 24,781	\$ 11,209	\$ 4,374	\$ 77,613
Nine Months Ended							
Balance January 1, 2014	\$ 14,353	\$ 1,229	\$ 17,046	\$ 24,835	\$ 8,167	\$ 1,652	\$ 67,282
Provision for credit losses	1,801	(730)	3,250	4	3,076	4,524	11,925
Charge-offs	(155)	(27)	(790)	(127)	(390)	(4,037)	(5,526)
Recoveries	85	1,004	183	69	356	2,235	3,932
Net charge-offs	(70)	977	(607)	(58)	(34)	(1,802)	(1,594)
Balance September 30, 2014	\$ 16,084	\$ 1,476	\$ 19,689	\$ 24,781	\$ 11,209	\$ 4,374	\$ 77,613

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The following table details the amount of the allowance for credit losses allocated to each category of loan as of September 30, 2015, December 31, 2014 and September 30, 2014, detailed on the basis of the impairment methodology used by the Company.

	Construction Land Development and Other Land Loans	Agriculture Real Estate (includes Farmland)	1-4 Family (includes Home Equity)	Commercial Real Estate (includes Multi-Family Residential)	Commercial Industrial	Consumer and Other	Total
	(Dollars in thousands)						
Allowance for credit losses related to:							
September 30, 2015							
Individually evaluated for impairment	\$2	\$ 123	\$ 111	\$ 292	\$ 6,550	\$ 43	\$7,121
Collectively evaluated for impairment	15,228	3,609	14,986	11,915	26,474	1,408	73,620
PCI loans	-	-	-	-	262	-	262
Total allowance for credit losses	\$ 15,230	\$ 3,732	\$ 15,097	\$ 12,207	\$ 33,286	\$ 1,451	\$81,003
December 31, 2014							
Individually evaluated for impairment	\$225	\$ 24	\$ 418	\$ 24	\$ 1,597	\$ 205	\$2,493
Collectively evaluated for impairment	15,600	3,698	15,959	12,720	28,405	1,887	78,269
PCI loans	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total allowance for credit losses	\$ 15,825	\$ 3,722	\$ 16,377	\$ 12,744	\$ 30,002	\$ 2,092	\$80,762
September 30, 2014							
	\$-	\$ 28	\$ 168	\$ 267	\$ 3,850	\$ 166	\$4,479

Individually evaluated for impairment							
Collectively evaluated for impairment	16,084	1,448	19,081	24,514	7,359	4,208	72,694
PCI loans	-	-	440	-	-	-	440
Total allowance for credit losses	\$ 16,084	\$ 1,476	\$ 19,689	\$ 24,781	\$ 11,209	\$ 4,374	\$ 77,613

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The following table details the recorded investment in loans as of September 30, 2015, December 31, 2014 and September 30, 2014, excluding \$12.6 million, \$8.6 million and \$8.5 million, respectively, of residential mortgage loans held for sale, related to each balance in the allowance for credit losses by category of loan.

	Construction and Land Development and Other Land Loans	Agriculture and Real Estate (includes Farmland)	1-4 Family Home Equity (includes Home Equity)	Commercial Real Estate (includes Multi-Family Residential)	Commercial and Industrial	Consumer and Other	Total
(Dollars in thousands)							
Recorded investment in loans:							
September 30, 2015							
Individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 249	\$ 348	\$ 1,908	\$ 15,623	\$ 20,480	\$ 264	\$ 38,872
Collectively evaluated for impairment	1,071,693	617,739	2,576,497	2,959,065	1,612,067	275,033	9,112,094
PCI loans	1,043	476	5,616	18,038	16,285	-	41,458
Total loans evaluated for impairment	\$ 1,072,985	\$ 618,563	\$ 2,584,021	\$ 2,992,726	\$ 1,648,832	\$ 275,297	\$ 9,192,424
December 31, 2014							
Individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 526	\$ 46	\$ 3,136	\$ 5,155	\$ 11,939	\$ 8,378	\$ 29,180
Collectively evaluated for impairment	1,024,807	551,093	2,504,517	3,001,718	1,768,228	298,896	9,149,259
PCI loans	1,142	507	5,926	23,467	26,100	-	57,142
Total loans evaluated for impairment	\$ 1,026,475	\$ 551,646	\$ 2,513,579	\$ 3,030,340	\$ 1,806,267	\$ 307,274	\$ 9,235,581
September 30, 2014							
	\$ 469	\$ 50	\$ 1,689	\$ 1,734	\$ 13,302	\$ 9,017	\$ 26,261

Individually evaluated for impairment							
Collectively evaluated for impairment	1,037,907	534,054	2,462,225	3,059,845	2,017,536	151,229	9,262,796
PCI loans	2,924	568	7,553	29,511	30,751	-	71,307
Total loans evaluated for impairment	\$1,041,300	\$ 534,672	\$2,471,467	\$ 3,091,090	\$ 2,061,589	\$ 160,246	\$9,360,364

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Troubled Debt Restructurings. The restructuring of a loan is considered a “troubled debt restructuring” if both (1) the borrower is experiencing financial difficulties and (2) the creditor has granted a concession. Concessions may include interest rate reductions or below market interest rates, principal forgiveness, restructuring amortization schedules and other actions intended to minimize potential losses. Per ASU No. 2011-02, “*Receivables (Topic 310)-A Creditor’s Determination of Whether a Restructuring Is a Troubled Debt Restructuring,*” the Company reassesses all loan modifications to identify whether the restructuring constitutes a troubled debt restructuring. The following table presents information regarding the recorded investment of loans modified in a troubled debt restructuring during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015		2014	
	Pre- Modification Outstanding	Post- Modification Outstanding	Pre- Modification Outstanding	Post- Modification Outstanding
	Number of Loans	Recorded Investment	Number of Loans	Recorded Investment
		(Dollars in thousands)		
Troubled Debt Restructurings				
Construction, land development and other land loans	1	\$ 390	-	\$ -
Agriculture and agriculture real estate (includes farmland)	-	-	-	-
1-4 Family (includes home equity)	-	-	-	-
Commercial real estate (includes multi-family residential)	-	-	1	35
Commercial and industrial	-	-	1	16
Consumer and other	1	10	-	-
Total	2	\$ 400	2	\$ 51

As of September 30, 2015, there have been no defaults on any loans that were modified as troubled debt restructurings during the preceding nine months. Default is determined at 90 or more days past due. The modifications primarily

related to extending the amortization periods of the loans, which includes loans modified during bankruptcy. The Company did not grant principal reductions on any restructured loans. At September 30, 2015 and 2014, the Company had \$607 thousand and \$1.2 million, respectively, in outstanding troubled debt restructurings. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, the Company added two loans totaling \$400 thousand as new troubled debt restructurings, of which \$316 thousand was still outstanding at September 30, 2015. These modifications did not have a material impact on the Company's determination of the allowance for credit losses.

6. FAIR VALUE

The Company uses fair value measurements to record fair value adjustments to certain assets and to determine fair value disclosures. Fair values represent the estimated price that would be received from selling an asset or paid to transfer a liability, otherwise known as an "exit price." Securities available for sale are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis. Additionally, from time to time, the Company may be required to record at fair value other assets on a nonrecurring basis such as certain loans including residential mortgage loans held for sale, goodwill and other intangible assets and other real estate owned. These nonrecurring fair value adjustments typically involve application of lower-of-cost-or-market accounting or write downs of individual assets. ASC Topic 820 "*Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*" establishes a fair value hierarchy for valuation inputs that gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs. The fair value hierarchy is as follows:

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Fair Value Hierarchy

The Company groups financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value in three levels, based on the markets in which the assets and liabilities are traded and the reliability of the assumptions used to determine fair value. These levels are:

Level 1—Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2—Other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities) or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3—Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

The fair value of an asset or liability is the price that would be received to sell that asset or paid to transfer that liability in an orderly transaction occurring in the principal market (or most advantageous market in the absence of a principal market) for such asset or liability. In estimating fair value, the Company utilizes valuation techniques that are consistent with the market approach, the income approach and/or the cost approach. Such valuation techniques are consistently applied. Inputs to valuation techniques include the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability.

The fair value disclosures below represent the Company's estimates based on relevant market information and information about the financial instruments. Fair value estimates are based on judgments regarding future expected loss experience, current economic conditions, risk characteristics of the various instruments, and other factors. These estimates are subjective in nature and involve uncertainties and matters of significant judgment and therefore cannot be determined with precision. Changes in the above methodologies and assumptions could significantly affect the estimates.

The following tables present fair values for assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

As of September 30, 2015

Level 1 Level 2 Level 3 Total
(Dollars in thousands)

Assets:

Available for sale securities:

States and political subdivisions	\$-	\$5,979	\$ -	\$5,979
Collateralized mortgage obligations	-	27,788	-	27,788
Mortgage-backed securities	-	64,366	-	64,366
Other securities	12,722	-	-	12,722
Total	\$12,722	\$98,133	\$ -	\$110,855

Non-hedging interest rate swap	\$-	\$468	\$ -	\$468
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Liabilities:

Non-hedging interest rate swap	\$-	\$(468)	\$ -	\$(468)
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As of December 31, 2014

Level 1 Level 2 Level 3 Total
(Dollars in thousands)

Assets:

Available for sale securities:

States and political subdivisions	\$-	\$14,585	\$ -	\$14,585
Collateralized mortgage obligations	-	33,573	-	33,573
Mortgage-backed securities	-	84,483	-	84,483
Other securities	12,758	-	-	12,758
Total	\$12,758	\$132,641	\$ -	\$145,399

Non-hedging interest rate swap	\$-	\$303	\$ -	\$303
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Liabilities:

Non-hedging interest rate swap	\$-	\$(303)	\$ -	\$(303)
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Certain assets and liabilities are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis; that is, the instruments are not measured at fair value on an ongoing basis but are subject to fair value adjustments in certain circumstances (for example, when there is evidence of impairment). These instruments include other real estate owned, held to maturity debt securities, loans held for sale, and impaired loans. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, the Company had additions to other real estate owned of \$913 thousand and \$2.1 million, respectively, of which \$785 thousand and \$1.2 million, respectively, were outstanding as of September 30, 2015. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, the Company had additions to impaired loans of \$23.3 million and \$31.3 million, respectively, of which \$23.3 million and \$25.7 million, respectively, were still outstanding as of September 30, 2015. The remaining assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis that were recorded in 2015 and remained outstanding at September 30, 2015 were not significant.

The following table presents carrying and fair value information of financial instruments as of the dates indicated:

	As of September 30, 2015				Total
	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value			
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
(Dollars in thousands)					
Assets					
Cash and due from banks	\$ 300,230	\$ 300,230	\$-	\$-	\$ 300,230
Federal funds sold	996	996	-	-	996
Held to maturity securities	9,419,906	-	9,494,664	-	9,494,664
Loans held for sale	12,564	-	12,564	-	12,564
Loans held for investment, net of allowance	9,111,421	-	-	9,137,064	9,137,064
Other real estate owned	3,271	-	3,271	-	3,271
Liabilities					
Deposits:					
Noninterest-bearing	\$ 5,093,175	\$-	\$ 5,093,175	\$-	\$ 5,093,175
Interest-bearing	11,846,762	-	11,854,392	-	11,854,392
Other borrowings	786,571	-	787,361	-	787,361
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	310,038	-	310,053	-	310,053
Junior subordinated debentures	-	-	-	-	-

	As of December 31, 2014				
	Carrying	Estimated Fair Value			
	Amount	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Assets					
Cash and due from banks	\$677,285	\$677,285	\$-	\$-	\$677,285
Federal funds sold	569	569	-	-	569
Held to maturity securities	8,900,377	-	8,948,692	-	8,948,692
Loans held for sale	8,602	-	8,602	-	8,602
Loans held for investment, net of allowance	9,154,819	-	-	9,192,231	9,192,231
Other real estate owned	3,237	-	3,237	-	3,237
Liabilities					
Deposits:					
Noninterest-bearing	\$4,936,420	\$-	\$4,936,420	\$-	\$4,936,420
Interest-bearing	12,756,738	-	12,767,961	-	12,767,961
Other borrowings	8,724	-	10,000	-	10,000
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	315,523	-	315,543	-	315,543
Junior subordinated debentures	167,531	-	159,740	-	159,740

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The following is a description of the fair value estimates, methods and assumptions that are used by the Company in estimating the fair values of financial instruments.

