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The accompanying MD&A consists of the following affiliated insurance companies,

<u>Name of Company</u>	<u>NAIC code</u>	<u>State of Domicile</u>
Farmers Insurance Exchange	21652	California
Fire Insurance Exchange	21660	California
Truck Insurance Exchange	21709	California
American Federation Insurance Company	10245	Texas
American Pacific Insurance Company, Inc.	10805	Hawaii
Bristol West Casualty Insurance Company	11034	Ohio
Bristol West Insurance Company	19658	Ohio
Bristol West Preferred Insurance Company	12774	Michigan
Civic Property And Casualty Company	10315	California
Coast National Insurance Company	25089	California
Exact Property And Casualty Company	10318	California
Farmers Insurance Company Of Arizona	21598	Arizona
Farmers Insurance Company Of Idaho	21601	Idaho
Farmers Insurance Company Of Oregon	21636	Oregon
Farmers Insurance Company Of Washington	21644	Washington
Farmers Insurance Company, Inc.	21628	Kansas
Farmers Insurance Hawaii, Inc.	28487	Hawaii
Farmers Insurance Of Columbus, Inc.	36889	Ohio
Farmers New Century Insurance Company	10806	Illinois
Farmers Reinsurance Company	10873	California
Farmers Specialty Insurance Company	43699	Michigan
Farmers Texas County Mutual Insurance Company	24392	Texas
Foremost County Mutual Insurance Company	29254	Texas
Foremost Insurance Company Grand Rapids, Michigan	11185	Michigan
Foremost Lloyds Of Texas	41688	Texas
Foremost Property And Casualty Insurance Company	11800	Michigan
Foremost Signature Insurance Company	41513	Michigan
Illinois Farmers Insurance Company	21679	Illinois
Mid-Century Insurance Company	21687	California
Mid-Century Insurance Company Of Texas	28673	Texas
Neighborhood Spirit Property And Casualty Company	10317	California
Security National Insurance Company	33120	Florida
Texas Farmers Insurance Company	21695	Texas
21St Century Advantage Insurance Company	25232	Minnesota
21St Century Assurance Company	44245	Delaware
21St Century Auto Insurance Company Of New Jersey	10184	New Jersey
21St Century Casualty Company	36404	California
21St Century Centennial Insurance Company	34789	Pennsylvania
21St Century Indemnity Insurance Company	43974	Pennsylvania
21St Century Insurance Company	12963	California
21St Century North America Insurance Company	32220	New York
21St Century Pacific Insurance Company	23795	Colorado
21St Century Pinnacle Insurance Company	10710	New Jersey
21St Century Premier Insurance Company	20796	Pennsylvania

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Basis of Combination and Corporate Structure

The accompanying Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") of Statutory Financial Condition and Results of Operations as of December 31, 2020 has been prepared on a combined basis for the Farmers Insurance Exchange ("FIE") and its Affiliated Property and Casualty Insurers (collectively, "Farmers") and consists of all the companies listed on Page 2 of the accompanying MD&A statement.

FIE and certain members of Farmers participate in an intercompany reinsurance agreement (the "Intercompany Program"), with FIE as the lead company, pursuant to which each participant assumes a proportionate share of Farmers' results from FIE based on their respective participation percentages (see also Note 26 of the annual statement). FIE is also a participant in various other reinsurance contracts with affiliates, which occur prior to the Intercompany Program. Since these insurers are part of a consolidated group that utilizes 100% intercompany reinsurance or pooling agreements, regulatory approval was obtained to prepare a combined MD&A. Accordingly, the combined results of Farmers have been analyzed in this MD&A.

OVERVIEW

Background – Farmers operates in all 50 states, with the states of California, Texas and Washington accounting for nearly 50.0% of Farmers' total direct premiums written. Farmers offers a variety of personal automobile, personal property, business insurance, and personal lines specialty products. The automobile insurance products include liability insurance, uninsured/underinsured motorists, no-fault or personal injury protection, collision and comprehensive coverages. Farmers' personal property business is primarily comprised of single-family homeowners' policies. In addition to homeowners' policies, a variety of other policies are offered including comprehensive personal liability, residential landlord, residential fire, condominium, and renters.

Farmers' business insurance targets select markets for small and medium-sized commercial accounts, including automotive trades, artisans and service contractors, wholesale and distribution, habitational, restaurants, retail and service, commercial real estate, workers' compensation insurance for work-related injury, illness, or death, and commercial auto insurance protection for Uber and their independent contractor drivers while engaging in official company ridesharing activities. The uber-related ride sharing program was recently expanded to Arizona and Nevada, now covering drivers and couriers in a total of 16 states and the District of Columbia.. In addition, the Farmers' business insurance started offering commercial automobile insurance coverage for the cannabis industry in December 2019.

The majority of Farmers' policies are marketed through a captive agency force, mainly in the western and mid-western United States. Independent agents are primarily used to distribute specialty and small business products. Farmers also markets mobile home and recreational vehicle products through the Foremost brand name using Farmers' exclusive agents, independent agents, and direct sales representatives throughout the country.

