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

Dear Chairman Hall and Board Member Smith:

The Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 (FISMA), as amended, requires the Inspector General of each agency to annually conduct an independent evaluation of the agency's information security program. The Office of Inspector General conducted an evaluation in accordance with the Inspector General FISMA Reporting Metrics and guidance received from the Office of Management and Budget and the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency.

The attached report summarizes the results of the evaluation. We concluded that the Farm Credit Administration's (FCA) information security program is effective based on our analysis of the metrics under the scoring methodology. FCA continues to improve the information security program. There are two open recommendations from the FISMA evaluation conducted last year, and we made one additional recommendation this year to improve the risk management program. The Agency agreed with, and provided corrective actions for, the recommendation in the report.

The FISMA report contains information which, if disclosed, may adversely affect information security. Therefore, portions of this report containing sensitive information are redacted before publishing the report on our website.

We appreciate the courtesy and professionalism extended by FCA to our staff during the evaluation, especially the Office of Information Technology. If you have any questions, we would be pleased to meet with you at your convenience.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sonya K. Cerne".

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Why We Performed This Evaluation

The Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 (FISMA), as amended, requires offices of inspector general to perform an annual independent evaluation of the effectiveness of their agency's information security program and practices.

The Office of Management and Budget and the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, in consultation with other stakeholders, developed the Inspector General (IG) FISMA Reporting Metrics. According to the IG FISMA Reporting Metrics, one of the goals of the annual FISMA evaluation is to assess agencies' progress toward achieving objectives that strengthen Federal cybersecurity, including implementing the Administration's priorities and best practices.

This evaluation of the Farm Credit Administration (FCA) covers the period from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

The objective of this evaluation was to determine the effectiveness of FCA's information security program for fiscal year 2026.

What We Found

The evaluation found that FCA has an information security program that continues to change and mature. FCA's information security program is ranked effective based on the analysis of 25 metrics under the scoring methodology. The table below summarizes the results from CyberScope's scoring.

Fiscal Year 2026 Ratings by Function and Domain

Function	Domain	Rating Assigned in CyberScope
Govern	Cybersecurity Governance	Level 4: Managed and Measurable
Govern	Cybersecurity Supply Chain Risk Management	Level 4: Managed and Measurable
Identify	Risk and Asset Management	Level 3: Consistently Implemented
Protect	Configuration Management	Level 4: Managed and Measurable
Protect	Identity and Access Management	Level 4: Managed and Measurable
Protect	Data Protection and Privacy	Level 4: Managed and Measurable
Protect	Security Training	Level 4: Managed and Measurable
Detect	Information Security Continuous Monitoring	Level 3: Consistently Implemented
Respond	Incident Response	Level 3: Consistently Implemented
Recover	Contingency Planning	Level 4: Managed and Measurable

Recommendation

We made a recommendation related to the risk management process. In addition, there are two recommendations from the 2025 FISMA evaluation that remain open.

Agency Response

Management agreed with, and provided corrective actions for, the recommendation made in the report.

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BACKGROUND

The Farm Credit Administration (FCA or Agency) is a federal agency tasked with regulating and supervising the Farm Credit System (System). FCA's primary mission is to ensure that all institutions within the System are safe, sound, and dependable sources of credit and related services for creditworthy and eligible persons in agriculture and rural America. In order to successfully achieve this mission, FCA needs to have an effective information security program that protects the Agency and its data and complies with security requirements.

The Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 (FISMA), which reformed the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002, was enacted on December 18, 2014. FISMA, as amended, outlines the information security management requirements for agencies, including an annual independent evaluation of an agency's information security program and practices to determine their effectiveness. This evaluation must include testing the effectiveness of information security policies, procedures, and practices for a representative subset of the agency's information systems. The evaluation also must include an assessment of the effectiveness of the information security policies, procedures, and practices of the agency. FISMA requires the annual evaluation to be performed by the agency's Office of Inspector General (OIG) or by an independent external auditor, as determined by the Inspector General (IG) of the agency.

IG FISMA Reporting Metrics

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) coordinates with the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) to develop annual guidance and reporting metrics for FISMA reviews. For fiscal year (FY) 2026, OMB and CIGIE instructed OIGs to use the FY 2025 IG FISMA Reporting Metrics and the associated implementation guidance. In addition, the joint OMB/CIGIE communication stated OMB and CIGIE anticipate that the FY 2027 IG FISMA metrics and reporting process will bring forth several changes focused on providing key data on agencies' effectiveness in modernizing and securing federal government networks as articulated in the National Cyber Strategy.