Cash and due from banks—For these short-term instruments, the carrying amount is a reasonable estimate of fair value. The Company classifies the estimated fair value of these instruments as Level 1.

Federal funds sold—For these short-term instruments, the carrying amount is a reasonable estimate of fair value. The Company classifies the estimated fair value of these instruments as Level 1.

Securities — Fair value measurements based upon quoted prices are considered Level 1 inputs. Level 1 securities consist of U.S. Treasury securities and certain equity securities which are included in the available for sale portfolio. For all other available for sale and held to maturity securities, if quoted prices are not available, fair values are measured using Level 2 inputs. For these securities, the Company generally obtains fair value measurements from an independent pricing service. The fair value measurements consider observable data that may include dealer quotes, market spreads, cash flows, the U.S. Treasury yield curve, live trading levels, trade execution data, market consensus prepayment speeds, credit information and the bond's terms and conditions, among other things. The Company reviews the prices supplied by the independent pricing service, as well as their underlying pricing methodologies, for reasonableness.

Securities available for sale are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis.

Loans held for sale— Loans held for sale are carried at the lower of cost or estimated fair value. Fair value for consumer mortgages held for sale is based on commitments on hand from investors or prevailing market prices. As such, the Company classifies loans subjected to nonrecurring fair value adjustments as Level 2.

Loans held for investment— The Company does not record loans at fair value on a recurring basis. As such, valuation techniques discussed herein for loans are primarily for estimating fair value disclosures. However, from time to time, the Company records nonrecurring fair value adjustments to impaired loans to reflect (1) partial write downs that are based on the observable market price or current appraised value of the collateral, or (2) the full charge off of the loan carrying value. Where appraisals are not available, estimated cash flows are discounted using a rate commensurate with the credit risk associated with those cash flows. Assumptions regarding credit risk, cash flows and discount rates are judgmentally determined using available market information and specific borrower information.

The estimated fair value approximates carrying value for variable-rate loans that reprice frequently and with no significant change in credit risk. The fair value of fixed-rate loans and variable-rate loans which reprice on an infrequent basis is estimated by discounting future cash flows using the current interest rates at which similar loans with similar terms would be made to borrowers of similar credit quality. An overall valuation adjustment is made for specific credit risks as well as general portfolio credit risk. The Company classifies the estimated fair value of loans held for investment as Level 3.

Other real estate owned— Other real estate owned is primarily foreclosed properties securing residential loans and commercial real estate. Foreclosed assets are adjusted to fair value less estimated costs to sell upon transfer of the loans to other real estate owned. Subsequently, these assets are carried at the lower of carrying value or fair value less estimated costs to sell. Other real estate carried at fair value based on an observable market price or a current appraised value is classified by the Company as Level 2. When management determines that the fair value of other real estate requires additional adjustments, either as a result of a non-current appraisal or when there is no observable market price, the Company classifies the other real estate as Level 3.

Deposits—The fair value of demand deposits, savings accounts and certain money market deposits is the amount payable on demand at the reporting date. The fair value of fixed-maturity certificates of deposit is estimated using the rates currently offered for deposits of similar remaining maturities. Deposits fair value measurements utilize Level 2 inputs.

Other borrowings—Rates currently available to the Company for debt with similar terms and remaining maturities are used to estimate the fair value of other borrowings using a discounted cash flows methodology and are measured utilizing Level 2 inputs.

Securities sold under repurchase agreements—The fair value of securities sold under repurchase agreements is the amount payable on demand at the reporting date and are measured utilizing Level 2 inputs.

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Junior subordinated debentures—The fair value of the junior subordinated debentures was calculated using the quoted market prices, if available. If quoted market prices are not available, fair value is estimated using quoted market prices for similar subordinated debentures. Junior subordinated debentures fair value measurements utilize Level 2 inputs.

Derivative financial instruments—The fair value of the underlying non-hedging derivative contracts offset each other and are measured utilizing Level 2 inputs.

Off-balance sheet financial instruments—The fair value of commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit is estimated using the fees currently charged to enter into similar agreements, taking into account the remaining terms of the agreement and the present creditworthiness of the counterparties. The Company has reviewed the unfunded portion of commitments to extend credit as well as standby and other letters of credit, and has determined that the fair value of such financial instruments is not material. The Company classifies the estimated fair value of credit-related financial instruments as Level 3.

The fair value estimates presented herein are based on pertinent information available to management at September 30, 2015. Although management is not aware of any factors that would significantly affect the estimated fair value amounts, such amounts have not been comprehensively revalued for purposes of these financial statements since those dates and, therefore, current estimates of fair value may differ significantly from the amounts presented herein.

7. GOODWILL AND CORE DEPOSIT INTANGIBLES

Changes in the carrying amount of the Company’s goodwill and core deposit intangibles (“CDI”) for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and the year ended December 31, 2014 were as follows:

	Goodwill	Core Deposit Intangibles
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Balance as of December 31, 2013	\$1,671,520	\$ 42,049
Less:		
Amortization	-	(9,940)
Add:		
Measurement period adjustments	4,426	(302)
Acquisition of F&M Bancorporation Inc.	198,245	27,140
Balance as of December 31, 2014	1,874,191	58,947
Less:		
Amortization	-	(7,235)
Add:		
Measurement period adjustments	7,764	-
Balance as of September 30, 2015	\$1,881,955	\$ 51,712

Goodwill is recorded on the acquisition date of each entity. The Company may record subsequent adjustments to goodwill for amounts undeterminable at acquisition date, such as deferred taxes and real estate valuations, and therefore the goodwill amounts may change accordingly. The Company initially records the total premium paid on acquisitions as goodwill. After finalizing the valuation, core deposit intangibles are identified and reclassified from goodwill to core deposit intangibles on the balance sheet. This reclassification has no effect on total assets, liabilities, shareholders' equity, net income or cash flows. Management performs an evaluation annually, and more frequently if a triggering event occurs, of whether any impairment of the goodwill and other intangibles has occurred. If any such impairment is determined, a write-down is recorded. As of September 30, 2015, there were no impairments recorded on goodwill and other intangibles.

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The measurement period for the Company to determine the fair value of acquired identifiable assets and assumed liabilities will be at the end of the earlier of (1) twelve months from the date of acquisition or (2) as soon as the Company receives the information it was seeking about facts and circumstances that existed as of the date of acquisition.

Core deposit intangibles are being amortized on a non-pro rata basis over their estimated lives, which the Company believes is between 10 and 15 years. Amortization expense related to intangible assets totaled \$2.4 million and \$2.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and \$7.2 million and \$7.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The estimated aggregate future amortization expense for CDI remaining as of September 30, 2015 is as follows (dollars in thousands):

Remaining 2015	\$2,295
2016	8,519
2017	6,327
2018	5,400
2019	4,546
Thereafter	24,625
Total	\$51,712

8. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

At September 30, 2015, the Company had two stock-based employee compensation plans with awards outstanding. One of these plans adopted by the Company has expired and therefore no additional awards may be issued under that plan.

During 2004, the Company's Board of Directors adopted the Prosperity Bancshares, Inc. 2004 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2004 Plan") which was approved by the Company's shareholders and authorized the issuance of up to 1,250,000 shares of common stock upon the exercise of options granted under the 2004 Plan or upon the grant or exercise, as the

case may be, of other awards granted under the 2004 Plan. The 2004 Plan provided for the granting of incentive and nonqualified stock options to employees and nonqualified stock options to directors who were not employees. The 2004 Plan also provided for the granting of shares of restricted stock, stock appreciation rights, phantom stock awards and performance awards on substantially similar terms. The 2004 Plan has expired and therefore no additional shares may be issued from the 2004 Plan.

During 2012, the Company's Board of Directors and shareholders adopted the Prosperity Bancshares, Inc. 2012 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2012 Plan"), which authorizes the issuance of up to 1,250,000 shares of common stock upon the exercise of options granted under the 2012 Plan or pursuant to the grant or exercise, as the case may be, of other awards granted under the 2012 Plan, including restricted stock, stock appreciation rights, phantom stock awards and performance awards. A total of 299,743 shares have been granted under the 2012 Plan as of September 30, 2015.

The Company received \$155 thousand and \$920 thousand from the exercise of stock options for the three month periods ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and \$223 thousand and \$3.3 million during the nine month periods ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. There was no tax benefit realized from option exercises of the stock-based payment arrangements during the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

As of September 30, 2015, there was \$23.0 million of total unrecognized compensation expense related to stock-based compensation arrangements. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 2.35 years.

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The following table summarizes the Company's contractual obligations and other commitments to make future payments as of September 30, 2015 (other than deposit obligations and securities sold under repurchase agreements). The Company's future cash payments associated with its contractual obligations pursuant to its FHLB borrowings and operating leases as of September 30, 2015 are summarized below. Payments for FHLB borrowings include interest of \$1.1 million that will be paid over the future periods. Payments related to leases are based on actual payments specified in underlying contracts.

	1 year or less	More than 1 year but less than 3 years	3 years or more but less than 5 years	5 years or more	Total
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Federal Home Loan Bank notes payable	\$781,024	\$5,325	\$756	\$595	\$787,700
Operating leases	6,260	9,427	6,069	7,701	29,457
Total	\$787,284	\$14,752	\$6,825	\$8,296	\$817,157

Off-Balance Sheet Items

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into various transactions, which, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, are not included in its consolidated balance sheets. The Company enters into these transactions to meet the financing needs of its customers. These transactions include commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit, which involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit risk and interest rate risk in excess of the amounts recognized in the consolidated balance sheets.

The Company's commitments associated with outstanding standby letters of credit and commitments to extend credit expiring by periods as of September 30, 2015 are summarized below. Since commitments associated with letters of credit and commitments to extend credit may expire unused, the amounts shown do not necessarily reflect the actual future cash funding requirements.

	1 year or less	More than 1 year but less than 3 years	3 years or more but less than 5 years	5 years or more	Total
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Standby letters of credit	\$87,029	\$8,417	\$1,116	\$-	\$96,562
Commitments to extend credit	1,131,948	320,558	77,684	482,909	2,013,099
Total	\$1,218,977	\$328,975	\$78,800	\$482,909	\$2,109,661

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The tax effects allocated to each component of other comprehensive (loss) income were as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,					
	2015			2014		
	Before	Tax	Net of	Before	Tax	Net of
	Tax	Benefit	Tax	Tax	Benefit	Tax
	Amount		Amount	Amount		Amount
	(Dollars in thousands)					
Other comprehensive loss:						
Securities available for sale:						
Change in unrealized gain during period	\$ (867)	\$ 303	\$ (564)	\$ (951)	\$ 333	\$ (618)
Total securities available for sale	(867)	303	(564)	(951)	333	(618)
Total other comprehensive loss	\$ (867)	\$ 303	\$ (564)	\$ (951)	\$ 333	\$ (618)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,					
	2015			2014		
	Before	Tax	Net of	Before	Tax	Net of
	Tax	Benefit	Tax	Tax	Benefit	Tax
	Amount		Amount	Amount		Amount
	(Dollars in thousands)					
Other comprehensive loss:						
Securities available for sale:						
Change in unrealized gain during period	\$ (1,949)	\$ 682	\$ (1,267)	\$ (1,757)	\$ 615	\$ (1,142)
Total securities available for sale	(1,949)	682	(1,267)	(1,757)	615	(1,142)
Total other comprehensive loss	\$ (1,949)	\$ 682	\$ (1,267)	\$ (1,757)	\$ 615	\$ (1,142)

Activity in accumulated other comprehensive income associated with securities available for sale, net of tax, was as follows:

	Securities Accumulated Available for Sale		Other Comprehensive Income	
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Balance at January 1, 2015	\$3,729	\$	3,729	
Other comprehensive loss	(1,267)	(1,267)	
Balance at September 30, 2015	\$2,462	\$	2,462	
Balance at January 1, 2014	\$4,883	\$	4,883	
Other comprehensive loss	(1,142)	(1,142)	
Balance at September 30, 2014	\$3,741	\$	3,741	

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11. ACQUISITIONS

Pending Acquisition of Tradition Bancshares, Inc. – On August 6, 2015, the Company announced the signing of a definitive merger agreement to acquire Tradition Bancshares, Inc. (“Tradition”) and its wholly-owned subsidiary Tradition Bank headquartered in Houston, Texas. Tradition Bank operates 7 banking offices in the Houston, Texas area, including its main office in Bellaire, 3 banking centers in Katy and 1 banking center in The Woodlands. Under the terms of the definitive agreement, the Company will issue approximately 679,679 shares of Company common stock plus \$39.0 million in cash for all outstanding shares of Tradition capital stock, subject to potential adjustments. The transaction is subject to customary closing conditions and approval by Tradition’s shareholders. The Company has received all necessary regulatory approvals for this acquisition and expects to close the transaction on December 31, 2015 to be effective January 1, 2016.

