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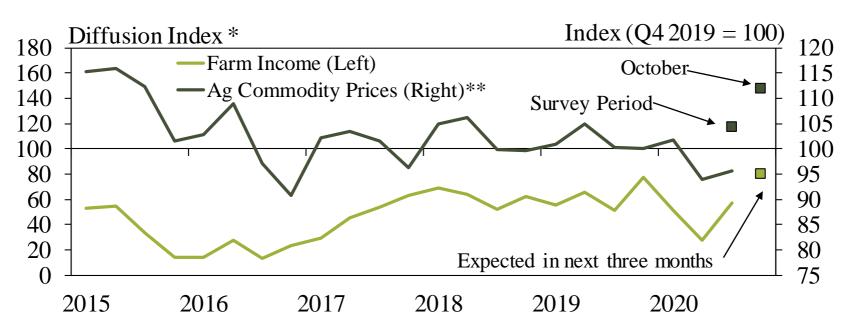
Survey Summary

Respondents to the Kansas City Fed's third quarter survey of ag credit conditions reported, in aggregate:

- General, but notable improvements in the outlook for farm financial conditions.
- A more favorable outlook for loan repayment capacity.
- Modest increases in farmland values.

A sharp decline in farm income in the previous quarter abated somewhat in the third quarter.

Tenth District Farm Income and Commodity Prices



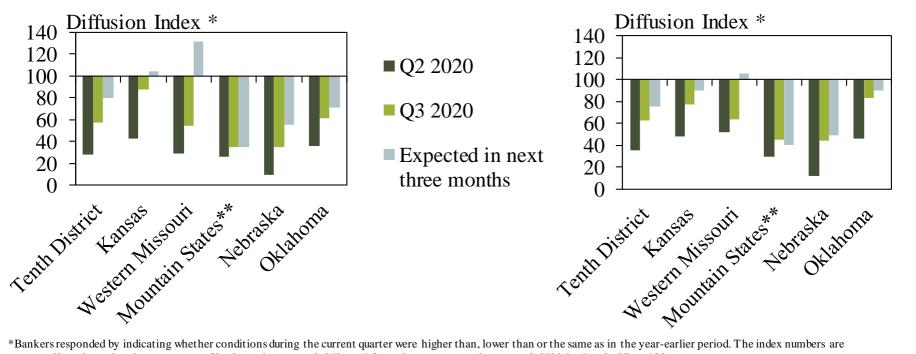
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^{**}Average of individual indices for corn, soybeans, wheat, cattle and hogs. Sources: Wall Street Journal, Haver Analytics and staff calculations.

All District states showed improvement in assessments of farm income and liquidity.

Tenth District Farm Income

Tenth District Farm Borrower Liquidity

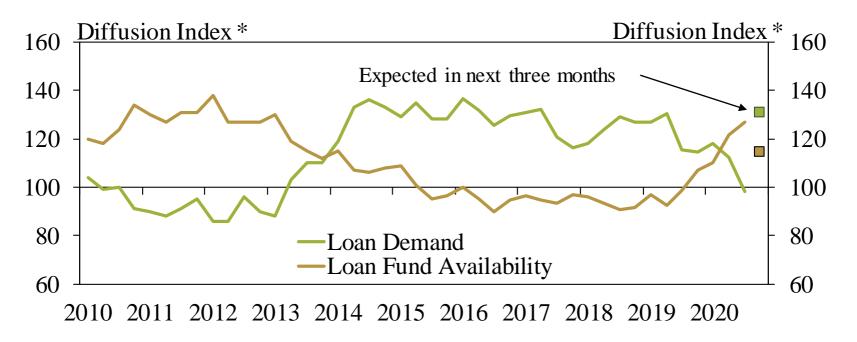


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Following years of steady growth, demand for farm loans appeared to soften.

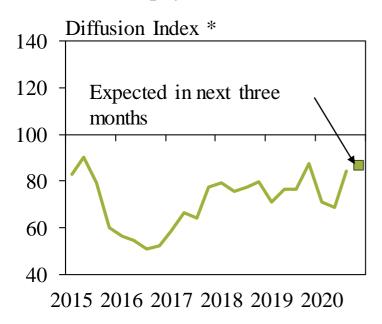
Tenth District Farm Loans



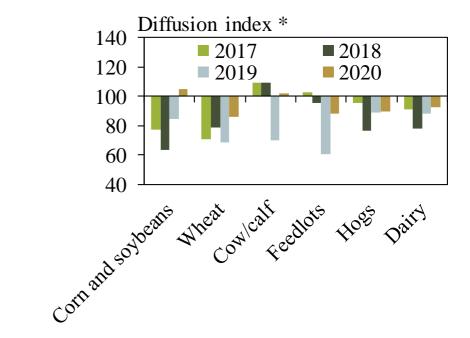
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Most measures of credit conditions also deteriorated at a more gradual pace in the third quarter.