Separate OMB guidance also reminded OIGs that unless and until it is rescinded, OMB Memorandum M-25-04, *Fiscal Year 2025 Guidance on Federal Information Security and Privacy Management Requirements*, remained active guidance, the 2025 reporting deadlines are a guide for the FY 2026 reporting deadlines, and agencies should project those deadlines forward by one year.

The IG FISMA Reporting Metrics for FY 2025, and now for FY 2026, shifted away from the previous multi-year approach. However, the metrics continued to focus on “core” metrics and “supplemental” metrics. The following graphic further explains core and supplemental metrics.



Cybersecurity Framework

The IG FISMA Reporting Metrics are aligned with the six function areas in the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework 2.0 (Cybersecurity Framework 2.0): Govern, Identify, Protect, Detect, Respond, and Recover. NIST released the Cybersecurity Framework 2.0 in February 2024, which changed the structure of the previous cyber security framework to revolve around a new Govern function.

NIST explains in the framework that each function is named after a verb that summarizes its contents. Each function is divided into categories, which are related cybersecurity outcomes that collectively comprise the function. Subcategories further divide each category into more specific outcomes of technical and management activities. The subcategories are not exhaustive, but they describe detailed outcomes that support each category.

Beginning in FY 2025, the IG FISMA Reporting Metrics introduced new metrics using the Cybersecurity Framework 2.0 information security functions with ten associated domains:



Cybersecurity Framework 2.0

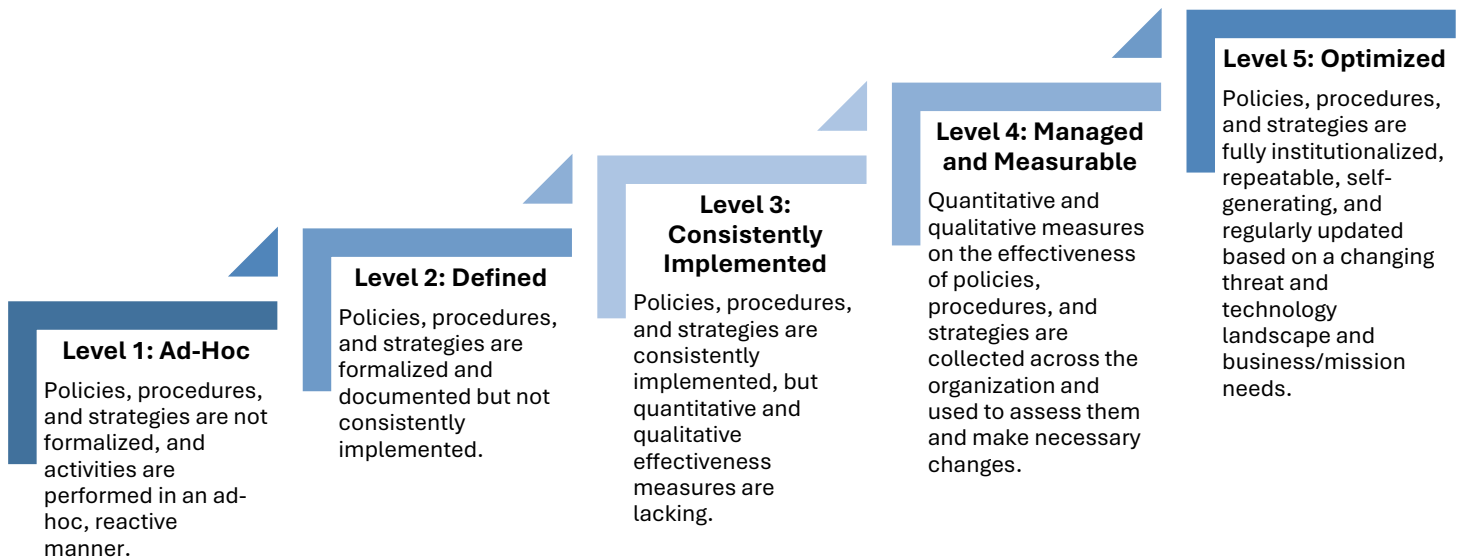
FY 2025 and 2026 IG FISMA Reporting Metrics Functions and Domains

Function	Domain
Govern	Cybersecurity Governance
Govern	Cybersecurity Supply Chain Risk Management
Identify	Risk and Asset Management
Protect	Configuration Management
Protect	Identity and Access Management
Protect	Data Protection and Privacy
Protect	Security Training
Detect	Information Security Continuous Monitoring
Respond	Incident Response
Recover	Contingency Planning

Ratings continue to focus on a calculated average approach, wherein the average of the metrics is used by IGs to determine the effectiveness of each domain and function. Metrics are entered into the Department of Homeland Security's CyberScope application. Core metrics and supplemental metrics are averaged independently to determine a domain's maturity calculation in CyberScope and provide data points for the assessed program and function effectiveness. IGs are to consider other data points, such as audits, penetration testing, and other reviews, when determining final ratings.

