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

For the quarterly period ended December 31, 2018

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: 0-22140

META FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.®

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 42-1406262

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

5501 South Broadband Lane, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57108 (Address of principal executive offices and Zip Code)

(605) 782-1767

(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, smaller reporting company or an emerging growth company See the definitions of "large accelerated filer." "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act:

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller Reporting Company Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Class: Outstanding at February 1, 2019:

Common Stock, \$.01 par value 39,419,991 shares Nonvoting Common Stock, \$.01 par value 0 Nonvoting shares

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION Item 1. Financial Statements. META FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition (Dollars in Thousands, Except Share Data ⁽¹⁾)	(Unaudited)	
ASSETS		, September 30,
Cash and cash equivalents Investment securities available for sale, at fair value Mortgage-backed securities available for sale, at fair value Investment securities held to maturity, at cost Mortgage-backed securities held to maturity, at cost Loans held for sale Loans and leases Allowance for loan and lease losses Federal Home Loan Bank Stock, at cost Accrued interest receivable Premises, furniture, and equipment, net Rental equipment, net Bank-owned life insurance Foreclosed real estate and repossessed assets Goodwill Intangible assets Prepaid assets	15,600 22,076 44,299 146,815 87,934 31,548 303,270 66,366 31,483	2018 \$ 99,977 1,484,160 364,065 163,893 7,850 15,606 2,944,739) (13,040 23,400 22,016 40,458 107,290 87,293 31,638 303,270 70,719 27,906
Deferred taxes Other assets	23,607 48,038	18,737 35,090
Total assets LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$6,182,765	\$ 5,835,067
LIABILITIES Noninterest-bearing checking Interest-bearing checking Savings deposits Money market deposits Time certificates of deposit Wholesale deposits Total deposits Short-term debt Long-term debt Accrued interest payable Accrued expenses and other liabilities Total liabilities	\$2,739,757 128,662 52,229 54,559 170,629 1,790,611 4,936,447 231,293 88,983 11,280 144,034 5,412,037	\$2,405,274 111,587 54,765 51,995 276,180 1,531,186 4,430,987 425,759 88,963 7,794 133,838 5,087,341
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY Preferred stock, 3,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued or outstanding at December 31, 2018 and September 30, 2018, respectively	_	_

Common stock, \$.01 par value; 90,000,000 and 90,000,000 shares authorized,			
39,494,919 and 39,192,063 shares issued, 39,405,508 and 39,167,280 shares outstandin	g 394	393	
at December 31, 2018 and September 30, 2018, respectively			
Common stock, Nonvoting, \$.01 par value; 3,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issue	ed		
or outstanding at December 31, 2018 and September 30, 2018, respectively		_	
Additional paid-in capital	572,156	565,811	
Retained earnings	228,453	213,048	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(29,186) (33,111)
Treasury stock, at cost, 89,411 and 24,783 common shares at December 31, 2018 and	(4,356) (1,989)
September 30, 2018, respectively	(4,550) (1,767	,
Total equity attributable to parent	767,461	744,152	
Noncontrolling interest	3,267	3,574	
Total stockholders' equity	770,728	747,726	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$6,182,765	\$ 5,835,06	7

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

⁽¹⁾All share and per share data has been adjusted to reflect the 3-for-1 forward stock split effected by the Company on October 4, 2018.

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META FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (Unaudited)

(Dollars in Thousands, Except Share and Per Share Data ⁽¹⁾)	Three Months Ended December 31,			
	2018	2017		
Interest and dividend income:				
Loans and leases, including fees	\$60,498	\$16,443		
Mortgage-backed securities	2,698	3,758		
Other investments	11,780	10,656		
	74,976	30,857		
Interest expense:	40 706	4.00		
Deposits	10,596	1,885		
FHLB advances and other borrowings	4,108	2,776		
	14,704	4,661		
Net interest income	60,272	26,196		
The interest income	00,272	20,170		
Provision for loan and lease losses	9,099	1,068		
Net interest income after provision for loan and lease losses	51,173	25,128		
Noninterest income:	261	102		
Refund transfer product fees	261	192		
Tax advance product fees	1,685	1,947		
Card fees	19,351	25,247		
Rental income Loan and lease fees	10,890	1 202		
Bank-owned life insurance	1,247 642	1,292 669		
Deposit fees	1,938	848		
Loss on sale of securities available-for-sale, net (Includes (\$22) and (\$1,010) reclassified from	1,930	040		
accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) for net gains (losses) on available for sale	(22) (1,010)		
securities for the three months ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively)	(22) (1,010)		
Gain on sale of loans and leases	867			
Gain (loss) on foreclosed real estate	15	(19)		
Other income	877	102		
Total noninterest income	37,751	29,268		
		,		
Noninterest expense:				
Compensation and benefits	33,010	22,340		
Refund transfer product expense	10	101		
Tax advance product expense	452	280		
Card processing	7,085	6,540		
Occupancy and equipment	6,458	4,890		
Operating lease equipment depreciation	7,765	_		
Legal and consulting	3,969	2,416		
Marketing	539	553		
Data processing	437	414		

Intangible amortization Other expense Total noninterest expense	4,383 10,187 74,295	1,681 4,827 44,042
Income before income tax expense	14,629	10,354
Income tax (benefit) expense (Includes (\$5) and (\$380) reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss for the three months ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively)	(1,691)	5,684
Net income before noncontrolling interest	16,320	4,670
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	922	
Net income attributable to parent	\$15,398	\$4,670
Earnings per common share		
Basic	\$0.39	\$0.16
Diluted	\$0.39	\$0.16

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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META FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Unaudited)

Three Months

	Three Months			
(Dollars in Thousands)		Ended December		
	31,			
	2018	2017		
Net income before noncontrolling interest	\$16,320	\$4,670		
Other comprehensive (loss) income:				
Change in net unrealized gain (loss) on debt securities	6,171	(7,480)		
(Gains) losses realized in net income	22	1,010		
	6,193	(6,470)		
Unrealized gains (loss) on currency translation	(360)	_		
Deferred income tax effect	1,433	(3,086)		
Total other comprehensive (loss) income	4,400	(3,384)		
Total comprehensive income	20,720	1,286		
Total comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interest	922	_		
Comprehensive income attributable to parent	\$19,798	\$1,286		
See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.				

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META FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity (Unaudited)

For the Three Months Ended December 31, 2018 and 2017

Meta Financial Group Stockholders' Equity

(Dollars in Thousands, Except Share and Per Share Data ⁽¹⁾)	Comm	Additional næaid-in Capital	•	Accumulate Other Comprehen Income (Loss)	d	Total Stockholde Equity	Noncontroll Interest	iffgotal Equity
Balance, September 30, 2017	\$288	\$258,144	\$167,164	\$ 9,166	\$(266)	\$ 434,496	\$ —	\$434,496
Cash dividends declared on common stock (\$0.04 per share)	_	_	(1,256)	_	_	(1,256) —	(1,256)
Issuance of common shares due to restricted stock	1	_	_	_	_	1	_	1
Issuance of common shares due to ESOP Shares repurchased for	1	1,605	_	_	—	1,606	_	1,606
tax withholdings on stock compensation	x —	(314)		_	(1,357)	(1,671) —	(1,671)
Stock compensation		3,243	_	_	_	3,243	_	3,243
Total other	_	_	_	(3,384) —	(3,384) —	(3,384)
comprehensive (loss) Net income	_		4,670			4,670	<u> </u>	4,670
Balance, December 31, 2017	\$290	\$262,678	\$170,578	\$ 5,782	\$(1,623)	\$437,705	\$ —	\$437,705
Balance, September 30, 2018	\$393	\$565,811	\$213,048	\$ (33,111) \$(1,989)	\$744,152	\$ 3,574	\$747,726
Adoption of Accounting Standards Update 2014-09, net of income		_	1,502	_	_	1,502	_	1,502
taxes Adoption of Accounting Standards Update 2016-01	_	_	475	(475) —	_	_	_
Cash dividends declared on common stock (\$0.05 per share)	_	_	(1,970)	_	_	(1,970) —	(1,970)
Issuance of common shares due to exercise of stock options	_	54	_	_	_	54	_	54
Issuance of common shares due to restricted stock	2	_	_	_	_	2	_	2
Issuance of common shares due to ESOP	_	2,010	_	_	_	2,010	_	2,010

Shares repurchased for								
tax withholdings on stock	(1)	1			(2,367)	(2,367) —	(2,367)
compensation								
Stock compensation		4,280	_			4,280		4,280
Total other comprehensive income	_	_	_	4,400	_	4,400	_	4,400
Net income		_	15,398			15,398	922	16,320
Net investment by								
(distribution to) noncontrolling interests	_	_	_	_		_	(1,229	(1,229)
Balance, December 31, 2018	\$394	\$572,156	\$228,453	\$ (29,186) \$(4,356)	\$767,461	\$ 3,267	\$770,728

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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META FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

Condensed Consolidation Statements of Cash Flows (Chaudica)	Three Mo Ended De 31,	
(Dollars in Thousands)	2018	2017
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$16,320	\$4,670
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:	14616	0.561
Depreciation, amortization and accretion, net	14,616	9,561
Stock compensation Provision (recovery):	4,280	3,243
Loan and lease losses	9,099	1,068
Deferred taxes	•	6,807
Loans held for sale:	(0,707)	0,007
Originations	(7,469)	_
Proceeds from sales	22,611	
Net change	6,571	_
Fair value adjustment of foreclosed real estate	_	23
Net realized (gain) loss:		
Other assets	(24)	(8)
Foreclosed real estate or other assets		19
Available for sale securities, net	22	1,010
Loans held for sale	. ,	_
Leases receivable and rental equipment	(677)	_
Net change:	(10.004.)	(1.100.)
Other assets		(1,102)
Accrued interest payable	3,486	
Accrued expenses and other liabilities Accrued interest receivable	9,454 (60)	(14,462) (1,709)
Change in bank-owned life insurance value	` ,	(669)
Net cash provided by operating activities	52,232	10,236
The cash provided by operating activities	32,232	10,230
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Available for sale securities:		
Purchases	(51,430)	(105,327)
Proceeds from sales	171,927	
Proceeds from maturities and principal repayments	34,557	35,065
Held to maturity:		
Proceeds from maturities and principal repayments	10,423	12,021
Loans and leases:		
Purchases		(75,163)
Proceeds from Sales	378	5,916
Net change Proceeds from sales of foreclosed real estate or other assets	(299,400) 105	(114,827) 122
Federal Home Loan Bank stock:	103	122
Purchases	(235 000)	(249,920)
Redemption	242,800	
recomption	272,000	233,000

Rental Equipment:	
Purchases	(46,153) —
Proceeds from Sales	1,466 —
Net change	(611)
Premises and equipment:	
Purchases	(5,729) (2,593)
Proceeds from Sales	19 —
Net cash (used in) investing activities	(299,316) (175,165
Cash flows from financing activities:	
Net change:	
Checking, savings, and money market deposits	353,642 341,407
Time deposits	(105,632) 4,583
Wholesale deposits	259,430 (55,769)
FHLB and other borrowings	— (205,000)
Federal funds	(195,000) 113,000
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	532 867
Net investment by (distribution to) noncontrolling interests	(1,229) —
Principal payments:	
Other liabilities	(2,847) —
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Capital lease obligations	(16) (16)
Cash dividends paid	(1,970) (1,256)
Purchase of shares by ESOP	2,010	1,606	
Issuance of restricted stock	2	1	
Proceeds from exercise of stock options & issuance of common stock	54		
Shares repurchased for tax withholdings on stock compensation	(2,367) (1,671)
Net cash provided by financing activities	311,636	197,752	
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(360) —	
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	64,192	32,823	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	99,977	1,267,586	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$164,169	\$1,300,40	9

META FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Con't.)