Collectively, Farmers' is a multi-line, multi-channel (Affinity, Direct, Exclusive and Independent agents), multi-product insurance provider, whose core business is Personal Lines. Distribution primarily runs through a vast network of trusted advisors who are exclusive agents, servicing customers through thousands of professional offices across America. Farmers' most notable strengths are: an extensive distribution system (nearly 11,250 exclusive agents), size and scale, product portfolio depth and breadth, powerful and highly visible brands, common platforms and proven operating efficiency, along with a top-tier Claims organization of approximately 10,174 professionals. Farmers is a market leader, with significant scale and market share and is ranked nationally as the 6th largest Property and Casualty All lines organization (per AM Best, based on 2019 direct written premiums) in its core 29 operating states with a 4.4% market share. Gross written premiums were \$20.1 billion in 2020 with approximately 13.3 million policies.

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BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

Competition – The business environment in the property and casualty insurance market is very competitive, involving several companies with diverse and competitive products which are offered across national and local markets. In spite of this broader industry's adverse trends, Farmers was able to increase surplus by \$218.8 million in 2020.

As a result of the highly competitive nature of the industry, Farmers' claims paying ability and financial strength ratings have a significant impact on its ability to compete with other insurance companies to attract and retain policyholders. At any given time, there are nearly 2,500 P&C insurers in the U.S. P&C insurance market, but Farmers does not attempt to compete head to head with each of them nor in all market spaces. Farmers' major competitors are multiple-lines exclusive agency companies such as State Farm, Allstate, and American Family, but also include national carriers with similar models, such as Nationwide, Liberty Mutual, Berkshire Hathaway, and Progressive.

Ratings – Ratings are an important factor in establishing the competitive position of insurance companies. Rating agencies continue to review the financial performance and condition of all insurers, as well as reinsurance strategies, adequacy of loss reserving and their individual investment portfolios.

Each rating is subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by the assigning organization and should be evaluated independently of any other ratings.

The following table summarizes Farmers' ratings for the 2 most recent years available*:

<u>Rating Agency</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
AM Best Company	A (Excellent)	A (Excellent)
Standard & Poor's	A (Strong)	A (Strong)
Moody Investor Service	A2 (Good)	A2 (Good)

*Farmers' ratings for 2020 will be available later in 2021.

Investments - Farmers' investment policy is to maximize the total return of its investment portfolio while adhering to strict risk management guidelines protecting the interests of its policyholders, as well as safeguarding principal, and maintaining a highly liquid position to meet any funding requirements such as short-term obligations and unexpected developments that may occur. This investment strategy emphasizes long-term fundamental value in the selection of the investment mix. Diversification is achieved by maintaining a portfolio of high quality taxable and tax-exempt bonds (modified duration is around 3.7 years, average credit quality: Aa3), common stocks, non-redeemable preferred stocks, short-term investments, and real estate. Such portfolio management strategies include asset/liability matching, appropriate combination of fixed income and equity securities, a well-diversified portfolio, asset allocation, constant monitoring of the portfolio on a regular basis to ensure credit quality, diversification and duration parameters, and the use of professional investment advisors. Farmers' cash flow is carefully monitored and its investment program is regularly and systematically reviewed to ensure funds are available to meet Farmers' obligations, while at the same time optimizing investment returns. Investment policy is directed by Farmers' Board of Governors.

Guaranty Associations and Assessments - Farmers receives periodic assessments from certain states to reimburse policyholders and claimants of insolvent carriers. Depending on the guidelines established by each state, these assessments are either expensed, recouped from policyholders, or utilized as credits against premium taxes. Premium tax credits are realized between 3 to 10 years depending on the guidelines established by each state.

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Reinsurance - Farmers utilizes various reinsurance agreements to better control loss exposure, including the All Lines Quota Share agreements. Under the terms of these reinsurance agreements, the reinsurers are liable for all losses covered by such reinsurance agreements. However, the ceding insurer remains primarily liable for claims on policies issued whether or not the reinsurer meets its obligations.

Catastrophe Reinsurance - On an excess of loss basis, Farmers, excluding Farmers Reinsurance, retains the first \$200.0 million of loss after satisfying a \$100.0 million annual deductible. Coverage is in place up to \$2.5 billion in all states. The Residential book in Florida has an additional coverage purchased from Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund, currently estimated as \$128.0 million excess of a \$51.0 million retention. On an aggregate basis, the companies have coverage of \$700.0 million of limit excess of \$1.4 billion retention net of the excess of loss reinsurance and \$1.0 million per-event deductible. An additional \$500.0 million is available through the Contingent Surplus Notes facility with the current attachment point of \$2.3 billion excluding earthquake shake.

California Earthquake Authority (“CEA”) - Farmers also participates in the CEA, which was established by the California Legislature to provide earthquake insurance to the owners of residential property in the state of California. Insurers who elect to participate in the program are responsible for a portion of aggregate losses up to \$1.7 billion, contingent on losses exceeding a specified limit. As of April, 10, 2020, the latest date for which information is available, Farmers’ residential earthquake insurance market share was 14.02%, and its respective share of this contingent liability before external reinsurance was \$233.2 million at December 31, 2020. Since the inception of the CEA, there has not been a significant earthquake in California. As such, the CEA has been able to build its capital and the continual increases in retained earnings and investment income lowers the possibility of additional assessments against the participating insurers.

All Lines Quota Share Agreement (“ALQS”) - Farmers began participating in an All Lines Quota Share reinsurance agreement with Farmers Re and Zurich in 2002, which has been amended over the years with the aggregate participation ratio at 26% effective December 31, 2020. Prior to this amendment, the prevailing 2019 participation ratio was 29%. (see also “Note 21C” of the 2020 Annual Statements.)

