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Highlight 1: Farm Bankruptcies

- National farm bankruptcies have approached levels not seen since 2009-2012
- Bankruptcy filings have increased in some areas, but remain relatively low
- Farm and off-farm income levels, farmland value trends, and macroeconomic factors all help determine regional differences

Change in Total Chapter 12 Bankruptcies Filed, July 2019 – June 2020

Source: United States Courts, Caseload Statistics Data Tables, Robert Dinterman
Highlight 2: Trends in Ag Lending

- First evidence of real estate volume decline
- Differences by lender size
  - Pullback of large banks?
- Regional disparities:
  - Great plains v. the coasts
- Delinquencies: Government support filling its purpose?

Source: Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council Call Reports
**Highlight 3: Rural Emergence**

- Initial emergence was concentrated in metro counties.
- Transition more rural counties attributed to food processing plants.
- No statistical difference in case rates between counties by June.
- August rates are higher in Non-metro counties.

Source: Johns Hopkins University, Coronavirus Resource Center; USDA Urban-Rural Continuum
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Highlight 4: Weather

- Generally favorable growing conditions expected across the Midwest
- Southeast expected to remain wet
Highlight 5: The Global Economy and Ag Trade

- Contracting global growth and impact on animal proteins
- Countries and commodities matter – EU vs. Asia
- Does a weak dollar matter?
- Impact of oil

Commodity Trade-Weighted Index

Source: USDA ERS Agricultural Exchange Rate Data Set
Other News

- Strong foreign production
- Dairy in the stratosphere?
- Grains and grain stocks
- Meat Processing Update
- CFAP and PPP
Questions?
Thank You!