Three Months

Ended December

31,

2018 2017

Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information

Cash paid during the period for:

 Interest
 \$18,190 \$6,446

 Income taxes
 595 218

 Franchise taxes
 — 31

 Other taxes
 49 1

Supplemental schedule of non-cash investing activities:

Loans transferred to held for sale 39,452 —

Securities transferred from held-to-maturity to available-for-sale — (306,000)

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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NOTE 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The interim unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements contained herein should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018 included in Meta Financial Group, Inc.'s ("Meta" or the "Company") Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on November 29, 2018. Accordingly, footnote disclosures which would substantially duplicate the disclosures contained in the audited consolidated financial statements have been omitted.

The financial information of the Company included herein has been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") for interim financial reporting and has been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations for reporting on Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. Such information reflects all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) that are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position and results of operations for the periods presented. The results of the three month period ended December 31, 2018 are not necessarily indicative of the results expected for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019.

All share and per share data reported in this Form 10-Q has been adjusted to reflect the 3-for-1 forward stock split of the Company's common stock effected by the Company on October 4, 2018.

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year financial statement presentation. These changes and reclassifications did not impact previously reported net income or comprehensive income.

Certain amounts in the Recorded Investment table presented in Note 4 to the consolidated financial statements have been restated from what was previously reported as of September 30, 2018 on Form 10-K.

Loan and lease tables have been conformed to be consistent with the Company's updated presentation of its lending portfolio. The new presentation includes expanding the commercial and consumer finance portfolio to present the lending categories that are included in each, presenting the warehouse finance portfolio as its own category, and condensing the community bank loan categories. Warehouse finance loans were previously included in the consumer finance portfolio. All current and prior period numbers are reflective of this new presentation and total loan and lease balances remained unchanged.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND RECENTLY ADOPTED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS UPDATES ("ASU")

Significant accounting policies in effect and disclosed within the Company's most recent audited consolidated financial statements as of September 30, 2018 remain substantially unchanged with the exception of the policies impacted by the adoption of noted ASUs below.

Revenue Recognition - Effective October 1, 2018, the Company adopted ASU 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606), subsequent related Updates (collectively, ASU 2014-09), and ASU 2016-04, Liabilities - Extinguishments of Liabilities (Subtopic 405-20): Recognition of Breakage of Certain Prepaid Stored-Value Products. ASU 2014-09 modifies the guidance used to recognize revenue from contracts with customers for transfers of goods or services and transfers of non-financial assets, unless those contracts are within the scope of other guidance. Upon adoption, the Company recorded a cumulative-effect adjustment that increased retained earnings by \$1.5 million, net of tax, due to changes in the timing of recognition of revenue from breakage on unregistered, unused prepaid cards in the Company's Meta Payment Systems ("MPS") division. Breakage represents the estimated amount that will not be

redeemed by the cardholder for goods or services. Previously, the Company recognized breakage revenue predominantly after the month of the card balance expiration. Upon adoption of ASU 2014-09, this revenue is recognized ratably over the life of the prepaid card. Recognition of all other revenue streams was substantially unchanged. The impact of adoption was immaterial to the Company's operations for the three months ended December 31, 2018. Refer to Note 10. Revenue from Contracts with Customers for additional information.

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Financial Instruments - Effective October 1, 2018, the Company adopted ASU 2016-01, Financial Instruments - Overall (Subtopic 825-10): Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Liabilities, and related Updates (collectively, ASU 2016-01). ASU 2016-01 makes revisions to several elements of Subtopic 825-10, including that ASU 2016-01: (1) requires equity investments to be measured at fair value with changes in fair value to be recognized in net income, (2) simplifies the impairment assessment of equity investments without readily determinable fair value, (3) eliminates the requirement for public business entities to disclose the methods and significant assumptions used to estimate the fair value of financial instruments measured at amortized cost on the consolidated statement of financial condition, (4) requires public business entities to use the exit price notion when measuring fair value of financial instruments for disclosure purposes, and (5) requires separate presentation of financial assets and financial liabilities by measurement category and form of financial asset on the balance sheet or accompanying notes. Upon adoption, the Company recorded a cumulative-effect adjustment that reclassed \$0.5 million, net of tax, from accumulated other comprehensive income to retained earnings, due to the Company's cumulative change in fair value of equity securities with readily determinable fair values previously recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income. The impact of adoption was immaterial to the Company's operations for the three months ended December 31, 2018. Refer to Note 5. Securities for additional information.

The Company also adopted each of the following ASUs effective October 1, 2018, none of which had a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

ASU 2016-15, Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments ASU 2016-18, Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Restricted Cash

ASU 2017-01, Clarifying the Definition of a Business

ASU 2017-04, Intangibles - Goodwill and Other (Topic 350): Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment ASU 2017-05, Other Income - Gains and Losses from the Derecognition of Non-Financial Assets (Subtopic 610-20): Clarifying the Scope of Asset Derecognition Guidance and Accounting for Partial Sales of Non-Financial Assets ASU 2018-07, Compensation - Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Improvements to Nonemployees Share-Based Payment Accounting

Refer to the Company's most recently audited consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018 for additional information on these ASUs and for the latest update on ASUs relevant to the Company and not yet adopted as of December 31, 2018.

NOTE 3. ACQUISITIONS

The Company completed the acquisition of Crestmark Bancorp, Inc. ("Crestmark") and its bank subsidiary, Crestmark Bank, on August 1, 2018 for a purchase price of \$295.8 million paid by issuance of 9,919,512 shares of Meta common stock. The transaction included, at fair value, total assets of \$1.32 billion, including \$1.05 billion of loan and lease receivables held for investment, and \$1.12 billion of deposits. The Company recorded provisional goodwill of \$204.5 million associated with the acquisition due to expected operational synergies and expanded product lines. There has been no adjustment to or impairment recognized to goodwill during the three months ended December 31, 2018. Refer to the Company's most recent audited financial statements as of September 30, 2018 included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for its fiscal year ended September 30, 2018 for additional information on the Crestmark acquisition. There were no business combinations pending as of December 31, 2018.

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NOTE 4. LOANS AND LEASES, NET

Loan and lease tables have been conformed to be consistent with the Company's updated categorization of its lending portfolio between National Lending and Community Banking.

Loans and leases at December 31, 2018 and September 30, 2018 were as follows:

	December 31 September 30		
	2018	2018	
National Lending	(Dollars in T	housands)	
Asset based lending	\$554,072	\$477,917	
Factoring	284,912	284,221	
Lease financing	290,889	265,315	
Insurance premium finance	330,712	337,877	
SBA/USDA	67,893	59,374	
Other commercial finance	89,402	85,145	
Commercial finance	1,617,880	1,509,849	
Consumer credit products	96,144	80,605	
Other consumer finance	182,510	189,756	
Consumer finance ⁽¹⁾	278,654	270,361	
Tax services	76,575	1,073	
Warehouse finance ⁽¹⁾	176,134	65,000	
Total National Lending	2,149,243	1,846,283	
Community Banking			
Commercial real estate and operating	863,753	790,890	
Consumer one-to-four family real estate and other	256,341	247,318	
Agricultural real estate and operating	58,971	60,498	
Total Community Banking	1,179,065	1,098,706	
Total gross loans and leases	3,328,308	2,944,989	
Allowance for loan and lease losses	(21,290)	(13,040)	
Net deferred loan origination fees (costs)	1,190	(250)	
Total loans and leases, net ⁽²⁾	\$3,308,208	\$ 2,931,699	
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⁽¹⁾ Warehouse finance loans are presented in their own line. Previously these balances were included with consumer finance loans. Prior period balances have also been adjusted to reflect this change.

During the three months ended December 31, 2018, the Company transferred \$39.5 million of consumer credit product loans to held for sale and originated \$7.5 million of SBA/USDA loans as held for sale. The Company sold held for sale loans resulting in proceeds of \$22.6 million and gains on sale of \$0.6 million during the three months ended December 31, 2018. During the three months ended December 31, 2017, the Company did not designate any loans as held for sale or sell any held for sale loans.

During the three months ended December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the Company purchased loans totaling \$122.7 million and \$75.2 million, respectively. During the three months ended December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the Company sold loans totaling \$0.4 million and \$5.9 million, respectively.

⁽²⁾ As of December 31, 2018, the remaining balance of acquired loans and leases from the Crestmark acquisition was \$889.0 million and the remaining balances of the credit and interest rate mark discounts related to the acquired loans and leases were \$10.1 million and \$4.8 million, respectively. On August 1, 2018, the Company acquired loans and leases from the Crestmark acquisition totaling \$1.06 billion and recorded related credit and interest rate mark discounts of \$12.3 million and \$6.0 million, respectively.

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The net investment in direct financing and sales-type leases is comprised of the following as of December 31, 2018 and September 30, 2018.

	December September
	31, 2018 30, 2018
	(Dollars in
	Thousands)
Minimum lease payments receivable	\$330,273 \$301,835
Estimated residual value of leased equipment	12,460 12,406
Unamortized initial direct costs	(9) (3)
Premium on acquired leases	16 26
Unearned income	(51,851) (48,949)
Net investment in direct financing and sales-type leases	\$290,889 \$265,315

Future minimum lease payments receivable on noncancelable direct financing and sales-type leases were as follows as of December 31, 2018.

As of December 31, 2018 (Dollars in thousands) 2019 \$92,158 96,326 2020 2021 73,057 2022 43,861 2023 21,037 2024 and thereafter 3,834 Total \$ 330,273

The Company did not record any contingent rental income from sales-type and direct financing leases in the three months ended December 31, 2018.

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Activity in the allowance for loan and lease losses and balances of loans and leases by portfolio segment for each of the three months ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 was as follows:

Provision

Allowance for loan and lease losses:	Beginnin balance	Provision (recovery) for loan and lease losses	Charge-of	fs Recoverie	Ending balance
Three Months Ended December 31, 2018 National Lending	(Dollars	in Thousand	ds)		
Asset based lending	\$107	\$ 2,164	\$ (262) \$ 56	\$2,065
Factoring	64	1,223	(250) 26	1,062
Lease financing	59		(418) 1,572	1,084
Insurance premium finance	1,031	93	(208) 56	972
SBA/USDA	13	240	_		253
Other commercial finance	28	263			291
Commercial finance	1,302	3,853	(1,138) 1,710	5,727
Consumer credit products	785	366	_	<u> </u>	1,151
Other consumer finance	2,820	3,023	(1,624) 3	4,222
Consumer finance	3,605	3,389	(1,624) 3	5,373
Tax services	_	1,496	(42) 92	1,546
Warehouse finance	65	111	-	_	176
Total National Lending	4,972	8,849	(2,804) 1,805	12,822
Community Banking			(2,804)	
Commercial real estate and operating	6,220	350			6,570
Consumer one-to-four family real estate and other	632	87	_		719
Agricultural real estate and operating	1,216	(187)	_	150	1,179
Total Community Banking	8,068	250	_	150	8,468
Total	\$13,040	\$ 9,099	\$ (2,804) \$ 1,955	\$21,290
Allowance for loan and lease losses:	Beginnin	Provision (recovery) ng for loan and lease losses	Charge-off	s Recoveries	Ending balance
Three Months Ended December 31, 2017 National Lending	(Dollars	in Thousan	ds)		
Insurance premium finance	\$796	\$ 51	\$ (129)	\$ 7	\$ 725
Other commercial finance	4	ψ <i>5</i> 1 —	ψ (12 <i>)</i> —	φ <i>γ</i>	4
Commercial finance		51	(129)	7	729
Tax services		1,017	(1 <i>2</i>)	413	1,435
Total National Lending			(129)		2,164
Community Banking	005	1,000	(12)	120	2,101
Commercial real estate and operating	2,820	329			3,149
Consumer one-to-four family real estate and other			(31)		665
Agricultural real estate and operating		(590)	—		1,984
Unallocated		374	_		900
Total Community Banking	6,729		(31)		6,698
Total	\$7,534		\$ (160)	\$ 420	\$ 8,862
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	Allov	vance		Loans and Leases				
	Endir	E nding		Ending				
	balan	c b alance:		balance:	balance:	Total		
Recorded Investment	indivi	idendalleyctively	Total	individua	aldoyllectively			
Recorded investment	evalu	a eo duluated	1 Ota1	evaluate	devaluated	Total		
	for	for		for	for			
	_	rimpatirment		impairm	e in tpairment			
As of December 31, 2018	(Doll	ars in Thousa	nds)					
National Lending								
Asset based lending	\$ —	\$ 2,065	\$2,065	\$2,371	\$551,701	\$554,072		
Factoring	134	928	1,062	1,680	283,232	284,912		
Lease financing	_	1,084	1,084	5,000	285,889	290,889		
Insurance premium finance	_	972	972		330,712	330,712		
SBA/USDA	_	253	253		67,893	67,893		
Other commercial finance	_	291	291		89,402	89,402		
Commercial finance	134	5,593	5,727	9,051	1,608,829	1,617,880		
Consumer credit products	_	1,151	1,151		96,144	96,144		
Other consumer finance	_	4,222	4,222		182,510	182,510		
Consumer finance	_	5,373	5,373		278,654	278,654		
Tax services	_	1,546	1,546		76,575	76,575		
Warehouse finance	_	176	176		176,134	176,134		
Total National Lending	134	12,688	12,822	9,051	2,140,192	2,149,243		
Community Banking								
Commercial real estate and operating	_	6,570	6,570	402	863,351	863,753		
Consumer one-to-four family real estate and other	_	719	719	138	256,203	256,341		
Agricultural real estate and operating	_	1,179	1,179	1,511	57,460	58,971		
Total Community Banking		8,468	8,468	2,051	1,177,014	1,179,065		
Total	\$134	\$ 21,156	\$21,290	\$11,102	\$3,317,206	\$3,328,308		