Following are the participating reinsurers in the ALQS for 2019 through 2021:

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<u>Reinsurers</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Swiss Reinsurance Company Limited (“Swiss Zurich”)	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%
Hannover Rück SE (“Hannover Re”)	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%
Munich Reinsurance America, Inc., (“Munich Re”)	3.75%	3.75%	5.00%
Transatlantic Reinsurance Company (“Trans Re”)	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%
Catlin Reinsurance Switzerland Limited (“Catlin Re”)	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%
Farmers Reinsurance Company (“Farmers Re”)	0.25%	0.25%	1.00%
Ariel Re Bermuda Limited (“Ariel Re”)	0.00%	0.00%	1.00%
Zurich Insurance Company Limited (“Zurich”)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Total	<u>26.00%</u>	<u>26.00%</u>	<u>29.00%</u>

Based on the results for 2020 and 2019, Farmers’ share of recoveries were \$3,188.8 million and \$3,793.6 million, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, Farmers’ share of ceded premiums earned were \$4,936.3 million and \$5,515.9 million, respectively, while the Farmers’ share of the ceding commissions was \$1,585.0 million and \$1,729.6 million for 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Risk-Based Capital (RBC) and NAIC ratios - The NAIC utilizes a risk-based capital formula intended for regulatory monitoring of property/casualty insurers. The RBC formulas establish capital requirements for four categories of risk: asset risk, insurance risk, interest rate risk and business risk. For each risk category, the capital requirement is determined by applying factors to asset, premium and reserve items, with higher factors applied to items with greater underlying risk and vice-versa. The focus of the capital rules is a risk-based formula that applies prescribed factors to various risk elements in an insurer’s business and investments to develop a minimum capital requirement designed to be proportional to the amount of risk assumed by the insurer. Insurers that have less statutory capital than the RBC calculation requires are considered to have inadequate capital and are subject to varying degrees of regulatory action depending on the level of capital inadequacy. Farmers and each of its subsidiaries have capital levels that exceeded the minimum NAIC capital requirements and therefore no regulatory action under the risk-based capital rules is anticipated in both the current and near terms.

Additionally, the NAIC has established 13 financial ratios for property-casualty insurers to assist state insurance departments in their oversight of the financial condition of licensed U.S. insurance companies operating in their respective states. The NAIC's Insurance Regulatory Information System ("IRIS") calculates these ratios based on information submitted by insurers on an annual basis and shares the information with applicable state insurance departments. Each ratio has an established "usual range" of results and assists state insurance departments in executing their statutory mandate to oversee the financial condition of insurance companies. A ratio falling outside the usual range of IRIS ratios is not considered a failing result; rather unusual values are viewed as part of the regulatory early monitoring system. Generally, an insurance company will be subject to regulatory scrutiny and may be subject to regulatory action if four or more of the ratios fall outside the usual range. Out of the 44 Farmers’ companies, one company had five ratios and two companies had four ratios that were outside the usual range. These three companies are non-pooled entities with relatively small investment portfolios which normally triggers unusual values in the investment yield and related ratios. Overall, Farmers does not anticipate regulatory action for each of the companies with four values outside the usual range.

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Farmers' management conducted an assessment of the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting as of December 31, 2020. No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses were identified upon the completion of management's assessments.

Litigation - Certain of Farmers' companies are defendants in lawsuits arising in the normal course of business, which are in various stages of development. Some of these matters seek punitive as well as compensatory damages. While it is not possible to predict the outcome of these matters with certainty, management believes that their ultimate disposition will not have a material effect on Farmers' financial position or results of operations. In addition, certain of Farmers' companies are, from time to time, involved as parties in various governmental and administrative proceedings.

Coronavirus Pandemic ("COVID-19") and Farmers Business Resumption Plan - In response to the COVID-19 pandemic some Farmers P&C Companies ("Farmers") reduced personal auto premiums to policyholders for the months of April and May, 2020, as well as providing credits to the Farmers Business Insurance customers in the restaurant, office, retail and service sectors across the country. Farmers reflected the \$311.2 million in voluntary return of premium to policyholders in response to the COVID-19 pandemic as an adjustment to premiums in the accompanying Annual, 2020 financial statements. Farmers continues to monitor the impact of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic on the global business and operating environment and to comply with state specific mandates. FIE does not anticipate a material impact on its capital or ability to service its customers.

Agent Loan Relief Program - As part of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, in April 2020, Farmers worked with the Farmers Insurance Group Federal Credit Union ("FIGFCU") to develop and offer a loan assistance program to qualifying Farmers agents. Under the terms of the program, Farmers will guarantee loans issued to certain of its agents, up to a maximum of \$15 million. In addition, Farmers agreed to pay a maximum of \$150 thousand servicing fee to FIGFCU. Management has established a provision, as appropriate, based on applicable accounting procedures.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

All statements, trend analysis and other information contained in this MD&A and elsewhere (such as press releases, presentations by Farmers, or its management or oral statements) relative to markets for Farmers' products and trends in Farmers' operations or financial results, as well as other statements including words such as "anticipate," "believe," "plan," "estimate," "expect," "intend" and other similar expressions, constitute forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements are based on Farmers' current expectations and assumptions regarding economic, competitive and legislative developments. Because forward-looking statements relate to the future, they are subject to inherent uncertainties, risks and changes in circumstances that are difficult to predict. They have been made based upon management's expectations and beliefs concerning future developments and their potential effect upon Farmers. These forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause actual results to be materially different from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements.

