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Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2008

OR

Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number 0-14492

FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANCORP, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

OHIO  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

34-1469491  
(I.R.S Employer  
Identification No.)

307-11 North Defiance Street, Archbold, Ohio  
(Address of principal executive offices)

43502  
(Zip Code)

(419) 446-2501  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Former name, former address and former fiscal year,  
if changed since last report.)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act..

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes [ ] No [X]

Indicate the number of shares of each of the issuers classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date:

Common Stock, No Par Value	4,881,700
Class	Outstanding as of April 30, 2008

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## ITEM 1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANCORP, INC.  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
(Unaudited)  
(in thousands of dollars)

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	Mar 31, 2008	Dec 31, 2007
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ASSETS:		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 18,308	\$ 21,753
Interest bearing deposits with banks	0	0
Federal funds sold	9,569	27,134
Investment Securities:		
U.S. Treasury	0	0
U.S. Government	139,998	144,104
State & political obligations	46,014	41,467
All others	4,388	4,346
Loans and leases (Net of reserve for loan losses of \$5,868 and \$5,921 respectively)	530,905	523,474
Bank premises and equipment-net	17,220	17,051
Accrued interest and other assets	21,531	20,638
Goodwill	4,073	4,007
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$792,006	\$803,974
	=====	=====
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
LIABILITIES:		
Deposits:		
Noninterest bearing	\$ 63,692	\$ 75,670
Interest bearing	558,825	558,923
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreement to repurchase	39,699	41,329
Other borrowed money	31,723	31,816
Accrued interest and other liabilities	7,033	6,861
	-----	-----
Total Liabilities	700,972	714,599
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:		
Common stock, no par value - authorized 6,500,000 shares; issued 5,200,000 shares	12,677	12,677
Treasury Stock - 301,060 shares 2008, 256,160 shares 2007	(6,631)	(5,757)
Unearned Stock Awards 17,240 for 2008 and 17,240 for 2007		
Undivided profits	82,209	81,575
Accumulated other comprehensive income (expense)	2,779	880
	-----	-----
Total Shareholders' Equity	91,034	89,375
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LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$792,006	\$803,974
	=====	=====

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Unaudited Financial Statements.

Note: The December 31, 2007 Balance Sheet has been derived from the audited financial statements of that date.

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	Three Months Ended	
	----- March 31, 2008 -----	March 31, 2007 -----
INTEREST INCOME:		
Loans and leases	\$ 8,894	\$ 9,499
Investment Securities:		
U.S. Treasury securities	--	4
Securities of U.S. Government agencies	1,648	1,324
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	407	422
Other	54	63
Federal funds	208	51
Deposits in banks	--	26
	-----	-----
Total Interest Income	11,211	11,389
INTEREST EXPENSE:		
Deposits	4,493	4,396
Borrowed funds	801	779
	-----	-----
Total Interest Expense	5,294	5,175
NET INTEREST INCOME BEFORE PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES	5,917	6,214
PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES	269	(19)
	-----	-----
NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES	5,648	6,233
OTHER INCOME:		
Service charges	820	760
Other	787	615
Net securities gains (losses)	15	--
	-----	-----
	1,622	1,375
OTHER EXPENSES:		
Salaries and wages	2,029	2,090
Pension and other employee benefits	854	817
Occupancy expense (net)	253	149
Other operating expenses	1,985	1,661
	-----	-----
	5,121	4,717
INCOME BEFORE FEDERAL INCOME TAX	2,149	2,891
FEDERAL INCOME TAXES	581	815
	-----	-----
NET INCOME	1,568	2,076
	=====	=====
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (NET OF TAX):		
Unrealized gains (losses) on securities	1,899	291
	-----	-----
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (EXPENSE)	\$ 3,467	\$ 2,367
NET INCOME PER SHARE	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.40
Based upon average weighted shares outstanding of:	4,917,707	5,149,967
DIVIDENDS DECLARED	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.16

No disclosure of diluted earnings per share is required as shares are

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antidiluted as of quarter end.