Acquisition of F&M Bancorporation Inc. – On April 1, 2014, the Company completed the acquisition of F&M Bancorporation Inc. (“FMBC”) and its wholly-owned subsidiary The F&M Bank & Trust Company (collectively, “F&M”) headquartered in Tulsa, Oklahoma. F&M operated 13 banking locations: 9 in Tulsa, Oklahoma and surrounding areas; 3 in Dallas, Texas; and 1 (a loan production office) in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The Company acquired FMBC to further expand its Oklahoma and Dallas, Texas area markets. The acquisition was not considered significant to the Company’s financial statements and therefore pro forma financial data and related disclosures are not included.

The Company acquired loans and deposits with fair values of \$1.60 billion and \$2.27 billion, respectively, at acquisition date. Under the terms of the definitive agreement, the Company issued 3,298,022 shares of Company common stock plus \$34.2 million in cash for all outstanding shares of FMBC capital stock for total merger consideration of \$252.4 million based on the Company’s closing stock price of \$66.15. During 2014, the Company recognized goodwill of \$198.2 million. As of September 30, 2015, total goodwill related to the F&M acquisition was \$206.0 million, after recording a \$7.8 million measurement period adjustment during the first quarter 2015. Goodwill is calculated as the excess of both the consideration exchanged and liabilities assumed as compared to the fair value of identifiable assets acquired, none of which is expected to be deductible for tax purposes. Additionally, the Company recognized \$27.1 million of core deposit intangibles related to this acquisition.

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Special Cautionary Notice Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Statements and financial discussion and analysis contained in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are based on assumptions and involve a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond the Company's control. Many possible events or factors could affect the future financial results and performance of the Company and could cause such results or performance to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements. These possible events or factors include, but are not limited to:

- changes in the strength of the United States economy in general and the strength of the local economies in which the Company conducts operations resulting in, among other things, a deterioration in credit quality or reduced demand for credit, including the result and effect on the Company's loan portfolio and allowance for credit losses;
- changes in interest rates and market prices, which could reduce the Company's net interest margins, asset valuations and expense expectations;
- changes in the levels of loan prepayments and the resulting effects on the value of the Company's loan portfolio;
- changes in local economic and business conditions which adversely affect the Company's customers and their ability to transact profitable business with the Company, including the ability of the Company's borrowers to repay their loans according to their terms or a change in the value of the related collateral;
- increased competition for deposits and loans adversely affecting rates and terms;
- the timing, impact and other uncertainties of any future acquisitions, including the Company's ability to identify suitable future acquisition candidates, the success or failure in the integration of their operations, and the ability to enter new markets successfully and capitalize on growth opportunities;
- the possible impairment of goodwill associated with an acquisition and possible adverse short-term effects on the results of operations;

• increased credit risk in the Company's assets and increased operating risk caused by a material change in commercial, consumer and/or real estate loans as a percentage of the total loan portfolio;

• the concentration of the Company's loan portfolio in loans collateralized by real estate;

• the failure of assumptions underlying the establishment of and provisions made to the allowance for credit losses;

• changes in the availability of funds resulting in increased costs or reduced liquidity;

• a deterioration or downgrade in the credit quality and credit agency ratings of the securities in the Company's securities portfolio;

• increased asset levels and changes in the composition of assets and the resulting impact on the Company's capital levels and regulatory capital ratios;

• the Company's ability to acquire, operate and maintain cost effective and efficient systems without incurring unexpectedly difficult or expensive but necessary technological changes;

• the loss of senior management or operating personnel and the potential inability to hire qualified personnel at reasonable compensation levels;

• government intervention in the U.S. financial system;

• changes in statutes and government regulations or their interpretations applicable to financial holding companies and the Company's present and future banking and other subsidiaries, including changes in tax requirements and tax rates;

• poor performance by external vendors;

• the failure of analytical and forecasting models and tools used by the Company to estimate probable credit losses and to measure the fair value of financial instruments;

• additional risks from new lines of businesses or new products and services;

• claims or litigation related to intellectual property or fiduciary responsibilities;

the failure of the Company's enterprise risk management framework to identify or address risks adequately;

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a failure in or breach of operational or security systems of the Company's infrastructure, or those of its third-party vendors and other service providers, including as a result of cyber attacks;

potential risk of environmental liability associated with lending activities;

acts of terrorism, an outbreak of hostilities or other international or domestic calamities, weather or other acts of God and other matters beyond the Company's control; and

other risks and uncertainties listed from time to time in the Company's reports and documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

A forward-looking statement may include a statement of the assumptions or bases underlying the forward-looking statement. The Company believes it has chosen these assumptions or bases in good faith and that they are reasonable. However, the Company cautions you that assumptions or bases almost always vary from actual results, and the differences between assumptions or bases and actual results can be material. Therefore, the Company cautions you not to place undue reliance on its forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements speak only as of the date the statements are made. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or otherwise revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations analyzes the major elements of the Company's balance sheets and statements of income. This section should be read in conjunction with the Company's interim consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes included elsewhere in this report and with the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes and other detailed information appearing in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

OVERVIEW

Prosperity Bancshares, Inc., a Texas corporation, was formed in 1983 to acquire the former Allied First Bank in Edna, Texas, which was chartered in 1949 as The First National Bank of Edna and is now known as Prosperity Bank. The Company is a registered financial holding company that derives substantially all of its revenues and income from the operation of its bank subsidiary, Prosperity Bank[®]. The Bank provides a wide array of financial products and services to small and medium-sized businesses and consumers. As of September 30, 2015, the Bank operated 244 full-service banking locations; with 61 in the Houston area, including The Woodlands; 30 in the South Texas area including Corpus Christi and Victoria; 37 in the Dallas/Fort Worth area; 22 in the East Texas area; 30 in the Central Texas area including Austin and San Antonio; 34 in the West Texas area including Lubbock, Midland-Odessa and Abilene; 16 in

the Bryan/College Station area, 6 in the Central Oklahoma area and 8 in the Tulsa, Oklahoma area. The Company's principal executive office is located at Prosperity Bank Plaza, 4295 San Felipe in Houston, Texas and its telephone number is (713) 693-9300. The Company's website address is www.prosperitybankusa.com. Information contained on the Company's website is not incorporated by reference into this quarterly report on Form 10-Q and is not part of this or any other report.

The Company generates the majority of its revenues from interest income on loans, service charges on customer accounts and income from investments in securities. The revenues are partially offset by interest expense paid on deposits and other borrowings and noninterest expenses such as administrative and occupancy expenses. Net interest income is the difference between interest income on earning assets such as loans and securities and interest expense on liabilities such as deposits and borrowings which are used to fund those assets. Net interest income is the Company's largest source of revenue. The level of interest rates and the volume and mix of earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities impact net interest income and margin.

Three principal components of the Company's growth strategy are internal growth, stringent cost control practices and acquisitions, including strategic merger transactions. The Company focuses on continual internal growth. Each banking center is operated as a separate profit center, maintaining separate data with respect to its net interest income, efficiency ratio, deposit growth, loan growth and overall profitability. Banking center presidents and managers are accountable for performance in these areas and compensated accordingly. The Company also focuses on maintaining stringent cost control practices and policies. The Company has centralized many of its critical operations, such as data processing and loan processing. Management believes that this centralized infrastructure can accommodate substantial additional growth and achieve necessary controls while enabling the Company to minimize operational costs through certain economies of scale. The Company also intends to continue to seek expansion opportunities. During 2013, the Company completed three acquisitions including East Texas Financial Services Inc., Coppermark Bancshares, Inc. and FVNB Corp. The Company completed the acquisition of F&M Bancorporation Inc. during 2014 and announced the pending acquisition of Tradition Bancshares, Inc. in August 2015.

Total assets were \$21.57 billion at September 30, 2015 compared with \$21.51 billion at December 31, 2014, an increase of \$59.5 million or 0.3%. Total loans were \$9.20 billion at September 30, 2015 compared with \$9.24 billion at December 31, 2014, a decrease of \$39.2 million or 0.4%. Total deposits were \$16.94 billion at September 30, 2015 compared with \$17.69 billion at December 31, 2014, a decrease of \$753.2 million or 4.3%. Total shareholders' equity was \$3.41 billion at September 30, 2015 compared with \$3.24 billion at December 31, 2014, an increase of \$166.4 million or 5.1%.

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CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Company's significant accounting policies are integral to understanding the financial results reported. The Company's accounting policies are described in detail in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014. The Company believes that of its significant accounting policies, the following may involve a higher degree of judgment and complexity:

Allowance for Credit Losses — The allowance for credit losses is a valuation established through charges to earnings in the form of a provision for credit losses. The determination of the allowance for credit losses has two components, the allowance for legacy credit losses, which includes the allowance for acquired legacy loans, and the allowance for acquired credit losses for fair-valued acquired loans. The allowance for acquired credit losses is calculated as described under the heading "Accounting for Acquired Loans and the Allowance for Acquired Credit Losses" below. Management has established an allowance for credit losses which it believes is adequate for estimated losses in the Company's loan portfolio. Based on an evaluation of the portfolio, management presents a quarterly review of the allowance for credit losses to the Bank's Board of Directors, indicating any change in the allowance since the last review and any adjustments to be made to the allowance. In making its evaluation, management considers factors such as historical loan loss experience, the amount of nonperforming assets and related collateral, the volume, growth and composition of the portfolio, current economic conditions that may affect the borrower's ability to pay and the value of collateral, the evaluation of the portfolio through its internal loan review process and other relevant factors. Portions of the allowance may be allocated for specific credits; however, the entire allowance is available for any credit that, in management's judgment, should be charged off. Charge-offs occur when loans are deemed to be uncollectible. For further discussion of the methodology used in the determination of the allowance for credit losses, refer to the "Financial Condition – Allowance for Credit Losses" section below.

Accounting for Acquired Loans and the Allowance for Acquired Credit Losses — The Company accounts for its acquisitions using the acquisition method of accounting. Accordingly, the assets, including loans, and liabilities of the acquired entity were recorded at their fair values at the acquisition date. No allowance for credit losses related to the acquired loans is recorded on the acquisition date, as the fair value of the acquired loans incorporates assumptions regarding credit risk. These fair value estimates associated with acquired loans, and based on a discounted cash flow model, include estimates related to market interest rates and undiscounted projections of future cash flows that incorporate expectations of prepayments and the amount and timing of principal, interest and other cash flows, as well as any shortfalls thereof.

At period-end after acquisition, the fair-valued acquired loans from each acquisition are reassessed to determine whether an addition to the allowance for credit losses is appropriate due to further credit quality deterioration. For further discussion of the methodology used in the determination of the allowance for credit losses for acquired loans, see the "Financial Condition – Allowance for Credit Losses" section below.

Goodwill and Intangible Assets—Goodwill and intangible assets that have indefinite useful lives are subject to an impairment test at least annually, or more often, if events or circumstances indicate that it is more likely than not that the fair value of the Company’s reporting unit is below the carrying value of its equity. The Company has the option to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount as a basis for determining the need to perform step one of the annual test for goodwill impairment. An entity has an unconditional option to bypass the qualitative assessment for any reporting unit in any period and proceed directly to performing the first step of the goodwill impairment test. An entity may resume performing the qualitative assessment in any subsequent period.