There are several current key business initiatives at Farmers that support its business strategy, all of which are in their early stages, with focus primarily on customers, agents, products, claims, marketing, and technology, among others.

On agents and products, Farmers has undertaken numerous initiatives to increase market penetration in an effort to drive growth. One strategy is to raise the national awareness of Farmers' products and ongoing training of the Farmers' agents through advertising campaigns, particularly in new markets outside of the core 29 states, where Farmers has high potential for growth. Management recognizes that Farmers can only succeed if its agents succeed as well. Farmers provides their

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agents with training, business coaching and marketing assistance through numerous programs designed to help their agents succeed and grow their agencies.

With respect to products, Farmers continues to review the portfolio of its products relative to competitors and to incorporate added features to meet the needs of its diverse policyholders. Major products development and new initiatives anticipated to be launched in the current year include the continued expansion of Toggle products (explained below) as well as the continued expansion of the Farmers brand into more Eastern states, initially deploying digitally in two states in 2020, with plans to add three more states in 2021.

In the auto lines, the Farmers Smart Plan AutoSM product, continues to offer customers a highly competitive product that provides positive customer experience and also simplifies the sales process for agents and customers. This product continues to use pricing sophistication to achieve profitability by introducing more segmentation to remain competitive and introduces product and systems enhancements designed to meet the identified needs of its diverse customers. Management believes that this auto product will improve Farmers' competitive position and customer retention.

Similarly, in the homeowners arena, the highly competitive Farmers Smart Plan HomeSM product also continues to offer customers with improved and enhanced product features designed to meet the identified needs of its customers. Farmers plans to continue to monitor emerging market trends in the homeowner market and to maintain a multi-year homeowners business plan designed to deliver profitable growth for Farmers. This plan will be based on econometric revenue models and expense forecasts, among others, to determine the long-term rate and non-rate activity necessary to achieve appropriate loss ratios and expense targets. The resulting projected forecasts will be calibrated to reflect impacts from the most recent trends affecting this particular line of business, including the emergence of new technologies in the broader homeowners market.

In the business insurance segment, the plans for the near term are focused on modest new business growth reflecting an increasingly hardening market conditions in the Workers Compensation and Commercial Multi-Peril lines of business. For Workers Compensation area, Farmers is preparing to roll out a revised product. In addition, Farmers will be introducing tiering to its rating plan where possible, along with revisions to its commission schedules, while also continuing work on refreshing its Commercial Multi-Peril products across industries. For commercial automobile, this update includes new factors, new discounts, and improved segmentation. Throughout 2021, Farmers anticipates additional product adjustments, including but not limited to, rules and forms. Additionally, Farmers will continue to explore strategic partnerships that can extend the reach of its commercial products and capabilities, including expanding the exclusive agents' participation in commercial lines. In addition, Farmers continues to work on improving and refreshing the product suite in all lines. Specifically, in 2021 Farmers already rolled-out a new monoline general liability offering in February for artisan contractors and is planning to implement an improved premier endorsement offering for its Manufacturing customers in the coming months.

With respect to the Foremost Farmers Specialty area, Farmers expects to achieve targeted financial returns and the immediate plans are directed on continued moderate new business growth, coupled with stable policy growth reflecting Farmers' focus in selected personal lines market niches.

Regarding Bristol West, the business plan in 2021 is to continue following the loss cost trends closely, anticipating a slow emergence from the pandemic and monitoring the impact that has on the loss costs and the need to take rate to achieve targeted financial returns. Farmers expects modest new business and policy growth through expanded quote volume and improved retention. In addition, Farmers plans to continue to increase the usage of its mobile app used to do physical damage appraisals for claims and to also invest in its digital strategy with particular emphasis on its mobile self service capabilities that is expected to improve the ease-of-use for both customers and agents, while also lowering overall operating costs.

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Additionally, Farmers introduced a commercial auto product in two states in 2019, two other states in 2020, and plans to enter an additional state in 2021. This Bristol West related commercial auto product is focused primarily on "light/local" niche of the landscapers, artisans, among others.

In the 21st Century area, the near-term plans include a focus on pricing and profitable growth. In the state of California, recent rate increases position 21st Century to increase marketing efforts targeting standard and preferred risks. Continued focus on underwriting classification integrity, along with routine rate maintenance, will help in achieving loss ratio goals. Due to corporate restructuring, 21st Century is no longer offering new business outside of California and Hawaii.

Concurrent with these initiatives, Farmers plans to expand its new startup program ("Toggle") into more states in 2021. Toggle was first launched in October 2018, and is the Farmers' new innovative digital first, direct to consumer insurance offering designed for modern day renters. Toggle offers affordable, customizable coverages and unique offerings like Pet Parent ® and Side Hustle ® and is currently available in twenty-five states, including California which launched in December 2019. In 2021, Farmers plans to expand Toggle renters into additional states. Additionally, in 2020, Farmers launched a new auto product in South Carolina. The plan in 2021 is to launch Toggle auto in additional states.