Maturity Models

According to the IG FISMA Reporting Metrics, the effectiveness of an information security program is determined based on the ratings earned on a maturity model spectrum, which identifies whether an agency has developed policies and procedures, implemented documented processes, and established methods to improve over time. The FISMA maturity model summarizes the status of agencies' information security programs on a five-level scale (Level 1 to Level 5). The maturity model spectrum is divided into five levels outlined below:



According to the IG FISMA Reporting Metrics, a Level 4, Managed and Measurable, or above, means the information security program is operating at an effective level of security. Generally, a Level 4 maturity level is defined as formalized, documented, and consistently implemented policies, procedures, and strategies with quantitative and qualitative performance measures on the effectiveness of policies, procedures, and strategies collected across the organization and assessed to make necessary changes.

EVALUATION RESULTS

Based on the IG FISMA Reporting Metrics, ratings in CyberScope, and work performed as part of this evaluation, FCA has implemented an effective information security program for FY 2026. FCA continued to improve its information security program. FCA also made progress in implementing recommendations resulting from the **FY 2025 FISMA review**, but two recommendations remain open.

Elements of FCA's information security program include:

- Information security policies and procedures,
- Change management processes,
- Risk management tools and practices,
- Vulnerability and security control assessments,
- Investment in technologies and tools to monitor and assess information systems,
- Weekly security meetings, and
- Continuous Diagnostic and Mitigation tools.

FCA OIG reported the results of the evaluation in the Department of Homeland Security's CyberScope application. The table below summarizes the results based on CyberScope's scoring. Each function and domain are discussed in more detail in the subsequent sections of this report.

FY 2026 CyberScope Ratings by Function and Domain

Function	Domain	Rating Assigned in CyberScope
Govern	Cybersecurity Governance	Level 4: Managed and Measurable
Govern	Cybersecurity Supply Chain Risk Management	Level 4: Managed and Measurable
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Protect	Data Protection and Privacy	Level 4: Managed and Measurable
Protect	Security Training	Level 4: Managed and Measurable
Detect	Information Security Continuous Monitoring	Level 3: Consistently Implemented
Respond	Incident Response	Level 3: Consistently Implemented
Recover	Contingency Planning	Level 4: Managed and Measurable

Govern

The Govern function was introduced in FY 2025 to align with the Cybersecurity Framework 2.0. This function supports an organization's understanding of organizational context, cybersecurity strategy, cybersecurity supply chain risk management, authorities, policy, and oversight. The Govern function encompasses both the Cybersecurity Governance and Cybersecurity Supply Chain Risk Management domains.

We evaluated the domains in the Govern function using the FISMA guidance. Based on the scoring methodology, FCA met the criteria for Level 4, **Managed and Measurable**.

Cybersecurity Governance

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency defines Cybersecurity Governance as a comprehensive cybersecurity strategy that integrates with organizational operations and prevents the interruption of activities due to cyber threats or attacks.

The overall maturity level for FCA's Cybersecurity Governance program is **Managed and Measurable**. We determined FCA's Cybersecurity Governance program is effective based on the metrics and related testing performed during this evaluation.

FCA's current Cybersecurity Governance program includes the following attributes:

- A defined cybersecurity profile policy;
- A cybersecurity connection to Agency risks and planning;
- Use of automated tools, dashboards, and metrics to inform governance;
- Cybersecurity duties included in applicable position descriptions; and
- Processes that are outlined to foster accountability, performance, and improvement.

Cybersecurity Supply Chain Risk Management

Cybersecurity Supply Chain Risk Management is a systematic process for managing exposure to cybersecurity risk throughout supply chains and developing appropriate response strategies, policies, processes, and procedures.

The overall maturity level for FCA's Cybersecurity Supply Chain Risk Management program is **Managed and Measurable**. We determined FCA's Cybersecurity Supply Chain Risk Management program is effective based on the metrics and related testing performed during this evaluation.