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Recorded Investment	Allowance Ending Ending balance:	Total	Ending balance: individual evaluated for	nd Leases Ending balance: addyllectively devaluated for eintpairment	Total
As of September 30, 2018	(Dollars in Thou	sanus)			
National Lending Asset based lending	\$ -\$ 107	\$107	\$1,404	\$476,513	\$477,917
Factoring	—64	64	3,331	280,890	284,221
Lease financing	— 59	59	8,877	256,438	265,315
Insurance premium finance	—1,031	1,031		337,877	337,877
SBA/USDA	—13	13		59,374	59,374
Other commercial finance	—28	28	_	85,145	85,145
Commercial finance	1,302	1,302	13,612	1,496,237	1,509,849
Consumer credit products	 785	785		80,605	80,605
Other consumer finance	2,820	2,820	_	189,756	189,756
Consumer finance	-3,605	3,605	_	270,361	270,361
Tax services		_	_	1,073	1,073
Warehouse finance	65	65	_	65,000	65,000
Total National Lending	4,972	4,972	13,612	1,832,671	1,846,283
Community Banking					
Commercial real estate and operating	6,220	6,220	451	790,439	790,890
Consumer one-to-four family real estate and other	632	632	94	247,224	247,318
Agricultural real estate and operating	—1,216	1,216	1,454	59,044	60,498
Total Community Banking	8,068	8,068	1,999	1,096,707	1,098,706
Total	\$-\$ 13,040	\$13,040	\$15,611	\$2,929,378	\$2,944,989

⁽¹⁾ Balances have been restated from what was previously reported as of September 30, 2018 on the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for its fiscal year ended September 30, 2018.

Federal regulations provide for the classification of loans and other assets such as debt and equity securities considered by the Bank's primary regulator, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (the "OCC"), to be of lesser quality as "substandard," "doubtful" or "loss." The loan and lease classification and risk rating definitions are as follows:

Pass- A pass asset is of sufficient quality in terms of repayment, collateral and management to preclude a special mention or an adverse rating.

Watch- A watch asset is generally a credit performing well under current terms and conditions but with identifiable weakness meriting additional scrutiny and corrective measures. Watch is not a regulatory classification but can be used to designate assets that are exhibiting one or more weaknesses that deserve management's attention. These assets are of better quality than special mention assets.

Special Mention- Special mention assets are a credit with potential weaknesses deserving management's close attention and, if left uncorrected, may result in deterioration of the repayment prospects for the asset. Special mention assets are not adversely classified and do not expose an institution to sufficient risk to warrant adverse classification. Special mention is a temporary status with aggressive credit management required to garner adequate progress and move to watch or higher.

The adverse classifications are as follows:

Substandard- A substandard asset is inadequately protected by the net worth and/or repayment ability or by a weak collateral position. Assets so classified will have well-defined weaknesses creating a distinct possibility the Bank will sustain some loss if the weaknesses are not corrected. Loss potential does not have to exist for an asset to be classified as substandard.

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Doubtful- A doubtful asset has weaknesses similar to those classified substandard, with the degree of weakness causing the likely loss of some principal in any reasonable collection effort. Due to pending factors, the asset's classification as loss is not yet appropriate.

Loss- A loss asset is considered uncollectible and of such little value that the asset's continuance on the Bank's balance sheet is no longer warranted. This classification does not necessarily mean an asset has no recovery or salvage value leaving room for future collection efforts.

General allowances represent loss allowances which have been established to recognize the inherent risk associated with lending activities, but which, unlike specific allowances, have not been allocated to particular problem assets. When assets are classified as "loss," the Company is required either to establish a specific allowance for losses equal to 100% of that portion of the asset so classified or to charge-off such amount. The Company's determinations as to the classification of its assets and the amount of its valuation allowances are subject to review by its regulatory authorities, which may order the establishment of additional general or specific loss allowances.

The Company recognizes that concentrations of credit may naturally occur and may take the form of a large volume of related loans and leases to an individual, a specific industry, or a geographic location. Credit concentration is a direct, indirect, or contingent obligation that has a common bond where the aggregate exposure equals or exceeds a certain percentage of the Company's Tier 1 Capital plus the Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses.

The asset classification of loans and leases at December 31, 2018 and September 30, 2018 were as follows:

Asset Classification	Pass	Watch	Special Mention	Substandard	Total
December 31, 2018	(Dollars in '	Thousand	s)		
National Lending					
Asset based lending	\$498,694	\$ —	\$53,007	\$ 2,371	\$554,072
Factoring	244,992		38,240	1,680	284,912
Lease financing	284,239	_	1,650	5,000	290,889
Insurance premium finance	329,131	_	1,581	_	330,712
SBA/USDA	53,539	_	14,354	_	67,893
Other commercial finance	89,049	_	353		89,402
Commercial finance	1,499,644	_	109,185	9,051	1,617,880
Consumer credit products	96,144	_			96,144
Other consumer finance	182,510	_			182,510
Consumer finance	278,654	_			278,654
Tax services	76,575	_			76,575
Warehouse finance	176,134	_	_	_	176,134
Total National Lending	2,031,007	_	109,185	9,051	2,149,243
Community Banking					
Commercial real estate and operating	848,456	15,297			863,753
Consumer one-to-four family real estate and other	254,458	1,496	308	79	256,341
Agricultural real estate and operating	40,558	1,590	4,836	11,987	58,971
Total Community Banking	1,143,472	18,383	5,144	12,066	1,179,065
Total loans and leases	\$3,174,479	\$18,383	\$114,329	\$ 21,117	\$3,328,308

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Asset Classification	Pass	Watch	Special Mention	Substandard	Total
September 30, 2018	(Dollars in	Thousand	s)		
National Lending					
Asset based lending	\$418,635	\$—	\$57,877	\$ 1,405	\$477,917
Factoring	248,246		32,644	3,331	284,221
Lease financing	252,487		3,951	8,877	265,315
Insurance premium finance	336,296		1,581		337,877
SBA/USDA	39,093		20,281		59,374
Other commercial finance	85,145	_	_	_	85,145
Commercial finance	1,379,902		116,334	13,613	1,509,849
Consumer credit products	80,605	_	_	_	80,605
Other consumer finance	189,756	_	_	_	189,756
Consumer finance	270,361		_		270,361
Tax services	1,073		_		1,073
Warehouse finance	65,000		_		65,000
Total National Lending	1,716,336	_	116,334	13,613	1,846,283
Community Banking					
Commercial real estate and operating	778,445	12,251	194	_	790,890
Consumer one-to-four family real estate and other	246,463	537	239	79	247,318
Agricultural real estate and operating	42,292	2,447	4,872	10,887	60,498
Total Community Banking	1,067,200	15,235	5,305	10,966	1,098,706
Total loans and leases	\$2,783,536	\$15,235	\$121,639	\$ 24,579	\$2,944,989

National Lending (Commercial Finance, Consumer Finance, Tax Services and Warehouse Finance)

Commercial Finance

The Company's commercial finance product lines include asset-based lending, factoring, leasing, commercial insurance premium finance, and other commercial finance products offered on a nationwide basis. Asset-based lending and factoring primarily service small businesses that are startups, distressed and/or generally that may not otherwise qualify for traditional bank financing. Leasing focuses on providing equipment finance solutions to mid-market companies. These product offerings supplement the asset generation capacity in our community bank and tax services divisions and enhance the overall yield of our loan and lease portfolio, enabling us to earn attractive risk-adjusted net interest margins.

Asset-Based Lending. Through its Crestmark division, the Bank provides asset-based loans secured by debtors' short-term assets such as inventory, accounts receivable, and work-in-process. Asset-based loans may also be secured by real estate and equipment. The primary sources of repayment are the operating income of the borrower, the collection of the receivables securing the loan, and/or the sale of the inventory securing the loan. Loans are typically revolving lines of credit with terms of one to three years, whereby the Bank withholds a contingency reserve representing the difference between the amount advanced and the fair value of the invoice amount or other collateral value. Credit risk is managed through advance rates appropriate for the collateral, standardized loan policies, established and authorized credit limits, attentive portfolio management and the use of lock box agreements and similar arrangements that result in the Company receiving and controlling the debtors' cash receipts. The Bank also originates collateralized term loans and notes receivable, with terms ranging from three to 25 years.

Factoring. Through its Crestmark division, the Bank provides factoring lending where clients provide detailed inventory, accounts receivable, and work-in-process reports for lending arrangements. The factoring clients are diversified as to industry and geography. With these loans, the Crestmark division withholds a contingency reserve,

which is the difference between the fair value of the invoice amount or other collateral value and the amount advanced. This reserve is withheld for nonpayment of factored receivables, service fees and other adjustments. Credit risk is managed through standardized advance policies, established and authorized credit limits, verification of receivables, attentive portfolio management and the use of lock box agreements and similar arrangements that result in the Company receiving and controlling the client's cash receipts. In addition, clients generally guarantee the payment of purchased accounts receivable.

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Lease Financing. Through its Crestmark division, the Bank provides creative, flexible lease solutions for technology, capital equipment and select transportation assets like tractors and trailers. Direct financing leases and sales-type leases substantially transfer the benefits and risks of equipment ownership to the lessee. The lease may contain provisions that transfer ownership to the lessee at the end of the initial term, contain a bargain purchase option or allow for purchase of the equipment at fair market value. Residual values are estimated at the inception of the lease. Lease maturities are generally no greater than 84 months. The focus in this lease financing category is to support middle market companies by providing a variety of financing products to help them meet their business objectives.

Insurance Premium Finance. Through its AFS/IBEX division the Bank provides, on a national basis, short-term, primarily collateralized financing to facilitate the commercial customers' purchase of insurance for various forms of risk, otherwise known as insurance premium financing. This includes, but is not limited to, policies for commercial property, casualty and liability risk. Premiums are advanced either directly to the insurance carrier or through an intermediary/broker and repaid by the policyholder with interest during the policy term. The policyholder generally makes a 20% to 25% down payment to the insurance broker and finances the remainder over nine to 10 months on average. The down payment is set such that if the policy is canceled, the unearned premium is typically sufficient to cover the loan balance and accrued interest. The AFS/IBEX division markets itself to the insurance community as a competitive option based on service, reputation, competitive terms, cost and ease of operation.