Another initiative is expanding and providing commercial automobile insurance to ridesharing drivers using the Uber App in 17 new markets, building on its 2018 agreement with Uber into two states. Consequently and consistent with this and other related initiatives, Farmers also continues to explore partnerships that widen its traditional focus on insuring small and mid-sized businesses through its exclusive agents. While early efforts have been on coverages that serve the rideshare industry, Farmers continues to explore how it can leverage on its core capabilities to pursue new growth opportunities in commercial lines, including the recent initiative to provide commercial automobile coverage to the cannabis industry in December 2019. This opportunity is a great way to provide customers with coverage options that can help reduce risk and improve operations in their business. However, due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the premium volume in this market decreased significantly in 2020 due primarily to reduced miles driven. Currently, Farmers plans to write a new Commercial product for Deductible Buydown to be offered to rideshare drivers in 2021, as part of the ongoing efforts to further serve the insurance needs of the broader rideshare industry.

Other initiatives that Farmers plans to implement in 2021 and subsequent years include expanding the exclusive agent distribution of Farmers' products to states in the eastern third of the United States. Management plans to expand the Farmers brand into eleven new states in the east coast of the United States by the end of 2021, increasing the Farmers total footprint to 48 states. To accomplish this objective, Farmers plans to launch Auto, Home, Renter and Condo products with a digital-first approach that will allow Farmers to quickly test, adapt, and fine-tune its offerings. The first states selected for this exercise, Kentucky and Mississippi, were launched in 2020, with plans to add three more states in 2021.

Other programs are to improve policyholder retention and customer satisfaction by simplifying and improving the communication and service to existing customers and prospective customers. In addition, Farmers is replacing the personal lines policy administration system ("PLA") with a new PLA system to improve product flexibility, increase speed of change, enable cross-sell capability, and lower operational costs. The new PLA system has been introduced to several states and all states are planned to be using the new PLA system by the end of 2023.

With respect to claims, the Farmers claims team is focused on improving processes and operating structures to better serve the needs of its customers. By implementing a culture of continuous improvement, the claims team is well positioned to meet the changing expectations of its customers. Claims training continues to develop high level training on customer service, technical excellence, and leadership. Claims focus on process and operating structures is delivering greater experience to both its customers and employees is management's commitment to and retention of Farmers customers. Management believes that having engaged, fulfilled employees are the foundation of its strategy. Farmers measures employee engagement regularly and views it as a key factor in its ability to win in the marketplace.

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In general, Farmers strategy is built upon three main principles:

Easy customer experience: Industry-leading customer experience, with an emphasis on ease of doing business.

Expand distribution: Grow market share by engaging our agents and expanding our distribution efforts to reach more customers.

Drive operational effectiveness: Profitable, sustainable business through operational effectiveness.

Acquisitions - Metropolitan Property and Casualty Company (“MetLife”) - As part of Farmers distribution expansion strategy, is the planned acquisitions of Metropolitan Property and Casualty Company (“MetLife”) and on December 11, 2020, the Exchanges and FGI announced that they will jointly acquire the US property and casualty (“P&C”) insurance business of Metropolitan Property and Casualty Company (“Metlife”) for total consideration of \$3.94 billion in cash. Zurich will contribute \$2.43 billion of the purchase price through FGI and Farmers will pay \$1.51 billion in cash for MetLife’s auto and home business. The parties expect to complete the transaction in the second quarter of 2021, pending regulatory approvals.

In summary and looking ahead, in both the current year as well as in subsequent years, Farmers plans to continue to evolve toward a unified brand strategy and to provide customers with access to multiple distribution channels. This will allow Farmers to leverage financial, technology, and other resources more effectively, and provide more competitive products and services. Farmers marketing strategy includes direct sales online and through call centers responding to inbound calls, direct mail, internet and other third-party aggregators, as well as the recruitment and appointment of independent contractor insurance agents who sell insurance policies throughout the state. Farmers plans to measure its success with growth in its customer targeted segment with products and services that appeal to those customers and also increase the number of products sold per household.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE METRICS

Some of the common industry metrics that were used in the evaluation and presentation of Farmers’ performance are defined as follows:

MATERIAL BALANCE SHEET CHANGES

ASSETS

Farmers’ total net admitted assets increased \$918.4 million to \$26,124.2 million at December 31, 2020. The following is a summary of Farmers’ net admitted assets at December 31, (in millions):

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	2020	2019
Bonds	\$ 18,092.6	\$ 17,423.8
Common stocks	738.5	673.0
Real estate	596.0	651.6
Cash and short-term investments	880.0	600.6
Other invested assets	<u>99.3</u>	<u>67.1</u>
Total cash and invested assets	<u>20,406.5</u>	<u>19,416.1</u>
Premiums receivable	3,676.0	3,487.1
Reinsurance recoverable on paid losses and LAE	444.0	235.1
Federal income tax recoverable	638.1	1,185.6
Accrued interest and dividends	123.3	130.2
Other	<u>836.3</u>	<u>751.6</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 26,124.2</u>	<u>\$ 25,205.8</u>

Farmers' invested asset mix at December 31, was as follows:

	2020	2019
Bonds	88.7%	89.7%
Common stocks	3.6%	3.5%
Real estate	2.9%	3.4%
Cash and short-term investments	4.3%	3.1%
Other invested assets	0.5%	0.4%

Bonds - Bonds increased by \$668.9 million, principally driven by an increase in net income, federal income tax refund received, along with an increase in reinsurance recoverable activity, resulting in higher bond acquisitions relative to dispositions.