FCA's current Cybersecurity Supply Chain Risk Management program includes the following attributes:

Level 1
Ad-hoc

Level 2
Defined

Level 3
Consistently
Implemented

Level 4
Managed and
Measurable

Level 5
Optimized

- Supply chain risk management policies and procedures in the information security and privacy policy;
- Data and metrics information incorporated using tools and processes to evaluate risks; and
- Continuous monitoring tools and practices to maintain awareness of cyber-related supply chain risks.

Identify

The Identify function supports an understanding of assets, suppliers and related cybersecurity risks that enables an organization to prioritize its efforts consistent with its risk management strategy and mission needs. The Identify function includes the Risk and Asset Management domain.

We evaluated the domain in the Identify function using the FISMA guidance. Based on the scoring methodology, FCA met the criteria for Level 3, **Consistently Implemented**.

Risk and Asset Management

NIST defines Risk Management as the process of managing risks to organizational operations (including mission, functions, image, or reputation), organizational assets, or individuals resulting from the operation of an information system and includes: (i) the conduct of a risk assessment; (ii) the implementation of a risk mitigation strategy; and (iii) the employment of techniques and procedures for the continuous monitoring of the security state of the information system.

The overall maturity level for FCA's Risk and Asset Management program is **Consistently Implemented**. We determined FCA's Risk and Asset Management program is not effective based on the metrics and related testing performed during this evaluation.

FCA's current Risk and Asset Management program includes the following attributes:

- A system inventory and categorization of all major systems;
- Changes to the environment tracked through a Change Control Board;
- A risk management tool for tracking cybersecurity risks;
- Monitoring processes for information systems;
- Regular and timely communications related to information system security risks among information technology staff; and
- A software inventory that includes licenses.

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Security Assessment and Risk Tracking

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] as required by its risk management policies and procedures.
[REDACTED]

According to the Agency's Risk Management Strategy, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

In addition, the Agency's Information Security Continuous Monitoring Strategy states that, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] This occurred partly because the tracking and reporting of POA&Ms has changed. According to the Agency's policies and procedures, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Personnel changes and restructuring within OIT over the last year contributed to the identified gaps.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] However, gaps in the overall risk management process remain.

Data Governance Policies and Procedures

In FY 2025, a new metric focused on the maturity level for data inventories. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The recommendation for FY 2025 remains open. Therefore, we are not issuing an additional recommendation related to this area at this time.

Recommendation

To improve the Risk and Asset Management program:

1. The Office of Inspector General recommends the Office of Information Technology define and implement the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] are appropriately addressed and corrected.

Agency Response

Management agreed with the recommendation and stated they will define and implement the [REDACTED] are appropriately addressed and corrected.

OIG Response

OIG finds the actions responsive to our recommendation.

Protect

The Protect function seeks to develop and implement safeguards to support the ability to limit or contain the likelihood and impact of a potential information security event. The Protect function includes the Configuration Management, Identity and Access Management, Data Protection and Privacy, and Security Training domains.

We evaluated the domains in the Protect function using the FISMA guidance. Based on the scoring methodology, FCA met the criteria for Level 4, **Managed and Measurable**.

Configuration Management

According to NIST, configuration management comprises, “a collection of activities focused on establishing and maintaining the integrity of information technology products and information systems, through control of processes for initializing, changing, and monitoring the configurations of those products and systems throughout the system development life cycle.”

The overall maturity level for FCA’s Configuration Management program is **Managed and Measurable**. We determined FCA’s Configuration Management program is effective based on the metrics and related testing performed during this evaluation.

The Configuration Management program includes the following attributes:

- Policies and procedures for configuration management and flaw remediation;
- A Change Control Board that reviews proposed changes for adverse security risks and configuration impacts;
- Automated monitoring and alerts;
- Routine scanning and remediation of system vulnerabilities; and
- Automated processes for identification and installation of patches.

Identity and Access Management

Effective access control processes are critical in preventing unauthorized system access, whether by internal employees or external attackers, that could endanger the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of FCA systems. Proper identity and access management help ensure that only approved and authorized personnel have access to FCA information.

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The overall maturity level for FCA's Identity and Access Management program is **Managed and Measurable**. We determined FCA's Identity and Access Management program is effective based on the metrics and related testing performed during this evaluation.

FCA's Identity and Access Management program includes the following attributes:

- Automated mechanisms for account management;
- Multi-factor authentication for users; and
- Continuous monitoring of accounts.

Data Protection and Privacy

Data Protection and Privacy can be summarized as preventing the unwanted release of sensitive information.