If the Company bypasses the qualitative assessment, a two-step goodwill impairment test is performed. The two-step process begins with an estimation of the fair value of the Company’s reporting unit compared with its carrying value. If the carrying amount exceeds the fair value of the reporting unit, a second test is completed comparing the implied fair value of the reporting unit’s goodwill to its carrying value to measure the amount of impairment.

Estimating the fair value of the Company’s reporting unit is a subjective process involving the use of estimates and judgments, particularly related to future cash flows of the reporting unit, discount rates (including market risk premiums) and market multiples. Material assumptions used in the valuation tools include the comparable public company price multiples used in the terminal value, future cash flows and the market risk premium component of the discount rate. The estimated fair values of the reporting unit is determined using a blend of two commonly used valuation techniques: the market approach and the income approach. The Company gives consideration to both valuation techniques, as either technique can be an indicator of value. For the market approach, valuations of the reporting unit are based on an analysis of relevant price multiples in market trades in companies with similar characteristics. For the income approach, estimated future cash flows (derived from internal forecasts and economic expectations) and terminal value (value at the end of the cash flow period, based on price multiples) are discounted. The discount rate is based on the imputed cost of equity capital.

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The Company had no intangible assets with indefinite useful lives at September 30, 2015. Other identifiable intangible assets that are subject to amortization are being amortized on a non-pro rata basis over the years expected to be benefited, which the Company believes is between ten and fifteen years. These amortizable intangible assets are reviewed for impairment if circumstances indicate their value may not be recoverable based on a comparison of fair value to carrying value. Based on the Company's annual goodwill impairment test as of September 30, 2015, management does not believe any of its goodwill is impaired as of September 30, 2015 because the fair value of the Company's equity exceeded its carrying value. While the Company believes no impairment existed at September 30, 2015, under accounting standards applicable at that date, different conditions or assumptions, or changes in cash flows or profitability, if significantly negative or unfavorable, could have a material adverse effect on the outcome of the Company's impairment evaluation and financial condition or future results of operations.

Stock-Based Compensation—The Company accounts for stock-based employee compensation plans using the fair value-based method of accounting. The Company's results of operations reflect compensation expense for all employee stock-based compensation. The fair value of stock options granted is estimated at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. This model requires the input of subjective assumptions including stock price volatility and employee turnover that are utilized to measure compensation expense.

Other-Than-Temporarily Impaired Securities—When the fair value of a security is below its amortized cost, and depending on the length of time the condition exists and the extent the fair value is below amortized cost, additional analysis is performed to determine whether an impairment exists. Available for sale and held to maturity securities are analyzed quarterly for possible other-than-temporary impairment. The analysis considers (1) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than cost, (2) the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, (3) whether the market decline was affected by macroeconomic conditions, and (4) whether the entity has the intent to sell the debt security or more likely than not will be required to sell the debt security before its anticipated recovery. Often, the information available to conduct these assessments is limited and rapidly changing, making estimates of fair value subject to judgment. If actual information or conditions are different than estimated, the extent of the impairment of the security may be different than previously estimated, which could have a material effect on the Company's results of operations and financial condition.

Fair Values of Financial Instruments—The Company determines the fair values of financial instruments based on the fair value hierarchy established which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. There are three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value. Level 1 inputs include quoted prices in active markets, where available. If such quoted market prices are not available Level 2 inputs are used. These inputs are based upon internally developed analytical tools that primarily use observable market-based parameters. Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs which are typically based on an entity's own assumptions, as there is little, if any, related market activity. The Company's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, and considers factors specific to the asset or liability.

PENDING AND RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Pending Acquisition of Tradition Bancshares, Inc. – On August 6, 2015, the Company announced the signing of a definitive merger agreement to acquire Tradition Bancshares, Inc. (“Tradition”) and its wholly-owned subsidiary Tradition Bank headquartered in Houston, Texas. Tradition Bank operates 7 banking offices in the Houston, Texas area, including its main office in Bellaire, 3 banking centers in Katy and 1 banking center in The Woodlands. As of September 30, 2015, Tradition, on a consolidated basis, reported total assets of \$540.6 million, total loans of \$239.2 million, total deposits of \$483.8 million and shareholder’s equity of \$46.3 million. Under the terms of the definitive agreement, the Company will issue approximately 679,679 shares of Company common stock plus \$39.0 million in cash for all outstanding shares of Tradition capital stock, subject to potential adjustments. The transaction is subject to customary closing conditions and approval by Tradition’s shareholders. The Company has received all necessary regulatory approvals for this acquisition and expects to close the transaction on December 31, 2015 to be effective January 1, 2016.

Acquisition of F&M Bancorporation Inc. – On April 1, 2014, the Company completed the acquisition of F&M Bancorporation Inc. (“FMBC”) and its wholly-owned subsidiary The F&M Bank & Trust Company (collectively “F&M”) headquartered in Tulsa, Oklahoma. F&M operated 13 banking locations: 9 in Tulsa, Oklahoma and surrounding areas; 3 in Dallas, Texas and 1 (a loan production office) in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. As of March 31, 2014, FMBC reported, on a consolidated basis, total assets of \$2.41 billion, total loans of \$1.74 billion and total deposits of \$2.27 billion, each at book value.

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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Net income available to common shareholders was \$70.6 million (\$1.01 per common share on a diluted basis) for the quarter ended September 30, 2015 compared with \$76.6 million (\$1.10 per common share on a diluted basis) for the quarter ended September 30, 2014, a decrease in net income of \$6.0 million or 7.8%. The Company posted returns on average common equity of 8.31% and 9.69%, returns on average assets of 1.30% and 1.45% and efficiency ratios of 40.72% and 41.55% for the quarters ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The efficiency ratio is calculated by dividing total non-interest expense, excluding credit loss provisions, by net interest income plus non-interest income, excluding net gains and losses on the sale of securities and assets. Additionally, taxes are not part of this calculation.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, net income available to common shareholders was \$216.2 million (\$3.09 per common share on a diluted basis) compared with \$219.2 million (\$3.19 per common share on a diluted basis) for the same period in 2014, a decrease in net income of \$3.0 million or 1.4%. The Company posted returns on average common equity of 8.63% and 9.67%, returns on average assets of 1.33% and 1.44% and efficiency ratios of 41.64% and 42.17% for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Net Interest Income

The Company's net interest income is affected by changes in the amount and mix of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, referred to as a "volume change." It is also affected by changes in yields earned on interest-earning assets and rates paid on interest-bearing deposits and other borrowed funds, referred to as a "rate change."

For the three months ended September 30, 2015

Net interest income before the provision for credit losses was \$156.1 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2015, a decrease of \$19.5 million or 11.1%, compared with \$175.7 million for the same period in 2014. The decrease in net interest income was primarily due to a decrease in purchase accounting loan discount accretion of \$17.4 million from \$28.4 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2014 to \$11.0 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2015.

Interest income on loans was \$116.9 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2015, a decrease of \$23.6 million or 16.8%, compared with \$140.5 million for the same period in 2014. This was primarily due to a decrease of \$17.4 million or 61.2% in purchase accounting loan discount accretion from \$28.4 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2014 to \$11.0 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2015. Additionally, interest income on loans was impacted by a decrease in average loans of \$224.6 million or 2.4% for the quarter ended September 30, 2015 compared with the quarter ended September 30, 2014.

Interest income on securities was \$48.6 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2015, an increase of \$1.7 million or 3.6%, compared with \$46.9 million for the same period in 2014. This was primarily due to an increase in average securities of \$870.1 million or 9.8%, partially offset by a 12-basis-point decrease in average interest rates from 2.11% at September 30, 2014 to 1.99% at September 30, 2015.

Average interest-bearing liabilities were \$13.06 billion for the quarter ended September 30, 2015, an increase of \$149.2 million or 1.2%, compared with \$12.91 billion for the same period in 2014. The net interest margin on a tax-equivalent basis decreased 55 basis points from 3.85% for the quarter ended September 30, 2014 to 3.30% for the quarter ended September 30, 2015. This decrease was due in part to a decrease of \$17.4 million in purchase accounting adjustments for the quarter ended September 30, 2015 compared with the quarter ended September 30, 2014. Additionally, the net interest margin was impacted by lower yields on average interest-earning assets, partially offset by lower rates paid on average interest-bearing liabilities.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2015

Net interest income before the provision for credit losses was \$477.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, a decrease of \$16.2 million or 3.3%, compared with \$493.4 million for the same period in 2014. The decrease in net interest income was primarily attributable to a decrease in purchase accounting loan discount accretion of \$23.0 million from \$67.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 to \$44.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, partially offset by a 7-basis-point decrease in average rate paid on interest-bearing liabilities from 0.37% at September 30, 2014 to 0.30% at September 30, 2015.

Interest income on loans was \$361.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, a decrease of \$25.1 million or 6.5%, compared with \$386.3 million for the same period in 2014. This decrease was primarily due to a decrease in purchase accounting loan discount accretion of \$23.0 million from \$67.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 to \$44.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The Company had \$102.6 million of total outstanding discounts on acquired loans, of which \$67.1 million was accretable at September 30, 2015.

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Interest income on securities was \$145.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, an increase of \$4.1 million or 2.9%, compared with \$141.6 million for the same period in 2014. This was primarily due to an increase in average securities of \$862.1 million or 9.9%, partially offset by a 14-basis-point decrease in average interest rates from 2.18% at September 30, 2014 to 2.04% at September 30, 2015.

Average interest-bearing liabilities were \$13.16 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, an increase of \$517.8 million or 4.1%, compared with \$12.64 billion for the same period in 2014. The net interest margin on a tax-equivalent basis decreased 35 basis points from 3.77% for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 to 3.42% for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. This was primarily due to lower yields on average interest-earning assets, partially offset by lower rates paid on average interest-bearing liabilities. Additionally, the tax-equivalent net interest margin was impacted by a \$23.0 million decrease in purchase accounting adjustments for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 compared with the nine months ended September 30, 2014.

The following tables present, for the periods indicated, the total dollar amount of average balances, interest income from average interest-earning assets and the resultant yields, as well as the interest expense on average interest-bearing liabilities, expressed in both dollars and rates. Except as indicated in the footnotes, no tax-equivalent adjustments were made and all average balances are daily average balances. Any nonaccruing loans have been included in the table as loans carrying a zero yield.

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015			2014		
	Average Outstanding Balance	Interest Earned/ Interest Paid	Average Yield/Rate (4)	Average Outstanding Balance	Interest Earned/ Interest Paid	Average Yield/Rate (4)
(Dollars in thousands)						
Assets						
Interest-Earning Assets:						
Loans	\$ 9,156,679	\$ 116,911	5.07 %	\$ 9,381,248	\$ 140,521	5.94 %
Investment securities	9,706,373	48,610	1.99 %	8,836,309	46,910	2.11 %
Federal funds sold and other earning assets	55,000	22	0.16 %	95,378	35	0.15 %
Total interest-earning assets	18,918,052	\$ 165,543	3.47 %	18,312,935	\$ 187,466	4.06 %
Allowance for credit losses	(80,793)			(73,977)		
Noninterest-earning assets	2,819,150			2,881,762		
Total assets	\$ 21,656,409			\$ 21,120,720		

Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity

Interest-Bearing

Liabilities:

Interest-bearing demand deposits	\$ 3,663,114	\$ 1,961	0.21 %	\$ 3,399,655	\$ 2,089	0.24 %
Savings and money market deposits	5,492,326	3,392	0.24 %	5,502,326	3,400	0.25 %
Certificates and other time deposits	2,685,346	3,400	0.50 %	3,235,185	4,751	0.58 %
Other borrowings	886,787	473	0.21 %	215,222	225	0.42 %
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	331,286	209	0.25 %	389,726	245	0.25 %
Junior subordinated debentures	—	—	—	167,531	1,099	2.60 %
Total interest-bearing liabilities	13,058,859	9,435	0.29 %	12,909,645	11,809	0.36 %

Noninterest-Bearing

Liabilities:

Noninterest-bearing demand deposits	5,078,234			4,939,388		
Other liabilities	121,360			109,287		
Total liabilities	18,258,453			17,958,320		
Shareholders' equity	3,397,956			3,162,400		
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 21,656,409			\$ 21,120,720		

Net interest rate spread			3.18 %			3.70 %
Net interest income and margin (1) (2)		\$ 156,108	3.27 %		\$ 175,657	3.81 %
Net interest income and margin (tax equivalent) (3)		\$ 157,571	3.30 %		\$ 177,654	3.85 %

(1) Yield is based on amortized cost and does not include any component of unrealized gains or losses.