Farmers invests in high quality and highly liquid bonds. At December 31, 2020, 98.0% of the bond portfolio was investment grade (NAIC Class 1 and 2), and approximately 91.7% of its bond holdings mature within the next ten years (see also "Schedule D - Part 1A" of the 2020 Combined Annual Statement). Management believes that the mix, quality, and maturity of Farmers' investment portfolio will be sufficient to meet current and future operational liquidity needs.

The following shows the bond quality distribution at December 31, (in millions):

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NAIC Designation	2020		2019	
	Statement Value	% of Total	Statement Value	% of Total
Class 1	\$ 14,840.2	82.0%	\$ 14,580.4	83.7%
Class 2	2,882.3	15.9%	2,636.5	15.1%
Class 3	295.3	1.6%	178.5	1.0%
Class 4 - 6	<u>74.9</u>	<u>0.4%</u>	<u>28.4</u>	<u>0.2%</u>
Total	<u>\$ 18,092.6</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ 17,423.8</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Stocks - Investments in non-affiliates common stocks increased by \$65.4 million mainly due to increases in net income, premiums written, and related cash collections resulting in higher stock acquisitions relative to dispositions. Farmers' stock investments include a portfolio of unaffiliated common stocks, affiliated common stocks, and non-redeemable preferred stocks. Management's criteria for unaffiliated stock selection consists of a core portfolio of institutional caliber equities that minimizes the risks associated with such instruments representing a mixture of both economically sensitive as well as growth-oriented companies.

Real Estate - Investments in real estate decreased \$55.6 million chiefly due to the sale of several properties totaling \$28.3 million.

Cash and Short-term Investments - Cash and short-term investments increased \$279.4 million (see discussion under Cash Flow and Liquidity.).

Other Invested Assets - Other invested assets increased \$32.2 million mainly due to the relative modest increase in the investment and ownership interest in certain private equity funds, joint ventures, and partnerships, which offer relatively higher yield.

Other Assets

Premiums Receivable - Premiums receivable increased \$188.9 million primarily due to an overall increase in the number of policyholders on the Farmers installment payment plan due to economic and market conditions, which offers flexible payment patterns, along with modest premium growth in some core books, primarily in Specialty, Home, Personal umbrella, and Toggle.

Reinsurance Recoverable on Paid Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses ("LAE") - Reinsurance recoverable on paid losses and LAE increased by \$208.9 million due to timing differences and reflects the recoverables on loss and loss adjustment expense related activities ceded to third parties under the terms of reinsurance agreements.

Federal income taxes recoverable - Federal income taxes recoverable decreased by \$547.5 million due to receipt of income tax refunds and credits in 2020.

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Other Assets - Other assets increased \$84.7 million reflecting an increase in a) the Insurance company owned life insurance assets of \$31.5 million as well as b) the Business owned life insurance related assets of \$13.4 million, both primarily due to favorable market conditions. Miscellaneous assets of \$27.7 million and equities and deposits in pools and associations of \$12.1 million contributed to the remaining difference.

LIABILITIES:

The following is a summary of Farmers' total liabilities at December 31, (in millions):

	2020	2019
Losses and loss adjustment expense reserves	\$ 9,336.0	\$ 9,121.8
Reinsurance payable on paid losses and loss adj. €	1.5	1.6
Unearned premiums	6,080.3	6,018.5
Ceded reinsurance premiums payable	120.7	87.3
Funds held under reinsurance treaties	3,485.5	3,118.6
Other liabilities	<u>661.7</u>	<u>638.2</u>
 Total liabilities	 <u>19,685.6</u>	 <u>18,985.9</u>
 Total policyholders' surplus	 <u>6,438.6</u>	 <u>6,219.9</u>
 Total liabilities and policyholders' surplus	 <u>\$ 26,124.2</u>	 <u>\$ 25,205.8</u>

Loss and Loss Adjustment Expense (“LAE”) Reserves – Losses and LAE reserves increased by \$214.2 million mainly driven by the increase in loss reserve of \$207.6 million due to the change in the ALQS prevailing participation rate to 26% in 2020 from 29% in 2019. In addition, an increase in the overall LAE reserves of \$6.6 million attributable to reserves on adjusting and other expenses due to an increase claims cost estimated for handling future claims, partially offset by reserves release on defense and cost containment costs.

Reinsurance Payable on Paid Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses - Reinsurance payable on paid losses and loss adjustment expenses decreased by \$0.1 million due to relatively lower assumption of paid losses and loss adjustment expense activities by Farmers from third parties.

Unearned premium - Totaled \$6,080.3 million in 2020 versus \$6,018.5 million in 2019, an increase of \$61.8 million. This increase was primarily due to the change in ALQS agreement from 29% to 26% in 2020 and 2019, respectively.

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Ceded Reinsurance Premiums Payable - Ceded reinsurance premiums payable decreased \$33.3 million due to payables to third party reinsurers under terms of reinsurance agreements.

Funds Held by Company - Funds held by Farmers under reinsurance treaties increased \$366.9 million principally due additional participants in the funds withheld arrangement in 2020.

Other Liabilities - Other liabilities increased \$24.4 million driven primarily by accrued liability on voluntary separation plan (“vsp”) related expenses incurred in 2020 but fully paid for during 2021; taxes, licenses and fees of \$29.4 million; and advance premiums of \$27.0 million. Partially offsetting this increase was claims payments made after the data processing close totaling \$56.1 million.