Small Business Administration ("SBA") and United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA"). The Bank originates loans through programs partially guaranteed by the SBA or USDA. These loans are made to small businesses and professionals with what the Bank believes are lower risk characteristics.

Other Commercial Finance. Included in this category of loans are the Company's healthcare receivables loan portfolio primarily comprised of loans to individuals for medical services received. The majority of these loans are guaranteed by the hospital providing the service to the debtor and this guarantee serves to reduce credit risk as the guarantors agree to repurchase severely delinquent loans. Credit risk is minimized on these loans based on the guarantor's repurchase agreement. This loan category also includes commercial real estate loans to customers of the Crestmark division.

Consumer Finance

Consumer Credit Products. Through the acquisition of Specialty Consumer Services, the Bank acquired a platform that provides a total solution for marketplace lending, including underwriting and loan management in the direct-to-consumer credit business. The acquired platform allows the Bank to provide innovative lending solutions through consumer credit products. The Company designs and structures its credit programs in an effort to insulate the Company from program losses and to potentially increase the liquidity attributes of such lending programs' marketability to potential bank or other purchasers. While each program is different, all contain one or more types of credit enhancements, loss protections, or trigger events. When determining the applicable program enhancement, generally, the Company uses proprietary data provided by the Company's partner, with respect to such program, supplemented with public data to design and shape appropriate loss curves, as well as implement stresses significantly higher than base to provide protection in changing credit cycles. Credit enhancements are typically built through holding excess program interest and fees in a reserve account to pay program credit losses. Cash flow waterfall positioning allows for losses and Company program principal and interest to be paid, under certain circumstances, before servicing or other program expenses. Trigger events allow programs and originations to be suspended if certain vintage loss limits, during a specific period of time, are triggered or if cumulative loss percentages are triggered. These triggers are designed to allow the Company to address potential issues quickly. Other trigger events in certain programs provide for excess credit or reserve enhancements, which could be beyond excess interest amounts, if certain loss triggers are breached. The Bank applies a reserve for loan losses of approximately 1% on outstanding loan balances within each of the consumer credit product programs.

Through December 31, 2018, the Bank has launched two consumer credit programs. During the second quarter of fiscal 2018, the Bank entered into a three-year program agreement with Liberty Lending, LLC ("Liberty Lending") whereby the Bank provides personal loans to Liberty Lending customers. The Bank and Liberty Lending market the program jointly through a wide variety of marketing channels. The loan products under the agreement with Liberty Lending are closed-end installment loans ranging from \$3,500 to \$45,000 in initial principal amount with durations of between 13 and 60 months.

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The Bank entered into a three-year agreement with Health Credit Services ("HCS") during the third quarter of fiscal 2018. The Bank approves and originates loans for elective medical procedures for select HCS provider offices throughout the United States. HCS works with its provider partners to market the loans, as well as provide servicing for them. The loan products offered are unsecured, closed-end installment loans with terms between 12 and 84 months and revolving lines of credit with durations between six and 60 months.

Other Consumer Finance. The Bank's purchased student loan portfolios are seasoned, floating rate, private portfolios that are serviced by a third-party servicer. The portfolio purchased during the first quarter of fiscal year 2018 is indexed to one-month LIBOR, while the portfolio purchased in the first quarter of fiscal year 2017 is indexed to three-month LIBOR plus various margins. The Company received written notification on June 18, 2018 from ReliaMax Surety Company ("ReliaMax"), the company that provided insurance coverage for the student loan portfolios, which informed policy holders that the South Dakota Division of Insurance filed a petition to have ReliaMax declared insolvent and to adopt a plan of liquidation. An Order of Liquidation was entered on June 27, 2018 by the Sixth Circuit Court in Hughes County, South Dakota, declaring ReliaMax insolvent and appointing the South Dakota Division of Insurance as liquidator to adopt a plan of liquidation. The Company expects to ultimately recover a portion of the unearned premiums, which could take a year or longer.

Tax Services

The Bank's tax services division provides short-term taxpayer advance loans. Taxpayers are underwritten to determine eligibility for these unsecured loans. Due to the nature of taxpayer advance loans, it typically takes no more than three e-file cycles (the period of time between scheduled IRS payments) from when the return is accepted by the IRS to collect from the borrower. In the event of default, the Bank has no recourse against the tax consumer. The Bank will charge off the balance of a taxpayer advance loan if there is a balance at the end of the calendar year, or when collection of principal becomes doubtful.

Through its tax services division, the Bank provides short-term electronic return originator ("ERO") advance loans on a nationwide basis. These loans are typically utilized by tax preparers to purchase tax preparation software and to prepare tax office operations for the upcoming tax season. EROs go through an underwriting process to determine eligibility for the unsecured advances. ERO loans are not collateralized. Collection on ERO advances begins once the ERO begins to process refund transfers. Generally, the Bank will charge off the balance of an ERO advance loan if there is a balance at the end of June, or when collection of principal becomes doubtful.

Warehouse Finance

In fiscal 2018, the Bank entered into a first-out participation agreement in a consumer receivable asset-backed warehouse line of credit, with the Bank holding a senior collateral position enhanced by a subordinate party structure. During the first quarter of fiscal 2019, the Bank entered into two additional first-out participation agreements in asset-backed warehouse lines of credit, including consumer loan receivables and small business loan receivables. The senior collateral position of the Bank is supported by a subordinate party position.

Community Banking

Commercial Real Estate and Operating. The Company engages in commercial and multi-family real estate lending in the community bank's primary market areas and surrounding areas. These loans are secured primarily by apartment buildings, office buildings, and hotels. Commercial and multi-family real estate loans generally are underwritten with terms not exceeding 20 years, have loan-to-value ratios of up to 80% of the appraised value of the property securing the loan, and are typically secured by guarantees of the borrowers. The Company has a variety of rate adjustment features and other terms in its commercial and multi-family real estate loan portfolio. Commercial and multi-family real estate loans provide for a margin over a number of different indices. In underwriting these loans, the Company analyzes the financial condition of the borrower, the borrower's credit history, and the reliability and predictability of

the cash flow generated by the property securing the loan. Appraisals on properties securing commercial real estate loans originated by the Company are performed by independent appraisers.

The repayment of loans secured by commercial and multi-family real estate is typically dependent upon the successful operation of the related real estate project. If the cash flow from the project is reduced (for example, if leases are not obtained or renewed, or a bankruptcy court modifies a lease term, or a major tenant is unable to fulfill its lease obligations), the borrower's ability to repay the loan may be impaired.

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The Company originates its community banking commercial operating loans primarily in its market areas. Most of these commercial operating loans have been extended to finance local and regional businesses and include short-term loans to finance machinery and equipment purchases, inventory and accounts receivable. Commercial loans also may involve the extension of revolving credit for a combination of equipment acquisitions and working capital in expanding companies. The maximum term for loans extended on machinery and equipment is based on the projected useful life of such machinery and equipment. Generally, the maximum term on non-mortgage lines of credit is one year.

The Company's commercial operating lending policy includes credit file documentation and analysis of the borrower's management ability, capacity to repay the loan, the adequacy of the borrower's capital and collateral as well as an evaluation of conditions affecting the borrower. Analysis of the borrower's past, present and future cash flows is also an important aspect of the Company's current credit analysis. Commercial operating loans typically are made on the basis of the borrower's ability to make repayment from the cash flow of the borrower's business. As a result, the availability of funds for the repayment of commercial operating loans may be substantially dependent on the success of the business itself (which, in turn, is likely to be dependent upon the general economic environment). The Company's commercial operating loans are usually secured by business assets and personal guarantees. However, the collateral securing the loans may depreciate over time, may be difficult to appraise and may fluctuate in value based on the success of the business.

Consumer One-to-Four Family Real Estate and Other. One-to-four family real estate loan originations are typically generated by the Company's marketing efforts, its present customers, walk-in customers and referrals. The Company offers fixed-rate loans and adjustable-rate mortgage ("ARM") loans for both permanent structures and those under construction. The Company's one-to-four family real estate loan originations are secured primarily by properties located in the community bank's primary market areas and surrounding areas.

The Company originates one-to-four family real estate loans with terms up to a maximum of 30 years and with loan-to-value ratios up to 100% of the lesser of the appraised value of the property securing the loan or the contract price. However, the vast majority of these loans are originated with loan-to-value ratios below 80%. The Company generally requires that private mortgage insurance be obtained in an amount sufficient to reduce the Company's exposure to at or below the 80% loan to value level. Due to consumer demand, the Company also offers fixed-rate mortgage loans with terms up to 30 years, which may conform to secondary market standards such as Fannie Mae, Ginnie Mae, and Freddie Mac standards. The Company typically holds all fixed-rate mortgage loans and does not engage in secondary market sales. The Company also currently offers five- and ten-year ARM loans.

In underwriting one-to-four family real estate loans, the Company evaluates both the borrower's ability to make monthly payments and the value of the property securing the loan. Properties securing real estate loans made by the Company are appraised by independent appraisers approved by the Board of Directors of the Company. The Company generally requires borrowers to obtain an attorney's title opinion or title insurance, as well as fire and property insurance (including flood insurance, if necessary) in an amount not less than the amount of the loan. Real estate loans originated by the Company generally contain a "due on sale" clause that allows the Company to declare the unpaid principal balance due and payable upon the sale of the security property. The Company has not engaged in sub-prime residential mortgage originations.

The Company originates a variety of secured consumer loans, including home equity, home improvement, automobile and boat loans, as well as loans secured by savings deposits in its primary market areas and surrounding areas. Substantially all of the Company's home equity loans and lines of credit are secured by second mortgages on principal residences. The Bank will lend amounts that, together with all prior liens, may be up to 90% of the appraised value of the property securing the loan. Home equity loans and lines of credit generally have maximum terms of five years.

Consumer loan terms vary according to the type and value of collateral, length of contract and creditworthiness of the borrower. The underwriting standards employed by the Bank for consumer loans include an application, a determination of the applicant's payment history on other debts and an assessment of ability to meet existing obligations and payments on the proposed loan. Although creditworthiness of the applicant is a primary consideration, the underwriting process also may include a comparison of the value of the security, if any, in relation to the proposed loan amount.

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Agricultural Real Estate and Operating. The Company originates loans to finance the purchase of farmland, livestock, farm machinery and equipment, seed, fertilizer, and other farm-related products, primarily in its market areas. Agricultural operating loans are originated at either an adjustable- or fixed-rate of interest for up to a one-year term or, in the case of livestock, are due upon sale. Agricultural real estate loans are frequently originated with adjustable rates of interest. Generally, such loans provide for a fixed rate of interest for the first five to 10 years, after which the loan will balloon or the interest rate will adjust annually. These loans generally amortize over a period of 20 to 25 years. Fixed-rate agricultural real estate loans typically have terms up to 10 years. Agricultural real estate loans are generally limited to 75% of the value of the property securing the loan.

Payments on loans are dependent on the successful operation or management of the farm property securing the loan or for which an operating loan is utilized. The success of the loan may also be affected by many factors outside the control of the borrower such as weather, government support programs and grain and livestock prices. These risks may be reduced, by the farmer, with the use of crop insurance coverage and futures contracts or options to mitigate price risk, both of which the Company frequently requires of the borrowers to help ensure loan repayment. Many farms are also dependent on a limited number of key individuals whose injury or death may result in an inability to successfully operate the farm.