(2) The net interest margin is equal to net interest income divided by average interest-earning assets.

In order to make pretax income and resultant yields on tax-exempt investments and loans comparable to those on (3) taxable investments and loans, a tax-equivalent adjustment has been computed using a federal income tax rate of 35%.

(4) Annualized and based on an actual/365 day basis for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

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	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015				2014			
	Average Outstanding Balance	Interest Earned/ Interest Paid	Average Yield/Rate (4)		Average Outstanding Balance	Interest Earned/ Interest Paid	Average Yield/Rate (4)	
	(Dollars in thousands)							
Assets								
Interest-Earning Assets:								
Loans	\$9,159,775	\$361,193	5.27	%	\$8,874,414	\$386,320	5.82	%
Investment securities	9,547,293	145,702	2.04	%	8,685,212	141,636	2.18	%
Federal funds sold and other earning assets	133,331	234	0.23	%	143,770	261	0.24	%
Total interest-earning assets	18,840,399	\$507,129	3.60	%	17,703,396	\$528,217	3.99	%
Allowance for credit losses	(80,781)				(71,287)			
Noninterest-earning assets	2,835,450				2,791,827			
Total assets	\$21,595,068				\$20,423,936			
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity								
Interest-Bearing Liabilities:								
Interest-bearing demand deposits	\$3,909,337	\$6,771	0.23	%	\$3,506,932	\$6,493	0.25	%
Savings and money market deposits	5,503,597	10,171	0.25	%	5,326,783	10,105	0.25	%
Certificates and other time deposits	2,819,822	10,557	0.50	%	3,145,435	13,947	0.59	%
Other borrowings	550,743	967	0.23	%	136,618	571	0.56	%
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	334,958	620	0.25	%	373,542	737	0.26	%
Junior subordinated debentures	39,365	791	2.69	%	150,692	2,961	2.63	%
Total interest-bearing liabilities	13,157,822	29,877	0.30	%	12,640,002	34,814	0.37	%
Noninterest-Bearing Liabilities:								
Noninterest-bearing demand deposits	4,990,769				4,567,397			
Other liabilities	106,782				185,838			
Total liabilities	18,255,373				17,393,237			
Shareholders' equity	3,339,695				3,030,699			
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$21,595,068				\$20,423,936			
Net interest rate spread			3.30	%			3.62	%
Net interest income and margin (1) (2)		\$477,252	3.39	%		\$493,403	3.73	%
Net interest income and margin (tax equivalent) (3)		\$481,942	3.42	%		\$499,535	3.77	%

- (1) Yield is based on amortized cost and does not include any component of unrealized gains or losses.
- (2) The net interest margin is equal to net interest income divided by average interest-earning assets.
In order to make pretax income and resultant yields on tax-exempt investments and loans comparable to those on
- (3) taxable investments and loans, a tax-equivalent adjustment has been computed using a federal income tax rate of 35%.
- (4) Annualized and based on an actual/365 day basis for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

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The following table presents information regarding the dollar amount of changes in interest income and interest expense for the periods indicated for each major component of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities and distinguishes between the changes attributable to changes in volume and changes in interest rates. For purposes of this table, changes attributable to both rate and volume which cannot be segregated have been allocated to rate.

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015 vs. 2014 Increase (Decrease) Due to Change in Volume Rate Total (Dollars in thousands)			Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 vs. 2014 Increase (Decrease) Due to Change in Volume Rate Total		
	Interest-Earning Assets:					
Loans (1)	\$ (3,364)	\$ (20,246)	\$ (23,610)	\$ 12,422	\$ (37,549)	\$ (25,127)
Investment securities (1)	4,619	(2,919)	1,700	14,059	(9,993)	4,066
Federal funds sold and other earning assets	(15)	2	(13)	(19)	(8)	(27)
Total increase (decrease) in interest income	1,240	(23,163)	(21,923)	26,462	(47,550)	(21,088)
Interest-Bearing Liabilities:						
Interest-bearing demand deposits	162	(290)	(128)	745	(467)	278
Savings and money market deposits	(6)	(2)	(8)	335	(269)	66
Certificates and other time deposits (1)	(807)	(544)	(1,351)	(1,444)	(1,946)	(3,390)
Other borrowings	703	(455)	248	1,731	(1,335)	396
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	(36)	—	(36)	(76)	(41)	(117)
Junior subordinated debentures	(1,099)	—	(1,099)	(2,188)	18	(2,170)
Total decrease in interest expense	(1,083)	(1,291)	(2,374)	(897)	(4,040)	(4,937)
Increase (decrease) in net interest income	\$ 2,323	\$ (21,872)	\$ (19,549)	\$ 27,359	\$ (43,510)	\$ (16,151)

(1) Includes impact of purchase accounting adjustments.

Provision for Credit Losses

Management actively monitors the Company's asset quality and provides specific loss provisions when necessary. Provisions for credit losses are charged to income to bring the total allowance for credit losses to a level deemed appropriate by management of the Company based on such factors as historical credit loss experience, industry diversification of the Company's commercial loan portfolio, the amount of nonperforming loans and related collateral, the volume growth and composition of the loan portfolio, current economic conditions that may affect the borrower's ability to pay and the value of collateral, the evaluation of the loan portfolio through the internal loan review process and other relevant factors.

Loans are charged off against the allowance for credit losses when appropriate. Although management believes it uses the best information available to make determinations with respect to the provision for credit losses, future adjustments may be necessary if economic conditions differ from the assumptions used in making the initial determinations.

The Company recorded a \$5.3 million provision for credit losses for the quarter ended September 30, 2015 and a \$5.0 million provision for the quarter ended September 30, 2014. Net charge-offs were \$5.3 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2015 compared with net charge-offs of \$653 thousand for the quarter ended September 30, 2014. This increase was primarily due to the charge off of three commercial and industrial loans during the third quarter of 2015. The Company made a \$7.1 million provision for credit losses for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and an \$11.9 million provision for the nine months ended September 30, 2014. Net charge-offs were \$6.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 compared with \$1.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014. See "Financial Condition – Allowance for Credit Losses" below for more information.

Noninterest Income

The Company's primary sources of recurring noninterest income are NSF fees, credit, debit and ATM card income and service charges on deposit accounts. Noninterest income does not include loan origination fees which are recognized over the life of the related loan as an adjustment to yield using the interest method. Noninterest income totaled \$31.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015 compared with \$30.2 million for the same period in 2014, an increase of \$1.6 million or 5.3%. This was mainly due to an increase in mortgage income and other noninterest income, partially offset by a decrease in NSF fees. Noninterest income totaled \$90.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 compared with \$91.5 million for the same period in 2014, a decrease of \$954 thousand or 1.0%. This decrease was primarily due to a decrease in net gain on sale of assets and NSF fees, partially offset by an increase in mortgage income and other noninterest income.

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The following table presents, for the periods indicated, the major categories of noninterest income:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015 2014		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 2014	
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Nonsufficient funds (NSF) fees	\$9,082	\$9,734	\$25,310	\$27,703
Credit card, debit card and ATM card income	5,955	5,921	17,596	17,103
Service charges on deposit accounts	4,438	4,255	12,806	12,189
Trust income	1,986	2,099	6,042	5,943
Mortgage income	1,770	1,414	4,431	3,215
Brokerage income	1,596	1,743	4,546	4,413
Bank owned life insurance income	1,384	1,404	4,154	3,797
Net gain on sale of assets	173	23	1,822	4,634
Other	5,396	3,598	13,791	12,455
Total noninterest income	\$31,780	\$30,191	\$90,498	\$91,452

Noninterest Expense

Noninterest expense totaled \$76.4 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2015 compared with \$85.5 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2014, a decrease of \$9.1 million or 10.6%. This was primarily due to a decrease in salary and benefits expense, other noninterest expense, net occupancy and equipment expense and regulatory assessments. Noninterest expense totaled \$235.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 compared with \$243.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, a decrease of \$8.3 million or 3.4%. This was primarily due to a decrease in salary and benefits expense and other noninterest expense, partially offset by an increase in regulatory assessments.

The following table presents, for the periods indicated, the major categories of noninterest expense:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015 2014		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 2014	
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Salaries and employee benefits (1)	\$46,587	\$52,179	\$144,372	\$149,713
Non-staff expenses:				
Net occupancy and equipment	6,088	6,801	17,864	18,136

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Credit and debit card, data processing and software amortization	3,924	4,044	11,786	11,237
Regulatory assessments and FDIC insurance	3,366	4,051	11,973	10,663
Core deposit intangibles amortization	2,356	2,598	7,235	7,273
Depreciation	3,313	3,516	9,649	10,239
Communications (2)	2,663	2,960	8,307	8,616
Other real estate expense	123	72	384	656
Professional fees	746	1,331	2,058	4,057
Printing and supplies	536	663	1,551	1,800
Other	6,728	7,325	20,448	21,536
Total noninterest expense	\$76,430	\$85,540	\$235,627	\$243,926

Includes stock-based compensation expense of \$2.8 million and \$2.3 million for the three months ended (1) September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and \$8.5 million and \$5.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

(2) Communications expense includes telephone, data circuits, postage and courier expenses.

Income Taxes

Income tax expense decreased \$3.2 million or 8.2%, to \$35.6 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2015 compared with \$38.7 million for the same period in 2014. This decrease was primarily attributable to lower pretax net income for the three months ended September 30, 2015 compared with the same period in 2014. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, income tax expense totaled \$108.9 million, a decrease of \$899 thousand or 0.8%, compared with \$109.8 million for the same period in 2014. This decrease was primarily attributable to lower pretax net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 compared with the same period in 2014. The Company's effective tax rate for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 was 33.5% and 33.6%, respectively. The Company's effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 was 33.5% and 33.4%, respectively.

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FINANCIAL CONDITION

Loan Portfolio

At September 30, 2015, total loans were \$9.20 billion, a decrease of \$39.2 million or 0.4%, compared with \$9.24 billion at December 31, 2014. Loans at September 30, 2015 included \$12.6 million of loans held for sale. Average outstanding loans at September 30, 2015 represented 48.4% of average interest-earning assets for the quarter ended September 30, 2015.

The Company separates its loan portfolio into two general categories of loans: (1) “legacy loans,” which are loans originated by Prosperity Bank and made pursuant to the Company’s loan policy and procedures in effect at the time the loan was made, and (2) “acquired loans,” which are loans acquired in a business combination. Those acquired loans that are renewed or substantially modified after the date of the business combination, which therefore causes them to become subject to the Company’s allowance for credit losses methodology, are referred to as “acquired legacy loans.” If a renewal or substantial modification of an acquired loan is underwritten by the Company with a new credit analysis, the loan will no longer be categorized as an acquired loan. For example, acquired loans to one borrower may be combined into a new loan with a new loan number and categorized as a legacy loan. Acquired loans with a fair value discount or premium at the date of the business combination that remained at the reporting date are referred to as “fair-valued acquired loans.” All fair-valued acquired loans are further categorized into “PCI loans” (purchased credit-impaired loans) and “Non-PCI loans.” Acquired loans with evidence of credit quality deterioration at acquisition for which it is probable that the Company would not be able to collect all contractual amounts due are PCI loans.

The following tables summarize the Company’s legacy and acquired loan portfolios broken out into legacy loans, acquired legacy loans, Non-PCI loans and PCI loans, as of the dates indicated.