POLICYHOLDERS' SURPLUS:

Net Premiums to Surplus Ratio – Farmers maintains a strong surplus position relative to the risks insured. Net premium written to surplus was 2.2 to 1 at December 31, 2020 with its surplus ratio at 45.0% through December 2020. Farmers' gross leverage ratio continues to be within industry average.

Change in Policyholders' Surplus – Farmers' surplus totaled \$6.4 billion at December 31, 2020, reflecting an increase of \$218.8 million.

Risk Based Capital - Farmers' total adjusted capital for each member company continues to be above the risk-based capital requirements.

LOSS RESERVES

Farmers writes a variety of coverages whose risk factors expose Farmers' reserves to significant variability.

One such major risk factor that impacts the variability of the Farmers' reserves is changes in claims practices and technology. Farmers does not anticipate any significant adverse development on its reserves due to past or future changes.

Another potential risk factor is catastrophes, although on a standalone basis this factor does not constitute reserve variability because it is difficult to predict the occurrence of such events with certainty. Farmers has taken steps to reduce direct catastrophe exposures and has aggressively pursued a variety of loss mitigation alternatives such as implementing coverage restrictions and limiting writings in catastrophe-prone states/regions. Farmers has implemented a catastrophe management program which management believes is appropriate given Farmers' surplus position.

The potential for material adverse deviation from the stated loss reserves due to the risk factors identified above is not considered to be significant. The absence of other risk factors from this listing does not imply that additional factors will not be identified in the future as having been a significant influence on Farmers' reserves.

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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Underwriting Results

Farmers' mix of business includes 47.1% of direct auto, 28.1% homeowners, 9.6% business insurance and 15.2% of other specialty coverages.

Profitability and Growth

Underwriting results for 2020 produced a loss of \$352.0 million loss compared to a loss of \$156.1 million in 2019. The 2020 underwriting loss is primarily driven by lower premium due to Covid-19 premium credits, higher catastrophes losses and increased underwriting expenses.

The following is a summary of Farmers' underwriting results for the years ended December 31, (amounts in millions):

	2020	2019
Net premiums written	<u>\$ 14,307.9</u>	<u>\$ 14,493.6</u>
Net premiums earned	<u>\$ 14,246.1</u>	<u>\$ 14,183.7</u>
Losses and loss adjustment expenses incurred	9,840.1	9,769.6
Other underwriting expenses incurred	<u>4,757.9</u>	<u>4,570.3</u>
Total underwriting expenses	<u>14,598.1</u>	<u>14,339.9</u>
Underwriting Loss	<u>\$ (352.0)</u>	<u>\$ (156.1)</u>
Combined ratio	102.3%	100.4%

Net Premiums Written – Farmers' net premiums written decreased \$185.6 million, or (1.3%). The decrease was primarily attributable to declines in the personal auto, home, work comp and UBER books of business. Each of these books were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, in response to the pandemic, Farmers Insurance Group of Companies returned \$311.2 million in premiums to policyholders. The Uber book also had a \$135.4 million drop in premiums due to reduced miles driven. Also contributing to this decrease was lower renewal and new business premiums due to decreased PIF driven by competitive market conditions. Partially offsetting this decrease was modest premium growth in the Specialty and Bristol West books.

Net Premiums Earned - Net premiums earned, which are a function of the premiums written in the current and prior periods, increased \$62.4 million which is mainly driven by the results discussed in net premiums above.

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Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses Incurred – Farmers' incurred losses and loss adjustment expenses increased by 0.7 percentage points to 69.1% in 2020 compared to the 68.9% reported in 2019 due to increase in catastrophe activity, partially offset by lower auto frequency due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Other Underwriting Expenses Incurred – Farmers' underwriting expenses incurred increased by \$187.6 million driven chiefly by a relative increase in agent commissions as well as a decrease in reinsurance commissions. Partially offsetting these increases were lower contract value and other miscellaneous expenses.

Underwriting Gain or (Loss) - In 2020, Farmers posted a net underwriting loss of \$352.0 million compared to a prior year net underwriting loss of \$156.1 million principally due to the items discussed above.

Combined Ratio - The year to date combined ratio of 102.3% was 1.9 percentage points higher than the prior year comparative of 100.4% principally due to the overall decrease to net premiums written relative to the increase in other underwriting expenses incurred, which unfavorably impacted the year 2020 results.

Net Investment Income Earned – In 2020, Farmers generated net investment income of \$393.5, reflecting a decrease of \$47.7 million primarily due to the relatively lower yield on the fixed income securities driven by lower interest rates as well as unfavorable market conditions.

Farmers maintained its asset allocation discipline of investing 3.6% of the total portfolio mainly in unaffiliated common equities and retaining approximately 88.7% in fixed-income securities, and the remaining 7.7% in real estate, cash and short-term investments and other invested assets. In 2020, invested assets continued to generate investment income and Farmers kept its exposure to interest rate risk low and credit quality high in the fixed-income portfolio. In addition, with interest rates remaining relatively low in all fixed-income sectors, Farmers plans to maintain its strategy to hold short-duration, high-quality securities.

Capital Gains and Losses on Investments

Net realized capital gains and losses on sale or maturity of securities generated a net loss of \$34.7 million, and reflects the loss on the disposition of certain invested assets in 2020.

Net Unrealized Capital Gains and Losses - Net unrealized capital gains were \$88.1 million in 2020 versus losses of \$38.4 million in 2019, and are reflective of the current economic environment, especially on certain investments that are marked to market.