Past due loans and leases at December 31, 2018 and September 30, 2018 were as follows:

	Accruing and Non-accruing Loans and Leases							erforming Lo	oans and
Past Due Loans and Leases	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	> 89 Days Past Due	Total Past Due	Current	Total Loans and Leases Receivable	Days Past Due and Accruir	Non-accrua balance	al Total
December 31, 2018 National Lending	(Dollars	in Thou	sands)						
Asset based lending Factoring	\$739	\$—	\$336	\$1,075	\$552,997 284,912	\$554,072 284,912	\$— —	\$ 1,007 307	\$1,007 307
Lease financing	9,685	4,205	5,259	<u>19,149</u>	271,740	290,889	1,335	4,841	6,176
Insurance premium finance SBA/USDA	1,579 483	789	2,796	5,164 483	325,548 67,410	330,712 67,893	2,796	_	2,796
Other commercial finance		_	_		89,402	89,402	_	_	_
Commercial finance	12,486 701	4,994 369	8,391 310	25,871 1,380	1,592,009 94,764	1,617,880 96,144	4,131 310	6,155	10,286 310
Consumer credit products Other consumer finance	2,879	1,497	3,196	7,572	94,704 174,938	182,510	3,196	_	3,196
Consumer finance	3,580	1,866	3,506	8,952	269,702	278,654	3,506	_	3,506
Tax services Warehouse finance	_	_	_	_	76,575 176,134	76,575 176,134	_	_	_
Total National Lending	16,066	6,860	11,897	34,823	2,114,420	2,149,243	7,637	6,155	13,792
Community Banking Commercial real estate and operating	25	_	_	25	863,728	863,753	_	_	_
Consumer one-to-four family real estate and other		20	79	166	256,175	256,341	79	_	79
Agricultural real estate and operating			_	_	58,971	58,971	_		
Total Community Banking	92	20	79	191	1,178,874	1,179,065	79	_	79

Total Loans and Leases \$16,158 \$6,880 \$11,976 \$35,014 \$3,293,294 \$3,328,308 \$7,716 \$ 6,155 \$13,871

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	Accruing and Non-accruing Loans and Leases							Non-performing Loans and Leases		
Past Due Loans and Leases	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	> 89 Days Past Due	Total Past Due	Current	Total Loans and Leases Receivable	> 89 Days Past Due and Accruin	Non-accrua balance	^{al} Total	
September 30, 2018 National Lending	(Dollars	in Thou	sands)					C		
Asset based lending	\$1,235	\$2,151	\$94	\$3,480	\$474,437	\$477,917	\$94	\$ —	\$94	
Factoring			_	_	284,221	284,221	_	_	_	
Lease financing	16,542	532	2,921	19,995	245,320	265,315	726	2,864	3,590	
Insurance premium finance	1,864	1,019	2,981	5,864	332,013	337,877	2,981		2,981	
SBA/USDA	1,067			1,067	58,307	59,374				
Other commercial finance					85,145	85,145				
Commercial finance	20,708	3,702	5,996	30,406	1,479,443	1,509,849	3,801	2,864	6,665	
Consumer credit products	532	284	147	963	79,642	80,605	147		147	
Other consumer finance	2,677	1,311	2,237	6,225	183,531	189,756	2,237		2,237	
Consumer finance	3,209	1,595	2,384	7,188	263,173	270,361	2,384		2,384	
Tax services	_	_	1,073	1,073		1,073	1,073	_	1,073	
Warehouse finance					65,000	65,000		_		
Total National Lending	23,917	5,297	9,453	38,667	1,807,616	1,846,283	7,258	2,864	10,122	
Community Banking										
Commercial real estate and operating	_	_	_	_	790,890	790,890	_	_	_	
Consumer one-to-four family real estate and other	y ₁₀₅	_	79	184	247,134	247,318	79	_	79	
Agricultural real estate and operating	_	_	_	_	60,498	60,498	_	_	_	
Total Community Banking	105	_	79	184	1,098,522	1,098,706	79	_	79	
Total Loans and Leases	\$24,022	\$5,297	\$9,532	\$38,851	\$2,906,138	\$2,944,989	\$7,337	\$ 2,864	\$10,201	

Certain loans and leases 89 days or more past due as to interest or principal continue to accrue because they are (1) well-secured and in the process of collection or (2) one-to-four family real estate loans or consumer loans exempt under regulatory rules from being classified as non-accrual until later delinquency, usually 120 days past due. When analysis of borrower or lessee operating results and financial condition indicates that underlying cash flows of the borrower's business are not adequate to meet its debt service requirements, the loan or lease is evaluated for impairment. Often, this is associated with a delay or shortfall in scheduled payments, as described above.

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Impaired loans and leases at December 31, 2018 and September 30, 2018 were as follows:

December 31, 2018	Recorde Balance	Unpaid Principal Balance	Specific Allowance
Loans and leases without a specific valuation allowance National Lending	(Dollars		nds)
Asset based lending	\$2,371	\$2,871	\$ —
Factoring	885	1,453	
Lease financing	5,000	5,000	
Commercial finance	8,256	9,324	
Total National Lending	8,256	9,324	
Community Banking	0,200	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	
Commercial real estate and operating	402	402	
Consumer one-to-four family real estate and other	138	138	
Agricultural real estate and operating		1,511	_
Total Community Banking	2,051	2,051	_
Total		\$11,375	\$ —
Loans and leases with a specific valuation allowance	Ψ10,507	Ψ11,575	Ψ —
National Lending			
Factoring	\$795	\$ 795	\$ 134
Commercial finance	795	795	134
Total National Lending	795	795	134
Total Total	\$795	\$ 795	\$ 134
Total	Ψ175	Ψ 1 / 3	Ψ 13-
September 30, 2018	Recorde	Unpaid Principal	Specific
September 30, 2018	Recorde Balance	Principal	Specific Allowance
•	Balance	Principal Balance	Allowance
Loans and leases without a specific valuation allowance	Balance	Principal	Allowance
Loans and leases without a specific valuation allowance National Lending	Balance (Dollars	Principal Balance in Thousan	Allowance ands)
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The following table provides the average recorded investment in impaired loans and leases for the three month periods ended December 31, 2018 and 2017.

	Decembe	er 31, 2018	Decemb	ber 31, 2017	
	Average	Recognized	Averag	eRecognized	
	Recorde	dInterest	Recordelhterest		
	Investme	enthocome	Investm &nc ome		
	(Dollars	in Thousand	ls)		
National Lending					
Asset based lending	\$1,726	\$ 79	\$—	\$ —	
Factoring	2,780	5			
Lease financing	7,585	10			
Commercial finance	12,091	94	_		
Total National Lending	12,091	94	_		
Community Banking					
Commercial real estate and operating	404	4	975	5	
Consumer one-to-four family real estate and other	139	2	100	2	
Agricultural real estate and operating	1,473	25	351	14	
Total Community Banking	2,016	31	1,426	21	
Total loans and leases	\$14,107	\$ 125	\$1,426	\$ 21	

The Company's troubled debt restructurings ("TDRs") typically involve forgiving a portion of interest or principal on existing loans, making loans at a rate materially less than current market rates, or extending the term of the loan. There were two community banking loans with an aggregate balance of \$0.1 million and one national lending lease with a balance of \$0.1 million that was modified in a TDR during the three months ended December 31, 2018, all of which were modified to extend the term of the loan, and no loans modified in a TDR during the three months ended December 31, 2017.

At December 31, 2018, foreclosed and repossessed assets totaled \$31.5 million, compared to \$31.6 million at September 30, 2018. There were no impairments on or valuation allowances established for any foreclosed and repossess assets at either date. The Company did not have at December 31, 2018 any loans or leases in the process of foreclosure.

NOTE 5. EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE

Earnings per share is computed after deducting dividends. The Company has granted restricted share awards with dividend rights that are considered to be participating securities. Accordingly, a portion of the Company's earnings is allocated to those participating securities in the earnings per share calculation. Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing income available to common stockholders after the allocation of dividends and undistributed earnings to the participating securities by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted earnings per share reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised, and is computed after giving consideration to the weighted average dilutive effect of the Company's stock options and after the allocation of earnings to the participating securities. Antidilutive options are disregarded in earnings per share calculations. The share and per share amounts for fiscal year 2018 have been restated to reflect the 3-for-1 forward stock split of the Company's common stock that was effected by the Company on October 4, 2018.

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A reconciliation of net income and common stock share amounts used in the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share for the three months ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 is presented below.

Three Months Ended December 31, 2018 2017

(Dollars in Thousands, Except Share and Per Share Data)

Basic income per common share:

Net income attributable to Meta Financial Group, Inc. \$15,398 \$4,670
Weighted average common shares outstanding 39,335,054 28,970,334
Basic income per common share 0.39 0.16

Diluted income per common share:

Net income attributable to Meta Financial Group, Inc. \$15,398 \$4,670

Weighted average common shares outstanding 39,335,054 28,970,334

Outstanding options - based upon the two-class method 71,453 168,189

Weighted average diluted common shares outstanding 39,406,507 29,138,523

Diluted income per common share 0.39 0.16

NOTE 6. SECURITIES

On October 1, 2018, the Company adopted ASU 2016-01 on a prospective basis, which redefined the definition of equity securities and required their segregation from available for sale debt securities. While changes in the fair value of debt securities continue to be recorded in the equity category of accumulated other comprehensive income, the new guidance requires that changes in fair value of equity securities with readily determinable fair value be recorded in current earnings. As required by the new guidance, the unrealized gain in fair value on equity securities with readily determinable fair value (recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income at September 30, 2018) was reclassified to retained earnings on October 1, 2018. The amount of the reclassification was \$0.5 million, net of tax. Equity securities with readily determinable fair value include mutual funds of \$1.8 million at cost and \$1.8 million at fair value at December 31, 2018.

The amortized cost, gross unrealized gains and losses and estimated fair values of available for sale ("AFS") and held to maturity ("HTM") debt securities at December 31, 2018 and September 30, 2018 are presented below.

At December 31, 2018	AMORTIZ COST	GROSS UNREALIZE GAINS	GROSS DUNREALIZ (LOSSES)	EED FAIR VALUE
	(Dollars in	Thousands)		
Debt securities AFS				
Small business administration securities	\$94,242	\$ 165	\$ (351) \$94,056
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	15,023	73	(146) 14,950
Non-bank qualified obligations of states and political subdivisions	970,288	2,787	(28,504) 944,571
Asset-backed securities	287,247	1,261	(1,215) 287,293
Mortgage-backed securities	366,467	157	(12,438) 354,186
Total debt securities AFS	\$1,733,267	7 \$ 4,443	\$ (42,654) \$1,695,056
Common equities and mutual funds ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	\$3,494	\$ 357	\$ (14) \$3,837

⁽¹⁾ Equity securities at fair value are included within other assets on the consolidated statement of financial condition at December 31, 2018 and September 30, 2018.

⁽²⁾ ASU 2016-01 adopted on October 1, 2018, on a prospective basis, removed equity securities from AFS category at December 31, 2018.

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At September 30, 2018	AMORTIZ COST	UNREALIZEI GAINS	GROSS DUNREALIZ (LOSSES)	ED FAIR VALUE
	(Dollars in	Thousands)		
Debt securities AFS				
Small business administration securities	\$45,591	\$ 1	\$ (1,255) \$44,337
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	17,154	49	(293) 16,910
Non-bank qualified obligations of states and political subdivisions	1,140,884	826	(31,825) 1,109,885
Asset-backed securities	310,700	2,585	(257) 313,028
Mortgage-backed securities	378,301		(14,236) 364,065
Total debt securities AFS	\$1,892,630	\$ 3,461	\$ (47,866) \$1,848,225
Common equities and mutual funds ⁽¹⁾	3,172	635	(7) 3,800
Total AFS securities ⁽¹⁾	\$1,895,802	2 \$ 4,096	\$ (47,873) \$1,852,025

⁽¹⁾ Equity securities at fair value are included within other assets on the consolidated statement of financial condition at December 31, 2018 and September 30, 2018.