	September 30, 2015				
	Acquired Loans				
	Legacy Loans	Acquired Legacy Loans	Non-PCI Loans	PCI Loans	Total Loans
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Residential mortgage loans held for sale	\$12,564	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$12,564
Commercial and industrial	959,662	425,463	247,422	16,285	1,648,832
Real estate:					
Construction, land development and other land loans	926,245	79,266	66,431	1,043	1,072,985
1-4 family residential (including home equity)	2,054,039	87,124	437,242	5,616	2,584,021

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Commercial real estate (including multi-family residential)	2,045,665	301,839	627,184	18,038	2,992,726
Farmland	322,978	15,645	81,322	421	420,366
Agriculture	127,610	64,469	6,063	55	198,197
Consumer and other	214,364	26,686	34,247	-	275,297
Total loans held for investment	6,650,563	1,000,492	1,499,911	41,458	9,192,424
Total	\$6,663,127	\$1,000,492	\$1,499,911	\$41,458	\$9,204,988

December 31, 2014

	Acquired Loans				
	Legacy Loans	Acquired Legacy Loans	Non-PCI Loans	PCI Loans	Total Loans
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Residential mortgage loans held for sale	\$8,602	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$8,602
Commercial and industrial Real estate:	846,665	518,855	414,647	26,100	1,806,267
Construction, land development and other land loans	801,321	114,066	109,946	1,142	1,026,475
1-4 family residential (including home equity)	1,877,843	94,331	535,479	5,926	2,513,579
Commercial real estate (including multi-family residential)	1,883,267	263,904	859,702	23,467	3,030,340
Farmland	244,162	13,520	103,809	452	361,943
Agriculture	105,448	72,051	12,149	55	189,703
Consumer and other	189,161	56,839	61,274	-	307,274
Total loans held for investment	5,947,867	1,133,566	2,097,006	57,142	9,235,581
Total	\$5,956,469	\$1,133,566	\$2,097,006	\$57,142	\$9,244,183

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Nonperforming assets include loans on nonaccrual status, accruing loans 90 days past due or more and real estate which has been acquired through foreclosure and is awaiting disposition. Nonperforming assets do not include PCI loans unless the timing and amount of projected cash flows can no longer be reasonably estimated. PCI loans become subject to the Company's allowance for credit losses methodology when a deterioration in projected cash flows is identified.

The Company generally places a loan on nonaccrual status and ceases accruing interest when the payment of principal or interest is delinquent for 90 days, or earlier in some cases, unless the loan is in the process of collection and the underlying collateral fully supports the carrying value of the loan.

Nonperforming assets increased \$11.7 million or 31.7%, to \$48.6 million at September 30, 2015 compared with \$36.9 million at December 31, 2014, of which \$25.8 million and \$30.7 million, respectively, were attributable to acquired loans. This increase was primarily due to one commercial real estate participation loan for \$11.9 million that was initiated by an acquired bank and moved to nonaccrual during the third quarter of 2015.

The following tables present information regarding nonperforming assets differentiated among legacy loans, acquired legacy loans, Non-PCI loans and PCI loans, as of the dates indicated:

	September 30, 2015				
		Acquired Loans			
	Legacy Loans	Acquired Legacy Loans	Non-PCI Loans	PCI Loans	Total
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Nonaccrual loans (1)	\$21,549	\$10,760	\$4,927	\$7,699	\$44,935
Accruing loans 90 or more days past due	-	261	-	-	261
Total nonperforming loans	21,549	11,021	4,927	7,699	45,196
Reposessed assets	5	-	56	100	161
Other real estate	1,281	-	1,940	50	3,271
Total nonperforming assets	\$22,835	\$11,021	\$6,923	\$7,849	\$48,628
Nonperforming assets to total loans and other real estate by category	0.34 %	1.10 %	0.46 %	18.91 %	0.53 %

December 31, 2014

	Acquired Loans				
	Legacy Loans	Acquired Legacy Loans	Non-PCI Loans	PCI Loans	Total

(Dollars in thousands)

Nonaccrual loans (1)	\$4,197	\$11,194	\$ 2,947	\$13,084	\$31,422
Accruing loans 90 or more days past due	377	1,816	-	-	\$2,193
Total nonperforming loans	4,574	13,010	2,947	13,084	33,615
Repossessed assets	12	-	55	-	67
Other real estate	1,608	23	1,556	50	3,237
Total nonperforming assets	\$6,194	\$13,033	\$ 4,558	\$13,134	\$36,919

Nonperforming assets to total loans and other real estate by category	0.10 %	1.15 %	0.22 %	22.96 %	0.40 %
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(1) Includes troubled debt restructurings of \$607 thousand and \$911 thousand as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively.

Nonperforming assets were 0.53% of total loans and other real estate at September 30, 2015 compared with 0.40% of total loans and other real estate at December 31, 2014. Nonperforming assets attributable to legacy loans were 0.34% of total legacy loans and other real estate at September 30, 2015 compared with 0.10% of total legacy loans and other real estate at December 31, 2014. Nonperforming assets attributable to acquired legacy loans were 1.10% of total acquired legacy loans and other real estate at September 30, 2015 compared with 1.15% of total acquired legacy loans and other real estate at December 31, 2014. Nonperforming assets attributable to Non-PCI loans were 0.46% of total Non-PCI loans and other real estate at September 30, 2015 compared with 0.22% of total Non-PCI and other real estate at December 31, 2014. Nonperforming assets attributable to PCI loans were 18.91% of total PCI loans and other real estate at September 30, 2015 compared with 22.96% of total PCI loans and other real estate at December 31, 2014. The allowance for credit losses as a percentage of total nonperforming loans was 179.2% at September 30, 2015 and 240.3% at December 31, 2014. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, the Company had two loans totaling \$400 thousand in new troubled debt restructurings, of which \$316 thousand was still outstanding on September 30, 2015.

Table Of Contents*Allowance for Credit Losses*

The following table presents, as of and for the periods indicated, an analysis of the allowance for credit losses and other related data:

	As of and for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 2014 (Dollars in thousands)			
Average loans outstanding	\$9,159,775		\$8,874,414	
Gross loans outstanding at end of period	\$9,204,988		\$9,368,888	
Allowance for credit losses at beginning of period	\$80,762		\$67,282	
Provision for credit losses	7,060		11,925	
Charge-offs:				
Commercial and industrial	(5,691	)	(390)
Real estate and agriculture	(851	)	(1,099)
Consumer and other	(2,406	)	(4,037)
Recoveries:				
Commercial and industrial	789		356	
Real estate and agriculture	310		1,341	
Consumer and other	1,030		2,235	
Net charge-offs	(6,819	)	(1,594)
Allowance for credit losses at end of period	\$81,003		\$77,613	
Ratio of allowance to end of period loans	0.88	%	0.83	%
Ratio of net charge-offs to average loans (annualized)	0.10	%	0.02	%
Ratio of allowance to end of period nonperforming loans	179.2	%	174.2	%

The allowance for credit losses is a valuation established through charges to earnings in the form of a provision for credit losses. Management has established an allowance for credit losses which it believes is adequate for estimated losses in the Company's loan portfolio. The amount of the allowance for credit losses is affected by the following: (1) charge offs of loans that occur when loans are deemed uncollectible and decrease the allowance, (2) recoveries on loans previously charged off that increase the allowance and (3) provisions for credit losses charged to earnings that increase the allowance. Based on an evaluation of the loan portfolio and consideration of the factors listed below, management presents a quarterly review of the allowance for credit losses to the Bank's Board of Directors, indicating any change in the allowance since the last review and any recommendations as to adjustments in the allowance.

Although management believes it uses the best information available to make determinations with respect to the allowance for credit losses, further adjustments may be necessary if economic conditions differ from the assumptions used in making the initial determinations.

The Company's allowance for credit losses consists of two components: a specific valuation allowance based on probable losses on specifically identified loans and a general valuation allowance based on historical loan loss experience, general economic conditions and other qualitative risk factors both internal and external to the Company.

In setting the specific valuation allowance, the Company follows a loan review program to evaluate the credit risk in the total loan portfolio and assigns risk grades to each loan. Through this loan review process, the Company maintains an internal list of impaired loans which, along with the delinquency list of loans, helps management assess the overall quality of the loan portfolio and the adequacy of the allowance for credit losses. All loans that have been identified as impaired are reviewed on a quarterly basis in order to determine whether a specific reserve is required. For certain impaired loans, the Company allocates a specific loan loss reserve primarily based on the value of the collateral securing the impaired loan. The specific reserves are determined on an individual loan basis. Loans for which specific reserves are provided are excluded from the general valuation allowance described below.

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In determining the amount of the general valuation allowance, management considers factors such as historical loan loss experience, concentration risk of specific loan types, the volume, growth and composition of the Company's loan portfolio, current economic conditions that may affect the borrower's ability to pay and the value of collateral, the evaluation of the Company's loan portfolio through its internal loan review process, general economic conditions and other qualitative risk factors both internal and external to the Company and other relevant factors. Based on a review of these factors for each loan type, the Company applies an estimated percentage to the outstanding balance of each loan type, excluding any loan that has a specific reserve allocated to it. The Company uses this information to establish the amount of the general valuation allowance.

A change in the allowance for credit losses can be attributable to several factors, most notably (1) specific reserves identified for impaired loans, (2) historical credit loss information, (3) changes in environmental factors and (4) growth in the balance of legacy loans and the re-categorization of fair-valued acquired loans to acquired legacy loans, which subjects such loans to the allowance methodology.

Changes in the Company's asset quality are reflected in the allowance in several ways. Specific reserves that are calculated on a loan-by-loan basis and the qualitative assessment of all other loans reflect current changes in the credit quality of the loan portfolio. Historical credit losses, on the other hand, are based on a three-year look back period, which are then applied to estimate current credit losses inherent in the loan portfolio. A deterioration in the credit quality of the loan portfolio in the current period would increase the historical credit loss factor to be applied in future periods, just as an improvement in credit quality would decrease the historical credit loss factor.

The allowance for credit losses is further determined by the size of the loan portfolio subject to the allowance methodology and environmental factors that include Company-specific risk indicators and general economic conditions, both of which are constantly changing. The Company evaluates the economic and portfolio-specific factors on a quarterly basis to determine a qualitative component of the general valuation allowance. The factors include economic metrics, business conditions, delinquency trends, credit concentrations, nature and volume of the portfolio and other adjustments for items not covered by specific reserves and historical loss experience. Management's assessment of qualitative factors is a statistically based approach to determine the inherent probable loss associated with such factors. Based on the Company's actual historical loan loss experience relative to economic and loan portfolio-specific factors at the time the losses occurred, management is able to identify the probabilities of default and loss severity based on current economic conditions. The correlation of historical loss experience with current economic conditions provides an estimate of inherent and probable losses that has not been previously factored into the general valuation allowance by the determination of specific reserves and recent historical losses. Additionally, the Company considers qualitative factors not easily quantified and the possibility of model imprecision.

Utilizing the aggregation of specific reserves, historical loss experience and a qualitative component, management is able to determine the valuation allowance to reflect the full inherent probable loss.

In determining the allowance for credit losses, management also considers the type of loan (legacy or acquired) and the credit quality of the loan. The Company delineates between legacy loans and acquired legacy loans, which are accounted for under the contractual yield method, and fair-valued acquired loans consisting of Non-PCI loans and PCI loans, which are accounted for as purchased loans.

Loans acquired in business combinations are initially recorded at fair value, which includes an estimate of inherent credit losses expected to be realized over the remaining lives of the loans, and therefore no corresponding allowance for credit losses is recorded for these loans at acquisition. When a fair-valued acquired loan is renewed at its maturity date, the loan is re-categorized as an acquired legacy loan. When a fair-valued acquired loan is modified after acquisition, the loan is independently evaluated subsequent to the modification decision to determine whether the modification was substantial, and therefore, requires that the loan be re-categorized as an acquired legacy loan. This determination is based on a discounted cash-flow analysis. Generally, when a change in discounted cash-flow of greater than 10% is identified, the fair-valued acquired loan becomes categorized as an acquired legacy loan. If and when a fair-valued acquired loan becomes an acquired legacy loan, the acquired legacy loan is evaluated at the time of renewal or modification in accordance with the Company's allowance for credit losses methodology described above.