Other Income or Expense - Net other income was (\$41.3) million in 2020, a decrease of \$85.5 million versus the 2019 comparative principally due to a decrease in net loss from agents' or premium balances charged off of \$42.4 million, \$38.5 from finance and service charges not included in premiums, and the remaining balance from miscellaneous expenses.

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Gross Premiums Written – In 2020, Farmers' core gross premiums written before the All Lines Quota Share were \$20.1 billion compared to the \$20.6 billion reported in 2019. The decrease was mainly driven by the \$311.2 million in voluntary return of premium to policyholders in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and decreases in some core books.

CASH FLOW AND LIQUIDITY

Cash Flow

In 2020 and 2019, Farmers generated a net change in cash and short-term investments inflow/(outflow) of \$279.7 million and (\$48.6) million, respectively. The principal sources of funds for the Farmers are premiums, investment income, and proceeds from the sale and/or maturity of investments. The principal uses of funds include the payment of claims and claim adjustment expenses, commissions and other acquisition costs, operating expenses, and the purchase of investments. The following table summarizes the net change (in millions):

	2020	2019
Net Cash Flows Provided By (Used In):		
Operating activities	\$ 556.0	\$ 847.2
Investing activities	(634.3)	(1,130.8)
Financing activities	<u>358.0</u>	<u>235.0</u>
Net change in cash and short-term investments	<u>\$ 279.7</u>	<u>\$ (48.6)</u>

A discussion related to the significant changes in Farmers' cash flows between 2020 and 2019 is set forth below:

Operating Activities – Cash proceeds from operating activities decreased by \$291.3 million from the \$847.2 million reported in 2019 to \$556.0 million in 2020, principally due to a decrease in premium collections, net investment income, federal income taxes paid and miscellaneous income. Also contributing to these decreases were relatively higher net benefit and loss related payments, as well as in commissions and other expenses, all partially offset by a small decrease in dividends paid to policyholders. Overall, the Farmers companies' insurance operations create liquidity by collecting and investing premiums from new and renewal business in advance of paying claims.

Investing Activities - Cash outflows used in investing activities were \$634.3 million in 2020 versus \$1,130.8 million in 2019. The 2020 activity mainly reflects the net outflow of funds over inflows due to relatively greater investment and acquisition of securities compared to disposition of securities during this period.

Financing Activities – Cash inflows provided by financing activities were \$358.0 million and \$235.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2020, financing activities generated an increase in cash of \$123.0 million, mainly driven by a 366.9 million increase in funds held. Partially offsetting this increase was the year over year decrease in the other assets of \$83.8 million; amounts withheld or retained for the account of others of \$56.1 million; claim payments made after the data processing close of \$28.3 million; accounts payable of \$25.3 million; and the reaming balance from miscellaneous sources.

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Liquidity

Surplus Loan Note Facility - Effective June 28, 2019, FIE renewed its \$500 million contingent surplus note facility with a range of bank and non-bank lenders. The facility, which was initially developed in 2007, provides FIE with the ability to issue 5-year surplus notes at any time during a three-year period in the event of a specified major catastrophe loss, at a pre-agreed price. This transaction aligns with the FIE focus on preserving their long-term capital strength, even after a major catastrophic event. FIE has not borrowed against the current or prior lines of credit on this facility. The majority of the fees associated with this program are typically front ended at the beginning of each renewal period, and as a result, the fees paid by FIE for the right to access this facility were \$3.3 million and \$10.0 million at December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

This agreement expires on June 28, 2021 and will not be renewed.

SUMMARY

Management believes that Farmers has the ability to meet all future cash requirements as they become due. As mentioned previously, Farmers invests much of its cash from operations in high quality fixed income securities. An investment mix heavily weighted toward bonds assures stable valuations. Additionally, the maturities on these investments are laddered to approximate expected payments of losses and other obligations. Farmers offers a broad product suite to consumers, including Auto, Home, Renters, Umbrella, Life, Motorcycle, Boat, and Business Insurance. Farmers sells these products in all the operating territories throughout the country, primarily through an exclusive agency network in the country. Farmers has a strong brand awareness in its core 29 states and plans to further expand the brand and Farmers' products to states in the Eastern third of the country. Kentucky and Mississippi were added in 2020 with the digital-first approach allowing Farmers to quickly test, adapt, and fine-tune its new offerings. Farmers also has strong governance and a robust risk identification and management process. Farmers overall vision is to achieve market leadership by driving innovation and operational excellence to provide the best value and experience for every customer it has the privilege to serve. In pursuit of this vision, Farmers continues to adapt its strategy around its customer's needs, with goals that include but are not limited to: being the best U.S. multi-line insurance provider, and growing profitability to attract, develop, and retain top talent. Management firmly believes that these strategic goals and initiatives will continue to contribute toward Farmers overall profitability and organic surplus growth in both the short term and the long run

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been considered through March 26th, 2021 for this MD&A, which were issued on March 30th, 2021.

The following summarizes the NAIC subsequent events Type 11 related transactions and events that occurred subsequent to the yearend 2020 reporting:

Effective January 1, 2021, each of the various 21st Century companies will separately cede 100% of its business directly to FIE on a prospective basis. These changes were approved by the appropriate regulatory authorities in each state. Prior to that, each of these 21st Century companies ceded their business to FIE via 21CNAI.