Held to Maturity

At December 31, 2018	GAINS	GROSS ED UNREALIZE (LOSSES)	D FAIR VALUE
	(Dollars in Thousands)		
Debt securities			
Non-bank qualified obligations of states and political subdivisions	\$153,075 \$	-\$ (8,820) \$144,255
Mortgage-backed securities	7,661 —	(326	7,335
Total held to maturity securities		 \$ (9,146) \$151,590
At September 30, 2018	COST GAINS	GROSS ED UNREALIZE (LOSSES)	D FAIR VALUE
D. Le	(Dollars in Thousands)		
Debt securities			
Non-bank qualified obligations of states and political subdivisions	\$163,893 \$	-\$ (10,758) \$153,135
Mortgage-backed securities	7,850 —	(422	7,428
Total held to maturity securities	\$171,743 \$	-\$ (11,180	\$160,563

Management has implemented a process to identify securities with potential credit impairment that are other-than-temporary. This process involves evaluation of the length of time and extent to which the fair value has been less than the amortized cost basis, review of available information regarding the financial position of the issuer, monitoring the rating, watch, and outlook of the security, monitoring changes in value, cash flow projections, and the Company's intent to sell a security or whether it is more likely than not the Company will be required to sell the security before the recovery of its amortized cost which, in some cases, may extend to maturity. To the extent the Company determines that a security is deemed to be other-than-temporarily impaired, an impairment loss is recognized.

For all securities considered temporarily impaired, the Company does not intend to sell these securities, and it is not more likely than not that the Company will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost, which may occur at maturity. The Company believes it will collect all principal and interest due on all investments with

amortized cost in excess of fair value and considered only temporarily impaired.

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GAAP requires that, at acquisition, an enterprise classify debt securities into one of three categories: AFS, HTM or trading. AFS securities are carried at fair value on the consolidated statements of financial condition, and unrealized holding gains and losses are excluded from earnings and recognized as a separate component of equity in accumulated other comprehensive income ("AOCI"). HTM debt securities are measured at amortized cost. Both AFS and HTM are subject to review for other-than-temporary impairment. The Company did not have any trading securities at December 31, 2018 or September 30, 2018.

Gross unrealized losses and fair value, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position at December 31, 2018 and September 30, 2018, were as follows:

		OVER 12	MONTHS	TOTAL		
Fair	Unrealiz	ed Fair	Unrealized	Fair	Unrealize	d
Value	(Losses)	Value	(Losses)	Value	(Losses)	
(Dollars i	n Thousar	nds)				
\$ —	\$ <i>—</i>	\$28,318	\$(351)	\$28,318	\$(351)
2,089	(6	7,198	(140)	9,287	(146)
112,208	(2,443) 525,831	(26,061)	638,039	(28,504)
162,550	(1,215) —	_	162,550	(1,215)
4,063	(16) 321,021	(12,422)	325,084	(12,438)
\$280,910	\$ (3,680) \$882,368	\$(38,974)	\$1,163,278	\$(42,654)
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⁽¹⁾ Equity securities at fair value are included within other assets on the consolidated statement of financial condition at December 31, 2018 and September 30, 2018.

⁽²⁾ ASU 2016-01 adopted on October 1, 2018, on a prospective basis, removed equity securities from AFS category at December 31, 2018.

	LESS TH MONTHS		OVER 12	MONTHS	TOTAL		
At September 30, 2018	Fair	Unrealize	d Fair	Unrealized	Fair	Unrealized	t
At September 50, 2016	Value	(Losses)	Value	(Losses)	Value	(Losses)	
	(Dollars in	n Thousand	ls)				
Debt securities AFS							
Small Business Administration securities	\$43,097	\$(1,255) \$—	\$	\$43,097	\$(1,255))
Obligations of state and political subdivisions	11,036	(279	881	(14)	11,917	(293)
Non-bank qualified obligations of states and political subdivisions	626,693	(13,539	358,095	(18,286)	984,788	(31,825)
Asset-backed securities	146,638	(257) —	_	146,638	(257)
Mortgage-backed securities	121,217	(3,292	242,849	(10,944)	364,066	(14,236)
Total debt securities AFS	\$948,681	\$(18,622	\$601,825	\$(29,244)	\$1,550,506	\$(47,866))
Common equities and mutual funds ⁽¹⁾	1,818	(7) —	_	1,818	(7)
Total debt AFS securities ⁽¹⁾	\$950,499	\$(18,629	\$601,825	\$(29,244)	\$1,552,324	\$(47,873))

⁽¹⁾ Equity securities at fair value are included within other assets on the consolidated statement of financial condition at December 31, 2018 and September 30, 2018.

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At December 31, 2018								
		Vallesses			(Losses)	vaiue	(Losses)	
		(Dollars in	ı T	Chousands)				
Debt securities								
Non-bank qualified obligations of states and political		\$ -\$		¢ 1.4.4 25.5	\$ (8,820)	¢144 255	\$ (0.020	`
subdivisions		Ф -ф		− ⊅ 144,233	\$ (0,020)	\$144,233	\$ (0,020)
Mortgage-backed securities				7,335	(326)	7,335	(326)
Total held to maturity securities		\$ -\$	_	,	\$ (9,146)	*		ĺ
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	(Dolla	rs in Thous	sai	nds)				
Debt securities								
Non-bank qualified obligations of states and political				4.47.2 60	* (10 1 = 1)	4.50.405		
subdivisions	\$5,767	/ \$ (287)	\$147,368	\$(10,471)	\$153,135	\$(10,758	()
Mortgage-backed securities				7,428	(422)	7,428	(422)
	¢ 5 767	7 \$ (207		-			•) \ \
Total held to maturity securities	\$3,70	7 \$ (287)	\$134,790	\$(10,893)	\$100,303	\$(11,180	')

At December 31, 2018, the investment portfolio included securities with current unrealized losses that have existed for longer than one year. All of these securities are considered to be acceptable credit risks. Because (i) the declines in fair value were due to changes in market interest rates, not in estimated cash flows, (ii) the Company does not intend or has not made a decision to sell these securities and (iii) it is not more likely than not that the Company will be required to sell the securities before recovery of their amortized cost basis, which may occur at maturity, no other-than-temporary impairment was recorded at December 31, 2018.

The amortized cost and fair value of debt securities by contractual maturity as of the dates set forth below are shown below. Certain securities have call features which allow the issuer to call the security prior to maturity. Expected maturities may differ from contractual maturities in mortgage-backed securities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties. Therefore, mortgage-backed securities are not included in the maturity categories in the following maturity summary. The expected maturities of certain housing related municipal securities, Small Business Administration and asset-backed securities may differ from contractual maturities because the borrowers may have the right to prepay the obligation. However, certain prepayment penalties may apply.

Securities at Fair Value	AMORTIZEEAIR		
	COST	VALUE	
At December 31, 2018	(Dollars in 7	Thousands)	
Due in one year or less	\$1,585	\$1,581	
Due after one year through five years	25,283	25,483	
Due after five years through ten years	250,025	251,933	
Due after ten years	1,089,907	1,061,873	
	1,366,800	1,340,870	
Mortgage-backed securities	366,467	354,186	
Total securities at fair value	\$1,733,267	\$1,695,056	

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	AMORTIZEEAIR COST VALUE		
At September 30, 2018	(Dollars in 7		
Due in one year or less	\$2,532	\$2,529	
Due after one year through five years	41,415	41,504	
Due after five years through ten years	352,099	350,143	
Due after ten years	1,118,283	1,089,984	
	1,514,329	1,484,160	
Mortgage-backed securities	378,301	364,065	
Common equities and mutual funds ⁽¹⁾	3,172	3,800	
Total securities at fair value	\$1,895,802	\$1,852,025	

⁽¹⁾ Equity securities at fair value are included within other assets on the consolidated statement of financial condition at December 31, 2018 and September 30, 2018.

Held To Maturity	AMORTI COST		
At December 31, 2018	(Dollars in Thousand		
Due after ten years	\$153,075	\$144,255	
	153,075	144,255	
Mortgage-backed securities	7,661	7,335	
Total held to maturity securities at cost	\$160,736	\$151,590	
	AMORTI	ZEAD R	
	COST	VALUE	
At September 30, 2018	(Dollars in	1	
At September 50, 2018	Thousands)		
Due after ten years	\$163,893	\$153,135	
	163,893	153,135	
Mortgage-backed securities	7,850	7,428	
Total held to maturity securities at cost	\$171,743	\$160,563	

Other investments, at cost, which are included in other assets on the consolidated statement of financial condition, include equity securities without a readily determinable fair value and shares of stock in the Federal Home Loan Bank ("FHLB") of Des Moines. Equity securities without a readily determinable fair value totaled \$2.0 million at December 31, 2018 and \$2.0 million at September 30, 2018, respectively. FHLB of Des Moines stock at December 31, 2018 and September 30, 2018 totaled \$15.6 million and \$23.4 million, respectively. The decrease in FHLB stock directly correlates with lower short-term borrowings balances at December 31, 2018 compared to September 30, 2018. The Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, MetaBank, is required by federal law to maintain FHLB stock as a member of FHLB of Des Moines. These equity securities are 'restricted' in that they can only be sold back to the respective institution from which they were acquired or another member institution at par. Therefore, FHLB stock is less liquid than other marketable equity securities, and the fair value approximates cost. The Company evaluates impairment for investments held at cost on at least an annual basis based on the ultimate recoverability of the par value. No impairment was recognized for such investments for the three months ended December 31, 2018.

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Net book value

NOTE 7. RENTAL EQUIPMENT, NET

Rental equipment was as follows as of December 31, 2018 and September 30, 2018.

	December	September
	31, 2018	30, 2018
	(Dollars in	thousands)
Computers and IT networking equipment	\$50,122	\$55,215
Motor vehicles and other	50,259	45,293
Office furniture and equipment	3,756	3,738
Solar panels and equipment	102,105	65,938
Total	206,242	170,183
Accumulated depreciation	(59,427)	(62,893)

Future minimum lease payments receivable on equipment under operating leases was as follows as of December 31, 2018.

\$146,815 \$107,290

	December
	31, 2018
	(Dollars in
	thousands)
2019	\$ 22,679
2020	19,444
2021	14,679
2022	9,283
2023	7,808
2024 and thereafter	18,882
Total	\$ 92,775

NOTE 8. STOCK COMPENSATION

The Company maintains the amended and restated Meta Financial Group, Inc. 2002 Omnibus Incentive Plan, as amended (the "2002 Omnibus Incentive Plan"), which, among other things, provides for the awarding of stock options and nonvested (restricted) shares to certain officers and directors of the Company. Awards are granted by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors based on the performance of the award recipients or other relevant factors.

Compensation expense for share-based awards is recorded over the vesting period at the fair value of the award at the time of the grant. The exercise price of options or fair value of non-vested (restricted) shares granted under the Company's incentive plan is equal to the fair market value of the underlying stock at the grant date. The Company has elected, with the adoption of ASU 2016-09, to record forfeitures as they occur.

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The following tables show the activity of options and nonvested (restricted) shares granted, exercised, or forfeited under the 2002 Omnibus Incentive Plan for the three months ended December 31, 2018:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (Yrs)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
	•	n Thousan	ds, Except Pe	er Share
	Data (1))			
Options outstanding, September 30, 2018	155,961	\$ 8.48	1.78	\$ 2,974
Granted		_		_
Exercised	(45,132)	8.95	_	742
Forfeited or expired	_	_	_	_
Options outstanding, December 31, 2018	110,829	\$ 8.29	1.67	\$ 1,230
Options exercisable, December 31, 2018	110,829	\$ 8.29	1.67	\$ 1,230
			Number of Shares	Weighted Average Fair Value at Grant
(Dollars in Thousands, Except Per Share 1	Data ⁽¹⁾)			
Nonvested (restricted) shares outstanding. Granted	, Septembe	er 30, 2018	224,102	\$ 29.89 25.11
Vested			(245,842)	27.29
Forfeited or expired				
Nonvested (restricted) shares outstanding	, Decembe	r 31, 2018	984,073	\$ 29.45

⁽¹⁾ All share and per share data has been adjusted to reflect the 3-for-1 forward stock split effected by the Company on October 4, 2018.