The overall maturity level for FCA's Data Protection and Privacy program is **Managed and Measurable**. We determined FCA's Data Protection and Privacy program is effective based on the metrics and related testing performed during this evaluation.

FCA's Data Protection and Privacy program includes the following attributes:

- Policies and procedures for data at rest, data in transit, media sanitization, and limitation of removable media;
- Encryption to reduce the risk of loss or exposure of Agency data; and
- Implementation of data loss prevention tools.

Security Training

Security training helps to ensure that personnel at all levels understand their information security responsibilities and how to properly use and protect the information and the resources entrusted to them. Therefore, a well-defined security training process must include continual training of the workforce on the Agency's security policy, and responsibilities for all users under the security policy, to ensure the protection of FCA assets and information.

The overall maturity level for FCA's Security Training program is **Managed and Measurable**. We determined FCA's Security Training program is effective based on the metrics and related testing performed during this evaluation.

FCA's Security Training program includes the following attributes:

- Annual information technology security awareness and privacy trainings that contained content relative to the Agency and related roles;
- Phishing exercises that educate employees on how to identify potential phishing threats; and
- Publication of newsletters and news flashes to FCA employees that help raise and maintain a culture of information technology security and privacy awareness at the Agency.

Detect

The Detect function enables timely discovery of an information security event and supports successful incident response and recovery activities. The Detect function includes the Information Security Continuous Monitoring domain.

We evaluated the domain in the Detect function using the FISMA guidance. Based on the scoring methodology, FCA met the criteria for Level 3, **Consistently Implemented**.

Information Security Continuous Monitoring

Information Security Continuous Monitoring enables an entity to maintain ongoing awareness of information security, vulnerabilities, and threats to support organizational risk management decisions. Security controls and organizational risks should be assessed and analyzed at a frequency sufficient to support risk-based security decisions to adequately protect organization information.

The overall maturity level for FCA's Information Security Continuous Monitoring program is **Consistently Implemented**. We determined FCA's Information Security Continuous Monitoring program is not effective based on the metrics and related testing performed during this evaluation.

FCA's Information Security Continuous Monitoring program includes the following attributes:

- A strategy that provides visibility into information technology assets;
- An awareness of vulnerabilities and threats;
- Weekly security briefings that include a discussion of the top risks, vulnerabilities, and significant items observed during monitoring;
- Annual penetration tests; and
- Security control assessments.

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Respond

The Respond function supports the ability to contain the effects of cybersecurity incidents. The Respond function includes the Incident Response domain.

We evaluated the domain in the Respond function using the FISMA guidance. Based on the scoring methodology, FCA met the criteria for Level 3, **Consistently Implemented**.

Incident Response

Incident response is the process of detecting and analyzing incidents and limiting the incident's effect.

The overall maturity level for FCA's Incident Response program is **Consistently Implemented**. We determined FCA's Incident Response program is not effective based on the metrics and related testing performed during this evaluation.

FCA's Incident Response program includes the following attributes:

- A helpline available to employees needing incident assistance;
- Risk assessments for incidents;
- A threat alert site for tracking potential incidents;
- Collaboration on, and reporting of, security incidents; and
- A variety of tools used for incident detection, analysis, and prioritization.

Changing Requirements for Logging and Vulnerability Management

Information security requirements are defined in various executive orders, directives, and memorandums. During this review, new guidance was issued that impacts FISMA metrics, requirements, and Agency planning going forward. In May 2026, OMB issued Memorandum M-26-14, *Ensuring Effective and Efficient Agency Logging and Network Visibility to Defend Against Evolving Cyber Threats*. The memorandum rescinded Memorandum M-21-31, *Improving the Federal Government's Investigative and Remediation Capabilities Related to Cybersecurity Incidents*, issued in 2021. M-26-14 states that while implementation of M-21-31 improved foundational capabilities, some requirements, including those related to retention of vast quantities of logging data, proved neither operationally feasible nor cost-effective for most agencies. As additional guidance is issued, agencies will be required to develop an Agency Logging Plan and implement the new logging maturity model.

In addition, in June 2026, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency issued Binding Operational Directive 26-04, *Prioritizing Security Updates Based on Risk*. The directive consolidates and clarifies vulnerability remediation guidelines for federal agencies. In addition, the directive provides vulnerability remediation timelines to better address increasingly sophisticated cyber threats.

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The new requirements will necessitate timely evaluation and updates to the Agency's existing policies, procedures, and processes to further strengthen its information security program. Given the recent issuance of these requirements and additional anticipated guidance, we are not making a recommendation at this time, as the Agency is still in the early stages of reviewing and implementing the changes.

