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## **FCA board receives report on new integrated technology plan and approves proposed rule amending permanent capital regulations**

McLEAN, Va., Jan. 8, 2026 — At its monthly meeting today, the Farm Credit Administration (FCA) board received a [report \(PDF\)](#) on the agency's integrated technology plan and approved a proposed rule amending FCA permanent capital and other capital-related regulations.

### **Integrated technology plan**

FCA has initiated a new integrated technology plan to keep pace with rapid changes in technology. The plan aims to foster innovation, implement new capabilities, and prepare agency platforms for emerging opportunities. Over the past 18 months, FCA improved its infrastructure and services. This new plan will build on those efforts by boosting productivity, efficiency, and enhanced communications with the Farm Credit System (FCS) while supporting safety and soundness.

The plan focuses on two key areas: facilitating innovation and developing flexible technology platforms. FCA's Office of Examination, Office of Data Analytics and Economics, and Office of Information Technology have worked collaboratively to deploy FCALabs, a new platform that engages staff to identify opportunities and inventive solutions.

FCA is also forming a data and technology planning group that will evaluate, select, and prioritize new projects, ensuring mission focus and appropriate returns on the agency's technology investments.

In fiscal year 2026, FCA will accelerate technology modernization to develop and deploy new cloud-based platforms with artificial intelligence capabilities and automated workflows. We will continue to migrate existing software to the cloud and modernize platforms like the Consolidated Reporting System to improve data accuracy and enhance interaction with the FCS.

### **Notice of proposed rulemaking**

During the meeting, the FCA board approved a proposed rule that would amend the agency's permanent capital regulations and update other capital-related regulations.

The proposed rule would:

- Replace references to permanent capital with references to tier 1 and tier 2 capital.
- Simplify the calculation of the permanent capital ratio.
- Eliminate permanent capital reporting requirements from published financial reports.
- Make other clarifications, corrections, and technical updates to capital-related regulations.

The proposed rule would reduce the burden of calculating permanent capital and clarify its use in evaluating the safety and soundness of FCS institutions. It would also further shift FCA's focus from permanent capital to tier 1 and tier 2 capital as the appropriate measure for evaluating the quality and quantity of System institution capital.

### **Notational votes**

Since the Dec. 11 FCA board meeting, no notational votes have occurred. Notational votes are actions the FCA board takes between board meetings.

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The Farm Credit Administration is the regulator of the Farm Credit System. The System is the nation's oldest government-sponsored enterprise. It consists of a nationwide network of cooperative banks and associations, which was established in 1916, and a secondary market entity known as the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation (Farmer Mac), which was established in 1988. The System's borrower-owned banks and associations provide credit to farmers, ranchers, residents of rural communities, agricultural and rural utility cooperatives, and other eligible and creditworthy borrowers. Farmer Mac provides a secondary market for agricultural real estate loans, rural housing mortgage loans, and certain rural utility loans. FCA news releases are available on the web at [www.fca.gov](http://www.fca.gov).