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INSPECTOR GENERAL

## **Audit Report**

Audit of the Farm Credit  
Administration's Financial  
Statements  
Fiscal Year 2018  
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FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

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For the fiscal year's financial statements and related notes, refer to the Farm Credit Administration's (FCA) Performance and Accountability Report (PAR) for that year. The PARs can be found on [FCA's website](#).



November 13, 2018

The Honorable Dallas P. Tonsager, Board Chairman  
The Honorable Jeffery S. Hall, Board Member  
The Honorable Glen R. Smith, Board Member  
Farm Credit Administration  
1501 Farm Credit Drive  
McLean, Virginia 22102-5090

Dear Board Chairman Tonsager and Board Members Hall and Smith:

The attached report is the audit of the Farm Credit Administration's (FCA's or Agency's) financial statements for the fiscal year (FY) ended September 30, 2018. The Office of Inspector General (OIG) contracted with Harper, Rains, Knight & Company, P.A., an independent public accounting firm, to perform the audit.

Harper, Rains, Knight & Company issued an unmodified opinion on the Agency's financial statements. In the auditors' opinion, FCA's financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Agency as of the FY ended September 30, 2018, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S.).

Harper, Rains, Knight & Company considered FCA's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate to express an opinion on the financial statements. Although they did not express an opinion on the FCA's internal control over financial reporting, they did not identify any deficiencies considered to be material weaknesses.

Additionally, Harper, Rains, Knight & Company performed tests of FCA's compliance with selected provisions of applicable laws and regulations that could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. Although they did not express an opinion on compliance with those provisions, they did not identify any instances of noncompliance that would be reportable under U.S. generally accepted *Government Auditing Standards* or Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Bulletin 19-01, *Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Statements*.

Harper, Rains, Knight & Company was required to perform the audit in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and OMB Bulletin 19-01, *Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Statements*. To ensure the quality of the work performed, the OIG:

- reviewed Harper, Rains, Knight & Company's approach to and planning of the audit,
- evaluated the qualifications and independence of the auditors,
- attended key meetings with auditors and Agency officials,
- monitored the progress of the audit,
- examined workpapers, and
- reviewed the audit report.

Harper, Rains, Knight & Company is responsible for the attached auditors' report and the conclusions expressed in the report. The OIG is responsible for technical and administrative oversight regarding the audit firm's performance under the terms of the contract. Our review was not intended for us to express, and accordingly we do not express, an opinion on the Agency's financial statements or conclusions on internal control over financial reporting and compliance with laws and regulations, including whether the Agency's financial management systems substantially complied with the Federal Financial Management Improvement Act. However, our monitoring review disclosed no instances in which Harper, Rains, Knight & Company did not comply, in all material respects, with the auditing standards.

Respectfully,



Wendy R. Laguarda  
Inspector General

Enclosure



## Independent Auditors' Report

The Board and Inspector General  
Farm Credit Administration

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Farm Credit Administration (FCA). FCA's financial statements comprise the balance sheets as of September 30, 2018 and 2017, and the related statements of net cost and changes in net position, and combined statements of budgetary resources, for the fiscal years then ended; and the related notes to the financial statements.

### *Management's Responsibility*

FCA's management is responsible for (1) the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; (2) preparing, measuring, and presenting the Required Supplementary Information (RSI) in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; (3) preparing and presenting other information included in documents containing the audited financial statements and auditors' report, and ensuring the consistency of that information with the audited financial statements and the RSI; and (4) maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, including the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### *Auditors' Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Bulletin 19-01, *Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Statements*. Those standards and OMB require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. We are also responsible for applying certain limited procedures to RSI and other information included with the financial statements.

An audit of financial statements involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the auditors' assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal

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***Auditors' Responsibility (continued)***

control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit of financial statements also involves evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

***Opinion on the Financial Statements***

In our opinion, FCA's financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, FCA's financial position as of September 30, 2018 and 2017, and its net cost of operations, changes in net position, and budgetary resources for the fiscal years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Other Matters***

***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America issued by the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) require that the information in the Management's Discussion and Analysis be presented to supplement the financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the financial statements, is required by FASAB who considers this information to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the financial statements in appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the RSI and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to the auditors' inquiries, the financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during the audit of the financial statements, in order to report omissions or material departures from FASAB guidelines, if any, identified by these limited procedures. We did not audit and we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI because the limited procedures we applied do not provide sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

***Other Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on FCA's financial statements. The information in the Statement of Board Chairman and CEO, Statement of Chief Financial Officer, and Other Information section contains a wide range of information, some of which is not directly related to the financial statements. This information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements or the RSI. We read the other information included with the financial statements in order to identify material inconsistencies, if any, with the audited financial statements.

***Other Matters (continued)***

The Statement of Board Chairman and CEO, Statement of Chief Financial Officer, and Other Information section has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

***Internal Control over Financial Reporting***

In planning and performing our audit of FCA's financial statements as of and for the year ended September 30, 2018, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted government auditing standards and OMB Bulletin 19-01, *Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Statements*, we considered the entity's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the entity's internal control over financial reporting. We did not consider all internal controls relevant to operating objectives as broadly established by the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act of 1982 (FMFIA), such as those controls relevant to preparing performance information and ensuring efficient operations. We are required to report all deficiencies that are considered to be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies, and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

***Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether FCA's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with selected provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which would have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. We performed our tests of compliance in accordance with U.S. generally accepted government auditing standards and OMB Bulletin 19-01, *Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Statements*. We caution that noncompliance may occur and not be detected by these tests.

Management is responsible for complying with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements applicable to the entity.

***Compliance and Other Matters (continued)***

Our responsibility is to test compliance with selected provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements applicable to the entity that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the entity's financial statements and perform certain other limited procedures. Accordingly, we did not test compliance with all laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements applicable to FCA.

Our tests for compliance with selected provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements disclosed no instances of noncompliance for fiscal year 2018 that would be reportable under U.S. generally accepted government auditing standards or OMB Bulletin 19-01, *Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Statements*. However, the objective of our tests was not to provide an opinion on compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements applicable to FCA. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

***Purpose of the Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

The purpose of the communication described in the Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards* section is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of FCA's internal control or compliance. These reports are an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted government auditing standards in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Harper, Rainis, Knight & Company, P.A.*

November 13, 2018