Recover

The Recover function seeks to reduce the negative impact from a cybersecurity incident by maintaining plans to restore impaired capabilities or services. The Recover function includes the Contingency Planning domain.

We evaluated the domain using the FISMA guidance. Based on the scoring methodology, FCA met the criteria for Level 4, **Managed and Measurable**.

Contingency Planning

Information system contingency planning refers to a coordinated strategy involving plans, procedures, and technical measures that enable the recovery of information systems, operations, and data after a disruption. Contingency planning generally includes one or more of the following:

- Restoring information systems using alternate equipment;
- Using alternate processing means for affected processes;
- Recovering information systems operations at an alternate location; and
- Implementing appropriate controls based on the information system's security impact level.

The overall maturity level for FCA's Contingency Planning program is **Managed and Measurable**. We determined FCA's Contingency Planning program is effective based on the metrics and related testing performed during this evaluation.

FCA's Contingency Planning program includes the following attributes:

- A continuity of operations program that provides a strategy to ensure continuity of essential Agency functions during emergency conditions;
- A Disaster Recovery Plan that provides guidance on the process needed to immediately respond to disasters or major incidents impacting the Agency's information technology services;
- Continuity testing, plans, and procedures to validate recovery capabilities; and
- System-specific information system contingency plans and business impact analyses.

The Agency elected to not provide formal comments to the report and waived an exit conference.

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OBJECTIVE, SCOPE, AND METHODOLOGY

Objective

The objective of this evaluation was to determine the effectiveness of FCA's information security program for FY 2026. We determined the effectiveness of FCA's information security program and practices using the IG FISMA Reporting Metrics. In reporting the CyberScope results, we relied on the guidance set forth in OMB Memorandum M-25-04 and additional guidance received from OMB and CIGIE.

Scope

The scope of the evaluation was limited to FCA's implementation of FISMA requirements for July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. This included an assessment of the effectiveness of FCA's enterprise-wide information security policies, procedures, and practices, and a review of information security policies, procedures, and practices for FCA's information systems, as applicable. The evaluation was conducted at FCA's headquarters in McLean, Virginia, from April through July 2026.

Methodology

The OIG took the following steps to accomplish the objective:

- Identified and reviewed related laws, regulations, guidance, and other background information applicable to the objective.
- Identified and reviewed applicable internal FCA policies and procedures.
- Reviewed prior FCA OIG and other reviews related to the objective.
- Conducted interviews and walkthroughs with certain OIT and Office of Agency Services staff.
- Assessed the effectiveness of FCA's efforts to secure its information systems. This included an assessment of each function and domain, as specified in the IG FISMA Reporting Metrics:
 - Govern (Cybersecurity Governance)
 - Govern (Cybersecurity Supply Chain Risk Management)
 - Identify (Risk and Asset Management)
 - Protect (Configuration Management)
 - Protect (Identity and Access Management)
 - Protect (Data Protection and Privacy)
 - Protect (Security Training)
 - Detect (Information Security Continuous Monitoring)
 - Respond (Incident Response)
 - Recover (Contingency Planning)
- Performed testing to accomplish the objective. This testing included sampling systems, software, and other items to address applicable metrics. These samples were judgmentally

selected based on use, risk, and support needed to assess the maturity level for metrics. Therefore, we cannot project the samples to the population of all information security elements.

Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation

This evaluation was performed in accordance with CIGIE's Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation. These standards require that we plan and perform the evaluation to obtain sufficient and appropriate evidence that provides a reasonable basis for our findings, conclusions, and recommendations. We assessed internal controls and compliance with laws and regulations to the extent necessary to satisfy the objective. Because our review was limited, it would not necessarily have disclosed all internal control deficiencies that may have existed at the time of our evaluation. We assessed the information and data collected during the evaluation and determined it was sufficiently reliable and valid for use in meeting the evaluation objective. We assessed the risk of fraud related to our evaluation objective while evaluating evidence and had no matters come to our attention indicating fraud or illegal acts were occurring. Overall, we believe the evidence obtained is appropriate and sufficient to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on the evaluation objective.

ACRONYMS

CIGIE	Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency
FCA or Agency	Farm Credit Administration
FISMA	Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014
FY	Fiscal Year
IG	Inspector General
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
OIG	Office of Inspector General
OIT	Office of Information Technology
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
POA&M	Plan of Action and Milestones
System	Farm Credit System



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