At December 31, 2018, stock-based compensation expense not yet recognized in income totaled \$18.3 million, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted average remaining period of 3.11 years.

NOTE 9. INCOME TAXES

The Company recorded an income tax benefit of \$1.7 million for the three months ended December 31, 2018, resulting in an effective tax rate of (11.56%), compared to an income tax expense of \$5.7 million, or an effective tax rate of 54.90%, for the three months ended December 31, 2017. The Company's effective tax rate is lower than the U.S. statutory rate of 21% primarily because of the anticipated effect of investment tax credits during fiscal year 2019. The Company's effective tax rate in the future will depend in part on actual investment tax credits earned as part of its financing of solar energy projects.

The table below compares the income tax expense components for the periods presented.

Three Months Ended December 31,	2018	2017
(Dollars in Thousands)		
Provision at statutory rate	\$3,072	\$2,540
Tax-exempt income	(1,201)	(2,068)
State income taxes	701	718

Interim period effective rate adjustment	5,263	717
Tax credit investments, net - federal	(9,568)	_
Tax Reform rate adjustment	_	3,635
Other, net	42	142
Income tax expense	\$(1,691)	\$5,684
Effective tax rate	(11.56 %)	54.90 %

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NOTE 10. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

In the normal course of business, the Bank makes various commitments to extend credit that are not reflected in the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements.

At December 31, 2018 and September 30, 2018, unfunded loan commitments approximated \$858.1 million and \$748.8 million, respectively, excluding undisbursed portions of loans in process. Commitments, which are disbursed subject to certain limitations, extend over various periods of time. Generally, unused commitments are canceled upon expiration of the commitment term as outlined in each individual contract.

The Company had no commitments to purchase securities at December 31, 2018 and \$1.4 million in commitments to purchase securities at September 30, 2018. The Company had no commitments to sell securities at December 31, 2018 or September 30, 2018.

The exposure to credit loss in the event of non-performance by other parties to financial instruments for commitments to extend credit is represented by the contractual amount of those instruments. The same credit policies and collateral requirements are used in making commitments and conditional obligations as are used for on-balance-sheet instruments. At December 31, 2018 and at September 30, 2018, the Company had an allowance for credit losses on off-balance sheet credit exposures of \$0.1 million. This amount is maintained as a separate liability account within other liabilities.

Since certain commitments to make loans and to fund lines of credit and loans in process expire without being used, the amount does not necessarily represent future cash commitments. In addition, commitments used to extend credit are agreements to lend to a customer as long as there is no violation of any condition established in the contract.

Legal Proceedings

The Bank was served on April 15, 2013, with a lawsuit captioned Inter National Bank v. NetSpend Corporation, MetaBank, BDO USA, LLP d/b/a BDO Seidman, Cause No. C-2084-12-I filed in the District Court of Hidalgo County, Texas. The Plaintiff's Second Amended Original Petition and Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Temporary Injunction adds both MetaBank and BDO Seidman to the original causes of action against NetSpend. NetSpend acts as a prepaid card program manager and processor for both Inter National Bank ("INB") and MetaBank. According to the Petition, NetSpend has informed INB that the depository accounts at INB for the NetSpend program supposedly contained \$10.5 million less than they should. INB alleges that NetSpend has breached its fiduciary duty by making affirmative misrepresentations to INB about the safety and stability of the program, and by failing to timely disclose the nature and extent of any alleged shortfall in settlement of funds related to cardholder activity and the nature and extent of NetSpend's systemic deficiencies in its accounting and settlement processing procedures. To the extent that an accounting reveals that there is an actual shortfall, INB alleges that MetaBank may be liable for portions or all of said sum due to the fact that funds have been transferred from INB to MetaBank, and thus MetaBank would have been unjustly enriched. The Bank is vigorously contesting this matter. In January 2014, NetSpend was granted summary judgment in this matter which is under appeal. Because the theory of liability against both NetSpend and the Bank is the same, the Bank views the NetSpend summary judgment as a positive in support of its position. An estimate of a range of reasonably possible loss cannot be made at this stage of the litigation because discovery is still being conducted.

The Bank was served, on October 14, 2016, with a lawsuit captioned Card Limited, LLC v. MetaBank dba Meta Payment Systems, Civil No. 2:16-cv-00980 in the United States District Court for the District of Utah. This action was initiated by a former prepaid program manager of the Bank, which was terminated by the Bank in fiscal year 2016. Card Limited alleges that after all of the programs were wound down, there were two accounts with a positive balance to which they are entitled. The Bank's position is that Card Limited is not entitled to the funds contained in said

accounts. The total amount to which Card Limited claims it is entitled is \$4.0 million. The Bank intends to vigorously defend this claim. An estimate of a range of reasonably possible loss cannot be made at this stage of the litigation because discovery is still being conducted.

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On February 9, 2018, the Bank's AFS/IBEX division filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York captioned AFS/IBEX, a division of MetaBank v. Aegis Managing Agency Limited ("AMA"), Aegis Syndicate 1225 (together with AMA, the "Aegis defendants"), CRC Insurance Services, Inc. ("CRC"), and Transportation Underwriters, Inc. The suit was filed against commercial insurance underwriters and brokers that facilitated the issuance of commercial insurance policies to Red Hook Construction Group-II, LLC ("Red Hook"). The Bank's position is that both CRC and Transportation Underwriters represented to the Bank that, upon cancellation of the insurance policies prior to their stated terms, any unearned premiums would be refunded. The Bank then provided insurance premium financing to Red Hook, and Red Hook executed a written premium finance agreement pursuant to which Red Hook assigned its rights to any unearned premiums to the Bank. After the policies were cancelled, the Aegis defendants failed to return the unearned insurance premiums totaling just over \$1.6 million owed to the Bank under the insurance policies and the premium finance agreement. The Bank is seeking recovery of all amounts to which it is entitled at law or equity and intends to vigorously pursue its claims against the defendants.

The Bank was served on December 24, 2018, with a lawsuit captioned The Ohio Valley Bank Company v. MetaBank dba Refund Advantage, Case No. 18 CV 134 in the Court of Common Pleas, Gallia County, Ohio. This action alleges that MetaBank breached a contract with The Ohio Valley Bank Company by terminating the contract before the term expired, resulting in over \$3.0 million in damages. The Bank intends to vigorously defend this claim. An estimate of a range of reasonably possible loss cannot be made at this stage of the litigation because discovery is still being conducted.

From time to time, the Company or its subsidiaries are subject to certain legal proceedings and claims in the ordinary course of business. Accruals have been recorded when the outcome is probable and can be reasonably estimated. While management currently believes that the ultimate outcome of these proceedings will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position or its results of operations, legal proceedings are inherently uncertain and unfavorable resolution of some or all of these matters could, individually or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on the Company's and its subsidiaries' respective businesses, financial condition or results of operations.

NOTE 11. REVENUE FROM CONTRACTS WITH CUSTOMERS

On October 1, 2018, the Company adopted ASC 606 on a modified retrospective basis. Prior period amounts have not been adjusted to reflect the adoption of ASC 606 and continue to be reported in accordance with the Company's historical accounting policies. The impact of the Company's adoption of ASC 606 was limited to the MPS division within the Payments reporting segment. Upon adoption, Meta recorded a cumulative-effect adjustment that increased retained earnings by \$1.5 million, net of tax.

ASC 606 applies to all contracts with customers unless such revenue is specifically addressed under existing guidance. The table below presents the Company's revenue by operating segment. For additional descriptions of the Company's operating segments, including additional financial information and the underlying management accounting process, see Note 13. Segment Reporting to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

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(Dollars in thousands)	ollars in thousands) Payments Banking		•	Corporate		Consolidated			
(Donars in thousands)	1 ayıncı	11.5	Danking	3	Servic	Services/Other		Company	
Quarter Ended December 31,	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	
Net interest income ⁽¹⁾	\$9,400	\$4,669	\$51,792	2\$15,597	\$(920)\$5,930	\$60,272	\$26,196	
Noninterest income:									
Refund transfer product fees	261	192		_		_	261	192	
Tax advance product fees ⁽¹⁾	1,685	1,947		_		_	1,685	1,947	
Card fees	19,273	25,174	78	73		_	19,351	25,247	
Rental income ⁽¹⁾		_	10,890	_		_	10,890	_	
Loan and lease fees ⁽¹⁾		_	1,247	1,292		_	1,247	1,292	
Bank-owned life insurance ⁽¹⁾		_		_	642	669	642	669	
Deposit fees	1,534	728	404	120		_	1,938	848	
Loss on sale of securities AFS ⁽¹⁾		_		_	(22)(1,010)	(22)(1,010)
Gain of loans and leases ⁽¹⁾		_	867	_		_	867	_	
Gain (loss) on foreclosed real estate ⁽¹⁾		_	15	(19)		_	15	(19)
Other income ⁽¹⁾	73	60	768	19	36	23	877	102	
Total noninterest income	22,826	28,101	14,269	1,485	656	(318)	37,751	29,268	
Revenue	\$32,226	5\$32,770	\$66,061	\$17,082	\$(264)\$5,612	\$98,023	\$55,464	

⁽¹⁾ These revenues are not within scope of ASC 606. Additional details are included in other footnotes to the accompanying financial statements. The scope of ASC 606 explicitly excludes net interest income as well as many other revenues for financial assets and liabilities, including loans, leases, and securities.

Following is a discussion of key revenues within the scope of ASC 606. The Company provides services to customers that have related performance obligations that must be completed to recognize revenue. Revenues are generally recognized immediately upon the completion of the service or over time as services are performed. Any services performed over time generally require that the Company renders services each period, therefore the Company measures progress in completing these services based upon the passage of time. Revenue from contracts with customers did not generate significant contract assets and liabilities.

Refund Transfer Product Fees

Refund transfer fees are specific to the tax products offered by Refund Advantage and EPS. These fees are for products, services such as payment processing, and product referral commissions. Software partner fees paid and/or incurred are recorded on a net basis. The Company's obligation for product fees and commissions is satisfied at the time of the product delivery and obligation for payment processing is satisfied at the time of processing. The transaction price for such activity is based upon stand-alone fees within the terms and conditions. Receivables related to refund transfer fees, which reflect earned revenue with unconditional rights to payment for product fee income, were \$113,935 and \$827,039 as of December 31, 2018 and September 30, 2018, respectively. All refund transfer fees are recorded within the Payments reporting segment.

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Card Fees

Card fees relate to MPS, retail bank, Refund Advantage and EPS products. These fees are for products and services such as card activation, product support, processing, and servicing. The Company earns these fees based upon the underlying terms and conditions with each cardholder over the contract term. Agreements with the Company's cardholders are considered daily service contracts as they are not fixed in duration. The Company's obligation for card activation and product support fees is satisfied at the time of product delivery, while the obligation for processing and servicing is satisfied over the course of each month. The transaction price for such activity is based upon the stand-alone fees within the terms and conditions of the cardholder agreements. Card fee revenue also includes income from sponsorships, associations and networks, and interchange income. Sponsorship income relates to fees charged to the Company's ATM sponsorship partners, where the obligation is satisfied over the course of each month. Association and network income reflect incentives, performance bonuses and rebates with MasterCard and Visa. The obligation for such income is satisfied at the time when certain thresholds of transaction volume have been met. Interchange income is generated by cardholder activity, and therefore the Company's obligations are satisfied as activity occurs. The transaction price for such activity is based on underlying rates and activity thresholds within the terms and conditions of the applicable agreements. Card fee revenue also includes breakage revenue. Breakage represents the estimated amount that will not be redeemed by the holder of unregistered, unused prepaid cards for goods or services. Breakage revenue is recognized ratably over the expected customer usage period and is an estimate based on cardholder behavior and breakage rates and is impacted by escheatment laws. Card fees are recorded within the Payments and Banking reporting segments.