Non-PCI loans which were not deemed impaired subsequent to the acquisition date are considered non-impaired and are evaluated as part of the general valuation allowance. Non-PCI loans that have not become impaired subsequent to acquisition are segregated into a pool for each acquisition for allowance calculation purposes. For each pool, the Company estimates a hypothetical allowance for credit losses also referred to as an "indicated reserve" that is calculated in accordance with GAAP requirements. The Company uses the acquired bank's past loss history adjusted for qualitative factors to establish the indicated reserve. The indicated reserve for each pool of Non-PCI loans is compared with the remaining discount for the respective pool to test for credit quality deterioration and the possible need for a loan loss provision. To the extent the remaining discount of the pool is greater than the indicated reserve, no additional allowance is necessary. In the event that the remaining discount of the pool is less than the indicated reserve, the difference results in an increase to the allowance recorded through a provision for credit losses.

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Non-PCI loans that have deteriorated to an impaired status subsequent to acquisition are evaluated for a specific reserve on a quarterly basis which, when identified, is added to the allowance for credit losses. The Company reviews impaired Non-PCI loans on a loan-by-loan basis and determines the specific reserve based on the difference between the recorded investment in the loan and one of three factors: expected future cash flows, observable market price or fair value of the collateral. Because essentially all of the Company's impaired Non-PCI loans have been collateral-dependent, the amount of the specific reserve historically has been determined by comparing the fair value of the collateral securing the Non-PCI loan with the recorded investment in such loan. In the future, the Company will continue to analyze impaired Non-PCI loans on a loan-by-loan basis and may use an alternative measurement method to determine the specific reserve, as appropriate and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

PCI loans are individually monitored on a quarterly basis to assess for deterioration subsequent to acquisition and are only subject to the Company's allowance methodology when a deterioration in projected cash flows is identified. In the event that a deterioration in cash flows is identified, an additional provision for credit losses is made. PCI loans were recorded at their acquisition date fair values, which were based on expected cash flows and included estimates of expected future credit losses. The Company's estimates of loan fair values at the acquisition date may be adjusted for a period of up to one year as the Company continues to evaluate its estimate of expected future cash flows at the acquisition date. If the Company determines that losses arose after the acquisition date, the additional losses will be reflected as a provision for credit losses. An allowance for credit losses is not calculated for PCI loans that have not experienced deterioration subsequent to the acquisition date. See "Critical Accounting Policies" above for more information.

As described in the section captioned "Critical Accounting Policies" above, the Company's determination of the allowance for credit losses involves a high degree of judgment and complexity. The Company's analysis of qualitative, or environmental, factors on pools of loans with common risk characteristics, in combination with the quantitative historical loss information and specific reserves, provides the Company with an estimate of inherent losses. The allowance must reflect changes in the balance of loans subject to the allowance methodology, as well as the estimated imminent losses associated with those loans.

The Company further disaggregates its allowance for credit losses to distinguish between the portion of the allowance attributed to legacy loans and the portion attributed to acquired loans.

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The following tables present, as of and for the periods indicated, information regarding the allowance for credit losses differentiated between legacy loans and acquired loans. The charge-offs and recoveries with respect to the acquired loans shown below are primarily from acquired legacy loans. Reported net charge-offs may include those from Non-PCI loans and PCI loans, but only if the total charge-off required is greater than the remaining discount.

	As of and for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015			
	Legacy Loans	Acquired Loans	Total	
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Average loans outstanding	\$6,261,400	\$2,898,375	\$9,159,775	
Gross loans outstanding at end of period	\$6,663,127	\$2,541,861	\$9,204,988	
Allowance for credit losses at beginning of period	\$61,745	\$19,017	\$80,762	
Provision for credit losses	5,311	1,749	7,060	
Charge-offs:				
Commercial and industrial	(2,483)	(3,208)	(5,691)	
Real estate and agriculture	(414)	(437)	(851)	
Consumer and other	(2,333)	(73)	(2,406)	
Recoveries:				
Commercial and industrial	610	179	789	
Real estate and agriculture	309	1	310	
Consumer and other	1,027	3	1,030	
Net charge-offs	(3,284)	(3,535)	(6,819)	
Allowance for credit losses at end of period	\$63,772	\$17,231	\$81,003	
Ratio of allowance to end of period loans	0.96	% 0.68	% 0.88	%
Ratio of net charge-offs to average loans (annualized)	0.07	% 0.16	% 0.10	%
Ratio of allowance to end of period nonperforming loans	295.9	% 72.9	% 179.2	%

	As of and for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014		
	Legacy Loans	Acquired Loans	Total
	(Dollars in thousands)		
Average loans outstanding	\$5,310,877	\$3,563,537	\$8,874,414
Gross loans outstanding at end of period	\$5,683,637	\$3,685,251	\$9,368,888

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Allowance for credit losses at beginning of period	\$60,115		\$7,167		\$67,282	
Provision for credit losses	3,346		8,579		11,925	
Charge-offs:						
Commercial and industrial	(147	)	(243	)	(390)
Real estate and agriculture	(410	)	(689	)	(1,099)
Consumer and other	(3,953	)	(84	)	(4,037)
Recoveries:						
Commercial and industrial	313		43		356	
Real estate and agriculture	1,337		4		1,341	
Consumer and other	2,226		9		2,235	
Net charge-offs	(634	)	(960	)	(1,594)
Allowance for credit losses at end of period	\$62,827		\$14,786		\$77,613	
Ratio of allowance to end of period loans	1.11	%	0.40	%	0.83	%
Ratio of net charge-offs to average loans (annualized)	0.02	%	0.04	%	0.02	%
Ratio of allowance to end of period nonperforming loans	1468.3	%	36.7	%	174.2	%

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The Company had gross charge-offs on legacy loans of \$5.2 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2015. Partially offsetting these charge-offs were recoveries on legacy loans of \$1.9 million. Total charge-offs for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 were \$8.9 million, partially offset by total recoveries of \$2.1 million.

The following tables show the allocation of the allowance for credit losses among various categories of loans disaggregated between legacy loans, acquired legacy loans, Non-PCI loans and PCI loans at the dates indicated. The allocation is made for analytical purposes and is not necessarily indicative of the categories in which future losses may occur. The total allowance is available to absorb losses from any loan category, regardless of whether allocated to a legacy loan or an acquired loan.

September 30, 2015**Acquired Loans**

	Legacy Loans	Acquired Legacy Loans	Non-PCI Loans	PCI Loans	Total Allowance	Percent of Loans to Total Loans
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(Dollars in thousands)

Balance of allowance for credit losses applicable to:						
Commercial and industrial	\$21,324	\$10,540	\$ 1,160	\$ 262	\$ 33,286	17.9 %
Real estate	38,601	3,568	365	-	42,534	72.4 %
Agriculture and agriculture real estate	2,482	1,224	26	-	3,732	6.7 %
Consumer and other	1,365	67	19	-	1,451	3.0 %
Total allowance for credit losses	\$63,772	\$15,399	\$ 1,570	\$ 262	\$ 81,003	100.0 %

December 31, 2014**Acquired Loans**

	Legacy Loans	Acquired Legacy Loans	Non-PCI Loans	PCI Loans	Total Allowance	Percent of Loans to Total Loans
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(Dollars in thousands)

Balance of allowance for credit losses applicable to:						
Commercial and industrial	\$17,511	\$11,818	\$ 673	\$ -	\$ 30,002	19.5 %
Real estate	40,138	4,580	228	-	44,946	71.2 %
Agriculture and agriculture real estate	2,278	1,440	4	-	3,722	6.0 %
Consumer and other	1,818	123	151	-	2,092	3.3 %

Total allowance for credit losses	\$61,745	\$17,961	\$1,056	\$ -	\$80,762	100.0 %
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At September 30, 2015, the allowance for credit losses totaled \$81.0 million compared with \$80.8 million at December 31, 2014, an increase of \$241 thousand or 0.3%. The allowance for credit losses at September 30, 2015 totaled 0.88% of total loans compared with 0.87% of total loans at December 31, 2014.

At September 30, 2015, \$63.8 million of the allowance was attributable to legacy loans, an increase of \$2.0 million or 3.3% compared with the allowance of \$61.7 million attributable to legacy loans at December 31, 2014. This increase was primarily attributable to specific reserves identified for legacy loans with deteriorated credit quality partially offset by improved environmental factors. At September 30, 2015, \$15.4 million of the allowance for credit losses was attributable to acquired legacy loans compared with \$18.0 million of the allowance at December 31, 2014, a decrease of \$2.6 million or 14.3%. This decrease was primarily attributable to improved environmental factors. At September 30, 2015, \$1.6 million of the allowance for credit losses was attributable to Non-PCI loans compared with \$1.1 million of the allowance at December 31, 2014, an increase of \$514 thousand or 48.7%. This increase was primarily attributable to specific reserves identified for loans with deteriorated credit quality partially offset by improved environmental factors. At September 30, 2015, \$262 thousand of the allowance for credit losses was attributable to PCI loans compared with no allowance at December 31, 2014. The increase in allowance attributable to PCI loans was primarily attributable to specific reserves identified for loans with deteriorated credit quality.

At September 30, 2015, the Company had \$102.6 million of total outstanding discounts on Non-PCI and PCI loans, of which \$67.1 million was accretable.

The Company believes that the allowance for credit losses at September 30, 2015 is adequate to cover estimated losses in the loan portfolio as of such date. There can be no assurance, however, that the Company will not sustain losses in future periods, which could be substantial in relation to the size of the allowance at September 30, 2015.

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The carrying cost of securities totaled \$9.53 billion at September 30, 2015 compared with \$9.05 billion at December 31, 2014, an increase of \$485.0 million or 5.4%. At September 30, 2015, securities represented 44.2% of total assets compared with 42.1% of total assets at December 31, 2014.

The amortized cost and fair value of investment securities were as follows:

	September 30, 2015			
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Available for Sale				
States and political subdivisions	\$5,939	\$ 40	\$ -	\$5,979
Collateralized mortgage obligations	27,721	78	(11)	) 27,788
Mortgage-backed securities	60,818	3,564	(16)	) 64,366
Other securities	12,588	181	(47)	) 12,722
Total	\$107,066	\$ 3,863	\$ (74)	) \$110,855
Held to Maturity				
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. Government agencies	\$50,982	\$ 1,259	\$ -	\$52,241
States and political subdivisions	366,076	6,571	(854)	) 371,793
Collateralized mortgage obligations	4,093	32	(2)	) 4,123
Mortgage-backed securities	8,998,755	116,314	(48,562)	) 9,066,507
Total	\$9,419,906	\$ 124,176	\$ (49,418)	) \$9,494,664
	December 31, 2014			
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Available for Sale				
States and political subdivisions	\$14,402	\$ 183	\$ -	\$14,585
Collateralized mortgage obligations	33,519	91	(37)	) 33,573
Mortgage-backed securities	79,153	5,344	(14)	) 84,483
Other securities	12,588	201	(31)	) 12,758
Total	\$139,662	\$ 5,819	\$ (82)	) \$145,399

Held to Maturity

U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. Government agencies	\$52,353	\$ 360	\$ (74	) \$52,639
States and political subdivisions	404,356	6,147	(1,422	) 409,081
Collateralized mortgage obligations	19,585	215	(8	) 19,792
Mortgage-backed securities	8,424,083	96,650	(53,553	) 8,467,180
Total	\$8,900,377	\$ 103,372	\$ (55,057	) \$8,948,692

Management evaluates securities for other-than-temporary impairment (“OTTI”) at least on a quarterly basis, and more frequently when economic or market conditions warrant such an evaluation. In determining OTTI, management considers many factors, including: (1) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than cost, (2) the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, (3) whether the market decline was affected by macroeconomic conditions, and (4) whether the entity has the intent to sell the debt security or more likely than not will be required to sell the debt security before its anticipated recovery. The assessment of whether an other-than-temporary decline exists involves a high degree of subjectivity and judgment and is based on the information available to management at a point in time.

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When OTTI occurs under either model, the amount of the OTTI recognized in earnings depends on whether an entity intends to sell the security or more likely than not will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis less any current-period credit loss. If an entity intends to sell or more likely than not will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis less any current-period credit loss, the OTTI shall be recognized in earnings equal to the entire difference between the investment's amortized cost basis and its fair value at the balance sheet date. If an entity does not intend to sell the security and it is not more likely than not that the entity will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis less any current-period loss, the OTTI shall be separated into the amount representing the credit-related portion of the impairment loss ("credit loss") and the noncredit portion of the impairment loss ("noncredit portion"). The amount of the total OTTI related to the credit loss is determined based on the difference between the present value of cash flows expected to be collected and the amortized cost basis and such difference is recognized in earnings. The amount of the total OTTI related to the noncredit portion is recognized in other comprehensive income, net of applicable taxes. The previous amortized cost basis less the OTTI recognized in earnings shall become the new amortized cost basis of the investment.