Tenth District Farm Loan Repayment Rates



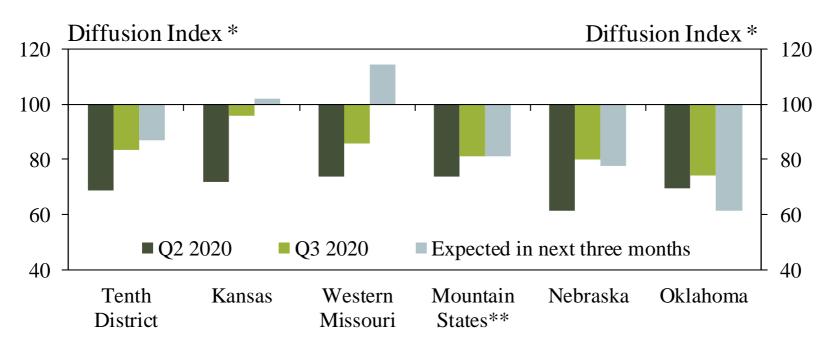
Expected Change in Loan Repayment Rates by Operation Type, Q3



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Weakness in loan repayment also moderated across states in the Kansas City Fed District.

Farm Loan Repayment Rates by State

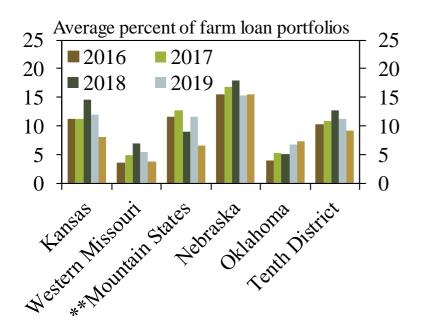


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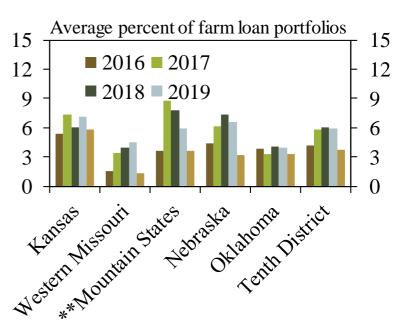
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With an improved financial outlook, problem loan rates dropped in the third quarter.

Tenth District Watch List, Q3*



Tenth District Classified List, Q3*

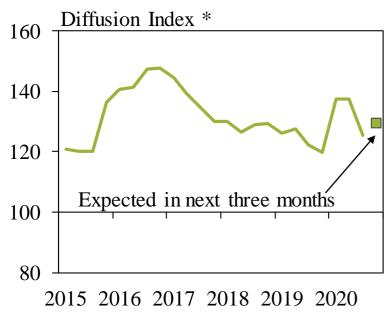


^{*}For purposes of this article, a "Watch List" loan is interpreted as a qualifying credit but is being closely monitored for potential problems (deterioration in borrower financial conditions, management changes, etc.). A "Classified List" loan is a loan with a defined weakness (inadequate debt service, insolvent collateral position, etc.) that requires specific documentation and potential bank reserve adjustments.

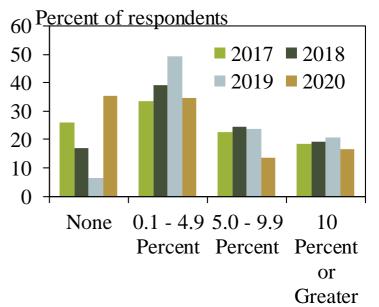
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The pace of renewals or extensions for existing borrowers remained elevated, but rates of asset liquidation slowed.

Tenth District Renewals and Extensions



Share of Borrowers Planning to Sell Mid- to Long-Term Assets**,Q3

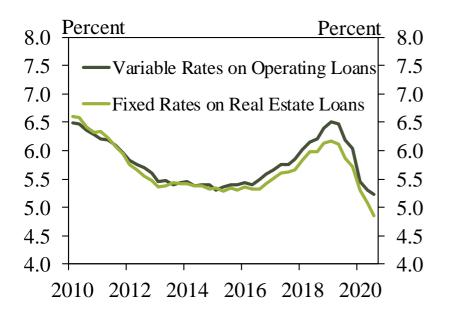


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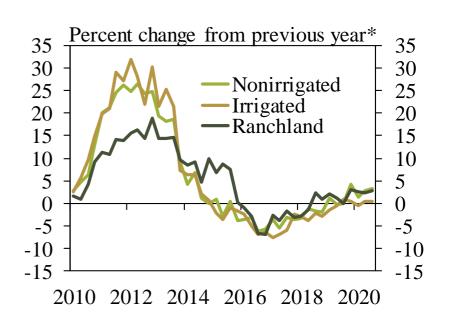
^{**}Bankers responded by indicating what percent of farm borrowers plan to sell mid-to-long term assets (such as machinery or land) before the end of the year in an effort to improve available working capital or make loan payments.

Interest rates on ag loans continued to decline, and farmland values increased slightly throughout the District.

Tenth District Average Interest Rates



Tenth District Farmland Values



^{*} Percent changes are calculated using responses only from those banks reporting in both the past and the current quarters

The stability of farm real estate values was consistent across all types of land.

Tenth District Farmland Values by State, Third Quarter 2020

Percent change from previous year *

	Nonirrigated	Irrigated	Ranchland
Kansas	-1	2	1
Western Missouri	6	n/a **	9
Mountain States***	6	-4	11
Nebraska	3	0	-4
Oklahoma	6	13	5
Tenth District	3	1	3

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Concluding Remarks

- The outlook for the farm economy has turned considerably less pessimistic than in the initial months of the pandemic.
- Stronger commodity prices and sizable government payments have provided significant support and factor heavily into the outlook for 2021.