Deposit Fees

Fees are earned on depository accounts for commercial and consumer customers and include fees for account services, overdraft services, safety deposit box rentals, and event-driven services (i.e. returned checks, ATM surcharge, card replacement, wire transfers, and stop pays). The Company's obligation for event-driven services is satisfied at the time of the event when the service is delivered, while its obligation for account services is satisfied over the course of each month. The Company's obligation for overdraft services is satisfied at the time of overdraft. The transaction price for such activity is based upon stand-alone fees within the terms and conditions of the deposit agreements. Deposit fees are recorded within the Payments and Banking reporting segment.

Principal vs Agent

The Payments reporting segment includes principal/agent relationships. Within this segment, MPS relationships are recorded on a gross basis within the income statement, as Meta is the principal in the contract, with the exception of association/network contracts and partner/processer contracts for prepaid cards, which are recorded on a net basis within the income statement as Meta is the agent in these contracts. Also within this segment, Tax service relationships are recorded on a gross basis within the income statement, as Meta is the principal in the contract, with the exception of contracts with software providers and merchants, which are recorded on a net basis within the income statement as Meta is the agent in these contracts.

NOTE 12. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 820, Fair Value Measurements defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring the fair value of assets and liabilities using a hierarchy system and requires disclosures about fair value measurement. It clarifies that fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants in the market in which the reporting entity transacts.

The fair value hierarchy is as follows:

Level 1 Inputs - Valuation is based upon quoted prices for identical instruments traded in active markets that the Company has the ability to access at measurement date.

Level 2 Inputs - Valuation is based upon (1) quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, (2) quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active and (3) model-based valuation techniques for which significant assumptions are observable in the market.

Level 3 Inputs - Valuation is generated from model-based techniques that use significant assumptions not observable in the market and are used only to the extent that observable inputs are not available. These unobservable assumptions reflect the Company's own estimates of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Valuation techniques include use of option pricing models, discounted cash flow models and similar techniques.

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Debt Securities Available for Sale and Equity Securities. Debt securities available for sale and equity securities are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis and securities held to maturity are carried at amortized cost. Fair value measurement is based upon quoted prices, if available. If quoted prices are not available, fair values are measured using an independent pricing service. For both Level 1 and Level 2 securities, management uses various methods and techniques to corroborate prices obtained from the pricing service, including but not limited to reference to dealer or other market quotes, and by reviewing valuations of comparable instruments. The Company's Level 1 securities include equity securities and mutual funds. Level 2 securities include U.S. Government agency and instrumentality securities, U.S. Government agency and instrumentality mortgage-backed securities, municipal bonds and corporate debt securities. The Company had no Level 3 securities at December 31, 2018 or September 30, 2018.

The fair values of securities are determined by obtaining quoted prices on nationally recognized securities exchanges (Level 1 inputs), or valuation based upon quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active and model based valuation techniques for which significant assumptions are observable in the market (Level 2 inputs). The Company considers these valuations supplied by a third party provider which utilizes several sources for valuing fixed-income securities. These sources include Interactive Data Corporation, Reuters, Standard and Poor's, Bloomberg Financial Markets, Street Software Technology, and the third party provider's own matrix and desk pricing. The Company, no less than annually, reviews the third party's methods and source's methodology for reasonableness and to ensure an understanding of inputs utilized in determining fair value. Sources utilized by the third party provider include but are not limited to pricing models that vary based by asset class and include available trade, bid, and other market information. This methodology includes but is not limited to broker quotes, proprietary models, descriptive terms and conditions databases, as well as extensive quality control programs. Monthly, the Company receives and compares prices provided by multiple securities dealers and pricing providers to validate the accuracy and reasonableness of prices received from the third party provider. On a monthly basis, the Investment Committee reviews mark-to-market changes in the securities portfolio for reasonableness.

The following table summarizes the fair values of debt securities available for sale and equity securities at December 31, 2018 and September 30, 2018, as they are measured at fair value on a recurring basis.

	Fair Value At December 31, 201				
(Dollars in Thousands)	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Lev 3	/el
Debt securities AFS					
Small business administration securities	\$94,056	\$ —	\$ 94,056	\$	_
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	14,950	_	14,950	—	
Non-bank qualified obligations of states and political subdivisions	944,571	_	944,571	—	
Asset-backed securities	287,293	_	287,293	_	
Mortgage-backed securities	354,186	_	354,186	—	
Total debt securities AFS	1,695,05	6—	1,695,056	—	
Common equities and mutual funds ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	\$3,837	\$3,837	\$ <i>-</i>	\$	

⁽¹⁾ Equity securities at fair value are included within other assets on the consolidated statement of financial condition at December 31, 2018 and September 30, 2018.

⁽²⁾ ASU 2016-01 adopted on October 1, 2018, on a prospective basis, removed equity securities from AFS category at December 31, 2018.

	Fair Value At September 30, 20 Available For Sale				
(Dollars in Thousands)	Total	Level	Level 2	Level 3	
Debt securities AFS Small business administration securities	\$44,337	\$—	\$44,337	\$ —	

Obligations of states and political subdivisions	16,910	_	16,910	_	
Non-bank qualified obligations of states and political subdivisions	1,109,885	_	1,109,885	_	
Asset-backed securities	313,028	_	313,028	_	
Mortgage-backed securities	364,065	_	364,065		
Total debt securities AFS	1,848,225	_	1,848,225	_	
Common equities and mutual funds ⁽¹⁾	3,800	3,800	_		
Total securities	\$1.852.025	\$3,800	\$1,848,225	\$	

⁽¹⁾ Equity securities at fair value are included within other assets on the consolidated statement of financial condition at December 31, 2018 and September 30, 2018.

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The Company did not transfer any AFS debt securities or equity securities between fair value hierarchy categories at December 31, 2018 or September 30, 2018.

Loans and Leases. The Company does not record loans and leases at fair value on a recurring basis. If a loan or lease is identified as individually impaired, management then measures impairment in accordance with ASC 310, Receivables. See Note 4 Loans and Leases, Net for further information.

The following table summarizes the assets of the Company that were measured at fair value in the consolidated statements of financial condition on a non-recurring basis as of December 31, 2018 and September 30, 2018.

	Fair Va 2018	lue At December		
(Dollars in Thousands)	Total	Level Level Le	vel 3	
Impaired Loans and Leases, net				
Asset Based Lending	\$761	\$ -\$ -\$7	61	
Factoring	724	<u> </u>	4	
Commercial finance	1,485	— — 1, ²	-85	
Total National Lending	1,485	— — 1, ²	-85	
Total Impaired Loans and Le	ases 1,485	<u> </u>	-85	
Foreclosed Assets, net	31,548	— — 31	,548	
Total	\$33,033	3 \$ -\$ -\$3	3,033	
	Fair Valu	e At September 3	0,	
	2018			
(Dollars in Thousands)	Total	Level Level Level	el 3	
Impaired loans and leases, net				
Asset Based Lending	\$57	\$ -\$ -\$57		
Factoring	1,899	— — 1,89	9	
Lease Financing	2,869	— — 2,86	9	
Commercial finance	4,825	— — 4,82	5	
Total National Lending	4,825	— — 4,82	5	
Total impaired loans and leas	ses 4,825	— — 4,82	5	
Foreclosed assets, net	31,638	— — 31,6	38	
Total	\$36,463	\$ -\$ -\$36	463	
C	Quantitative In	nformation Abou	Level 3 Fair Value Measu	irements
F	air _{Eoir}	Value		
V	alue at at	Valuation		
(Dollars in Thousands)	December at	ember Technique	Unobservable Inpu	t Range of Inputs
	1, 30, 2	2018		
Impaired loans and leases, net \$	1,485 4,825	5 Market ap	proach Appraised values (1) 4.00 - 10.00%
Foreclosed Assets, net \$	31,548 31,63	38 Market ap	proach Appraised values (1) 4.00 - 10.00%
(1)	•	es on external app	raisers to develop this info ing costs in a range of 4%	rmation. Management

The following table discloses the Company's estimated fair value amounts of its financial instruments as of the dates set forth below. It is management's belief that the fair values presented below are reasonable based on the valuation techniques and data available to the Company as of December 31, 2018 and September 30, 2018, as more fully described below. The operations of the Company are managed from a going concern basis and not a liquidation

basis. As a result, the ultimate value realized for the financial instruments presented could be substantially different when actually recognized over time through the normal course of operations. Additionally, a substantial portion of the Company's inherent value is the Bank's capitalization and franchise value. Neither of these components have been given consideration in the presentation of fair values below.

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The following presents the carrying amount and estimated fair value of the financial instruments held by the Company at December 31, 2018 and September 30, 2018.

at December 31, 2016 and September 36, 2016.					
	December				
(Dollars in Thousands)	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Financial assets		Value			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$164.160	\$164.160	\$164,169	•	_\$
Cash and Cash equivalents	φ10 4 ,109	φ10 4 ,109	φ10 4 ,109	φ —	-φ —
Debt securities available for sale	1.695.056	1,695,056	_	1,695,056	_
Debt securities held to maturity	160,736		_	151,590	
Equity securities (1)	3,837	3,837	3,837	_	
Total securities	•	1,850,483	•	1,846,646	
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Loans held for sale	33,560	33,560	_	33,560	_
Loans and leases:					
Asset based lending	554,072	541,707		_	541,707
Factoring	284,912	281,731		_	281,731
Lease financing	290,889	291,205		_	291,205
Insurance premium finance	330,712	329,753		_	329,753
SBA/USDA	67,893	67,891			67,891
Other commercial finance	89,402	89,859	_	_	89,859
Commercial finance	1,617,880	1,602,146	_	_	1,602,146
Consumer credit products	96,144	95,310			95,310
Other consumer finance	182,510	178,616	_	_	178,616
Consumer finance	278,654	273,926	_	_	273,926
Tax services	76,575	76,568	_	_	76,568
Warehouse finance		173,488	_	_	173,488
Total National Lending	•	2,126,128	_	_	2,126,128
Commercial real estate and operating	863,753	849,384	_	_	849,384
Consumer one to four family real estate and other	256,341	252,230			252,230
Agricultural real estate and operating	58,971	56,906	_	_	56,906
Total Community Banking	•	1,158,520	_	_	1,158,520
Total loans and leases		3,284,648		_	3,284,648
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Federal Home Loan Bank stock	15,600	15,600	_	15,600	
Accrued interest receivable	22,076	22,076	22,076	_	
Financial liabilities					
Noninterest-bearing demand deposits	2 739 757	2 739 757	2,739,757	_	
Interest-bearing demand deposits, savings, and money markets	235,450	235,450	235,450		
Certificates of deposits	170,629	169,397		169,397	
Wholesale non-maturing deposits	146,227	146,227	146,227		
Wholesale certificates of deposits	-	1,640,910		1,640,910	
Total deposits			3,121,434		
Total acposits	7,730,777	7,731,741	3,141,734	1,010,307	_
Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank	_	_	_	_	_
Federal funds purchased	227,000	227,000	227,000		
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Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	4,226	4,226		4,226	
Capital leases	1,860	1,860		1,860	
Trust preferred securities	13,662	13,867		13,867	_
Subordinated debentures	73,528	75,000		75,000	
Accrued interest payable	11,280	11,280	11,280		

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(Dollars in Thousands)	Septemb Carrying Amount	er 30, 2018 Estimated Fair Value		Level 2	Level 3
Financial assets Cash and cash equivalents	\$99,977	\$ 99,977	\$99,977	\$ -	-\$ -
Securities available for sale Securities held to maturity Total securities	172,154		_	1,848,225 160,974 2,009,199	_
Loans held for sale	15,606	15,606	_	15,606	_
Loans and leases:					
Asset based lending	477,917	477,471			477,471
Factoring	284,221	283,424	_	_	283,424
Lease financing	265,315	264,679	_	_	264,679
Insurance premium finance	337,877	337,212			337,212
SBA/USDA	59,374	61,072			61,072
Other commercial finance	85,145	83,111			83,111
Commercial finance	1,509,84	91,506,969	_	_	1,506,969