As of September 30, 2015, management does not have the intent to sell any of its securities and believes that it is more likely than not that the Company will not have to sell any such securities before a recovery of cost. The unrealized losses are largely due to increases in market interest rates over the yields available at the time the underlying securities were purchased. The fair value is expected to recover as the securities approach their maturity date or repricing date or if market yields for such investments decline. Management does not believe any of the securities are impaired due to reasons of credit quality. Accordingly, as of September 30, 2015, management believes any impairment in the Company's securities is temporary, and therefore no impairment loss has been realized in the Company's consolidated statements of income.

Deposits

Total deposits were \$16.94 billion at September 30, 2015 compared with \$17.69 billion at December 31, 2014, a decrease of \$753.2 million or 4.3%. At September 30, 2015, noninterest-bearing deposits totaled \$5.09 billion compared with \$4.94 billion at December 31, 2014, an increase of \$156.8 million or 3.2%. Interest-bearing deposits totaled \$11.85 billion at September 30, 2015 compared with \$12.76 billion at December 31, 2014, a decrease of \$910.0 million or 7.1%.

Average deposits for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 were \$17.22 billion, an increase of \$677.0 million or 4.1%, compared with \$16.55 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2014. Deposit growth was impacted by the acquisition of F&M on April 1, 2014. Deposits for F&M totaled \$2.27 billion at acquisition date. The ratio of average interest-bearing deposits to total average deposits was 71.0% during the first nine months of 2015 compared to 72.4% during the first nine months of 2014.

The following table summarizes the daily average balances and weighted average rates paid on deposits for the periods indicated below:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2015		2014	
	Average	Average	Average	Average
	Balance	Rate	Balance	Rate
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Interest-bearing demand deposits	\$3,909,337	0.23%	\$3,506,932	0.25%
Regular savings	1,838,912	0.20%	1,664,601	0.20%
Money market savings	3,664,685	0.27%	3,662,182	0.28%
Certificates and other time deposits	2,819,822	0.50%	3,145,435	0.59%
Total interest-bearing deposits	12,232,756	0.30%	11,979,150	0.34%
Noninterest-bearing deposits	4,990,769		4,567,397	
Total deposits	\$17,223,525	0.21%	\$16,546,547	0.25%

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The following table presents the Company's borrowings as of the dates indicated:

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(Dollars in thousands)	
FHLB advances	\$780,000	\$ -
FHLB long-term notes payable	6,571	8,724
Total other borrowings	786,571	8,724
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	310,038	315,523
Total	\$1,096,609	\$324,247

FHLB advances and long-term notes payable— The Company has an available line of credit with the FHLB of Dallas, which allows the Company to borrow on a collateralized basis. FHLB advances are considered short-term, overnight borrowings and are used to manage liquidity as needed. Maturing advances are replaced by drawing on available cash, making additional borrowings or through increased customer deposits. At September 30, 2015, the Company had total funds of \$5.61 billion available under this agreement, of which \$786.6 million was outstanding. Short-term overnight FHLB advances of \$780.0 million were outstanding at September 30, 2015, at a weighted average rate of 0.10%. Long-term notes payable were \$6.6 million at September 30, 2015, with a weighted average rate of 5.63%. The maturity dates on the FHLB notes payable range from the years 2016 to 2027 and have interest rates ranging from 4.51% to 6.10%.

Securities sold under repurchase agreements— At September 30, 2015, the Company had \$310.0 million in securities sold under repurchase agreements compared with \$315.5 million at December 31, 2014, a decrease of \$5.5 million or 1.7%. Repurchase agreements with banking customers are generally settled on the following business day; however, approximately \$11.4 million of the repurchase agreements outstanding at September 30, 2015 have maturity dates ranging from 10 to 24 months. All securities sold under agreements to repurchase are collateralized by certain pledged securities.

Junior Subordinated Debentures

During the first quarter of 2015, the Company redeemed all of its outstanding junior subordinated debentures. Accordingly, as of September 30, 2015, the Company had no junior subordinated debentures outstanding compared with \$167.5 million outstanding at December 31, 2014.

Liquidity

Liquidity involves the Company's ability to raise funds to support asset growth or reduce assets to meet deposit withdrawals and other payment obligations, to maintain reserve requirements and otherwise to operate the Company on an ongoing basis. The Company's largest source of funds is deposits and its largest use of funds is loans. The Company does not expect a change in the source or use of its funds in the future. Although access to purchased funds from correspondent banks is available and has been utilized on occasion to take advantage of investment opportunities, the Company does not generally rely on these external funding sources. The cash and federal funds sold position, supplemented by amortizing investment and loan portfolios, has generally created an adequate liquidity position.

As of September 30, 2015, the Company had outstanding \$2.01 billion in commitments to extend credit and \$96.6 million in commitments associated with outstanding standby letters of credit. Since commitments associated with letters of credit and commitments to extend credit may expire unused, the total outstanding may not necessarily reflect the actual future cash funding requirements.

The Company has no exposure to future cash requirements associated with known uncertainties or capital expenditures of a material nature.

Asset liquidity is provided by cash and assets which are readily marketable or which will mature in the near future. As of September 30, 2015, the Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$301.2 million compared with \$677.9 million at December 31, 2014, a decrease of \$376.6 million or 55.6%. The decrease was primarily due to the purchase of \$6.44 billion of securities, a net decrease in interest-bearing deposits of \$909.1 million, the redemption of \$167.5 million of junior subordinated debentures and dividends paid of \$57.3 million. This decrease was partially offset by proceeds from the maturities and repayments of securities of \$5.90 billion, net proceeds from short-term borrowings of \$780.0 million, net income of \$216.2 million, net increase in noninterest-bearing deposits of \$156.8 million and a decrease in loans of \$78.2 million.

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The following table summarizes the Company's contractual obligations and other commitments to make future payments as of September 30, 2015 (other than deposit obligations). The payments do not include pre-payment options that may be available to the Company. The Company's future cash payments associated with its contractual obligations pursuant to its FHLB borrowings and operating leases as of September 30, 2015 are summarized below. Payments for FHLB borrowings include interest of \$1.1 million that will be paid over the future periods. Payments related to leases are based on actual payments specified in underlying contracts.

	1 year or less	More than 1 year but less than 3 years	3 years or more but less than 5 years	5 or more years	Total
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Federal Home Loan Bank notes payable	\$781,024	\$5,325	\$756	\$595	\$787,700
Operating leases	6,260	9,427	6,069	7,701	29,457
Total	\$787,284	\$14,752	\$6,825	\$8,296	\$817,157

Off-Balance Sheet Items

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into various transactions, which, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, are not included in its consolidated balance sheets. The Company enters into these transactions to meet the financing needs of its customers. These transactions include commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit, which involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit risk and interest rate risk in excess of the amounts recognized in the consolidated balance sheets.

The Company's commitments associated with outstanding standby letters of credit and commitments to extend credit as of September 30, 2015 are summarized below. Since commitments associated with letters of credit and commitments to extend credit may expire unused, the amounts shown do not necessarily reflect the actual future cash funding requirements:

	1 year or less	More than 1 year but less than 3 years	3 years or more but less than 5 years	5 years or more	Total
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Standby letters of credit	\$87,029	\$8,417	\$1,116	\$-	\$96,562
Commitments to extend credit	1,131,948	320,558	77,684	482,909	2,013,099
Total	\$1,218,977	\$328,975	\$78,800	\$482,909	\$2,109,661

Capital Resources

Total shareholders' equity was \$3.41 billion at September 30, 2015 compared with \$3.24 billion at December 31, 2014, an increase of \$166.4 million or 5.1%. The increase was due primarily to net income of \$216.2 million, partially offset by dividends paid of \$57.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015.

The Basel III Capital Rules adopted by the federal regulatory authorities in 2013 substantially revised the risk-based capital requirements applicable to the Company and the Bank. The Basel III Capital Rules became effective for the Company on January 1, 2015, subject to a phase-in period for certain provisions. Among other things, the Basel III Capital Rules introduced a new capital measure called "Common Equity Tier 1," which is a comparison of the sum of certain equity capital components to total risk-weighted assets, and revised the risk-weighting approach of the capital ratios with a more risk-sensitive approach that expanded the risk-weighting categories from the previous Basel I derived categories to a much larger and more risk-sensitive number of categories, depending on the nature of the assets.

Financial institutions are categorized as well capitalized or adequately capitalized based on minimum total risk-based, Tier 1 risk-based, common equity Tier 1 and Tier 1 leverage ratios. As of September 30, 2015, the Bank's capital ratios were above the levels required for the Bank to be designated as "well capitalized" by the FDIC.

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The following table provides a comparison of the Company's and the Bank's risk-weighted and leverage capital ratios to the minimum and well-capitalized regulatory standards as of September 30, 2015:

	Minimum Required For Capital Adequacy Purposes	To Be Categorized As Well Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions	Actual Ratio as of September 30, 2015
The Company			
Common equity			
Tier 1 capital (to risk weighted assets)	4.50%	N/A	13.37%
Tier 1 capital (to risk weighted assets)	6.00%	N/A	13.37%
Total capital (to risk weighted assets)	8.00%	N/A	14.09%
Tier 1 capital (to average assets)	4.00% (1)	N/A	7.65%
The Bank			
Common equity			
Tier 1 capital (to risk weighted assets)	4.50%	6.50%	13.26%
Tier 1 capital (to risk weighted assets)	6.00%	8.00%	13.26%
Total capital (to risk weighted assets)	8.00%	10.00%	13.98%
Tier 1 capital (to average assets)	4.00% (2)	5.00%	7.59%

(1) The Federal Reserve Board may require the Company to maintain a leverage ratio above the required minimum.

(2) The FDIC may require the Bank to maintain a leverage ratio above the required minimum.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The Company manages market risk, which for the Company is primarily interest rate risk, through its Asset Liability Committee which is composed of senior officers of the Company, in accordance with policies approved by the Company's Board of Directors.

The Company uses simulation analysis to examine the potential effects of market changes on net interest income and market value. The Company considers macroeconomic variables, Company strategy, liquidity and other factors as it quantifies market risk. See Item 7 "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Interest Rate Sensitivity and Liquidity" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, filed on March 2, 2015, for further discussion.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures. As of the end of the period covered by this report, the Company carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of its management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of its disclosure controls and procedures. In designing and evaluating the disclosure controls and procedures, management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives, and management was required to apply judgment in evaluating its controls and procedures. Based on this evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) were effective as of the end of the period covered by this report.

Changes in internal control over financial reporting. There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the quarter ended September 30, 2015 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II—OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Company and the Bank are defendants, from time to time, in legal actions arising from transactions conducted in the ordinary course of business. The Company and Bank believe, after consultations with legal counsel, that the ultimate liability, if any, arising from such actions will not have a material adverse effect on their financial statements.

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ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

There have been no material changes in the Company's risk factors from those disclosed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

a. None.

b. None.

c. None.

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

None.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

Exhibit

Description of Exhibit

Number

- 3.1 Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Prosperity Bancshares, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-63267) (the "Registration Statement"))
- 3.2 Articles of Amendment to Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Prosperity Bancshares, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2006)
- 3.3 Amended and Restated Bylaws of Prosperity Bancshares, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 23, 2015)
- 4.1 Form of certificate representing shares of the Company's common stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4 to the Registration Statement)
- 31.1* Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended
- 31.2* Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended
- 32.1** Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 32.2** Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 101* Interactive Financial Data

* Filed with this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

**Furnished with this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

PROSPERITY
BANCSHARES, INC. ®

(Registrant)

Date: 11/6/15 /S/ DAVID ZALMAN
David Zalman
Chairman and Chief Executive
Officer

Date: 11/6/15 /S/ DAVID HOLLOWAY
David Hollaway
Chief Financial Officer