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Unaudited Financial Statements.

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FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANCORP, INC.  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
 (Unaudited)  
 (in thousands of dollars)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2008	March 31, 2007
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net income	\$ 1,568	\$ 2,076
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	293	297
Premium amortization	81	92
Discount amortization	(31)	(64)
Provision for loan losses	269	(19)
Provision (Benefit) for deferred income taxes	142	(1)
(Gain) Loss on sale of fixed assets	(19)	1
(Gain) Loss on sale of investment securities	(15)	--
Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities:		
Accrued interest receivable and other assets	(1,297)	(1,410)
Accrued interest payable and other liabilities	(751)	(479)
	240	493
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Capital expenditures	(443)	(711)
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	--	--
Proceeds from maturities of investment securities:	26,978	22,836
Proceeds from sale of investment securities:	25	--
Purchase of investment securities	(24,643)	(16,449)
Purchase of Bank Owned Life Insurance	--	(3,000)
Net (increase) decrease in loans and leases	(7,699)	(9,681)
	(5,782)	(7,005)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net increase (decrease) in deposits	(12,076)	(7,793)
Net change in short-term borrowings	(1,630)	1,694
Increase in long-term borrowings	--	--
Payments on long-term borrowings	(93)	(182)
Purchase of Treasury stock	(874)	(395)
Payment of Stock Awards	--	--
Payments of dividends	(795)	(774)
	(15,468)	(7,450)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(21,010)	(13,962)
Cash and cash equivalents - Beginning of year	48,887	37,247

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CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF THE YEAR	\$ 27,877	\$ 23,285
	=====	=====
RECONCILIATION OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:		
Cash and cash due from banks	\$ 18,308	\$ 14,969
Interest bearing deposits	--	318
Federal funds sold	9,569	7,998
	-----	-----
	\$ 27,877	\$ 23,285
	=====	=====

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Unaudited Financial Statements.

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### FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANCORP, INC. NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### NOTE 1 BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions for Form 10Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X; accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring accruals, considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2008 are not necessarily indicative of the results that are expected for the year ended December 31, 2008. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.

#### RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENT

In September 2006, the FASB ratified the Emerging Issues Task Force's (EITF) Issue 06-4, Accounting for Deferred Compensation and Postretirement Benefit Aspects of Endorsement Split-Dollar Life Insurance Arrangements, which requires companies to recognize a liability and related compensation costs for endorsement split-dollar life insurance policies that provide a benefit to an employee extending to post retirement periods. The liability should be recognized based on the substantive agreement with the employee. This Issue was effective beginning January 1, 2008. The Issue was applied as a change in accounting principle through a cumulative-effect adjustment to retained earnings as of January 1, 2008 approximating \$152,000.

#### ITEM 2 MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITIONS AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Statements contained in this portion of the Company's report may be forward-looking statements, as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of words such as "intend," "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "should," "planned," "estimated," and "potential." Such forward-looking statements are based on current expectations, but may differ materially from those currently anticipated due to a number of factors, which include, but are not limited to, factors discussed in documents filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission from time to time. Other factors which could have a material adverse effect

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on the operations of the company and its subsidiaries which include, but are not limited to, changes in interest rates, general economic conditions, legislative and regulatory changes, monetary and fiscal policies of the U.S. Government, including policies of the U.S. Treasury and the Federal Reserve Board, the quality and composition of the loan or investment portfolios, demand for loan products, deposit flows, competition, demand for financial services in the Bank's market area, changes in relevant accounting principles and guidelines and other factors over which management has no control. The forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this report, and the Company assumes no obligation to update the forward-looking statements or to update the reasons why actual results differ from those projected in the forward-looking statements.

### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICY AND ESTIMATES

The Company's consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and the Company follows general practices within the industries in which it operates. At times the application of these principles requires Management to make assumptions estimates and judgments that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements. These assumptions, estimates and judgments are based on information available as of the date of the financial statements. As this information changes, the financial statements could reflect different assumptions, estimates and judgments. Certain policies inherently have a greater reliance on assumptions, estimates and judgments and as such have a greater possibility of producing results that could be materially different than originally reported. Examples of critical assumptions, estimates and judgments are when assets and liabilities are required to be recorded at fair value, when a decline in the value of an asset not required to be recorded at fair value warrants an impairment write-down or valuation reserve to be established, or when an asset or liability must be recorded contingent upon a future event.

Based on the valuation techniques used and the sensitivity of financial statement amounts to assumptions, estimates, and judgments underlying those amounts, management has identified the determination of the Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses (ALLL), the valuation

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### ITEM 2 MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITIONS AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)

of its Mortgage Servicing Rights and the valuation of its post retirement benefit liability as the accounting areas that requires the most subjective or complex judgments, and as such have the highest possibility of being subject to revision as new information becomes available.

The ALLL represents management's estimate of credit losses inherent in the Bank's loan portfolio at the report date. The estimate is composite of a variety of factors including past experience, collateral value and the general economy. ALLL includes a specific portion, a formula driven portion, and a general nonspecific portion.

Farmers & Merchants Bancorp, Inc. was incorporated on February 25, 1985, under the laws of the State of Ohio. Farmers & Merchants Bancorp, Inc., and its subsidiary The Farmers & Merchants State Bank are engaged in commercial banking. During 2007, the Company operated another subsidiary, Farmers and Merchants Life Insurance which offered life and disability insurance to the

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Bank's credit customers. The subsidiary was dissolved at the end of 2007. The executive offices of Farmers & Merchants Bancorp, Inc are located at 307-11 North Defiance Street, Archbold, Ohio 43502.

### FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The following tables present information about the Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis at March 31, 2008, and the valuation techniques used by the Company to determine those fair values.

In general, fair values determined by Level 1 inputs use quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access.

Fair values determined by Level 2 inputs use other inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly. These Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and other inputs such as interest rates and yield curves that are observable at commonly quoted intervals.

Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs, including inputs that are available in situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the related asset or liability.

In instances where inputs used to measure fair value fall into different levels in the above fair value hierarchy, fair value measurements in their entirety are categorized based on the lowest level input that is significant to the valuation. The Company's assessment of the significance of particular inputs to these fair value measurements requires judgment and considers factors specific to each asset or liability.

Disclosures concerning assets and liabilities measured at fair value are as follows:

Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis at March 31, 2008

(\$ in Thousands)

	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Observable Inputs (Level 3)	Balance at March 31, 2008
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Assets - Securities Available for Sale	\$139,998 =====	\$46,014 =====	\$ 0 ===	\$186,012 =====
Liabilities	\$ 0 =====	\$ 0 =====	\$ 0 ===	\$ 0 =====

The Company did not have any assets or liabilities measured at fair value that were categorized as Level 3 during the period. All of the Company's available for sale securities, including any bonds issued by local municipalities, have CUSIP numbers making them marketable and comparable as Level 2.



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The Company also has assets that, under certain conditions, are subject to measurement at fair value on a non-recurring basis. At March 31, 2008, such assets consist primarily of impaired loans. The Company has established the fair values of these assets using Level 3 inputs, specifically discounted cash flow

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projections. During the quarter ended March 31, 2008, the impairment charges recorded to the income statement for impaired loans were not significant.

Impaired loans accounted for under FAS 114 categorized as Level 3 assets consist of non-homogeneous loans that are considered impaired. The Company estimates the fair value of the loans based on the present value of expected future cash flows using management's best estimate of key assumptions. These assumptions include future payment ability, timing of payment streams, and estimated realizable values of available collateral (typically based on outside appraisals).

Other assets, including bank owned life insurance, are also subject to periodic impairment assessments under other accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These assets are not considered financial instruments. Effective February 12, 2008, the FASB issued a staff position, FSP FAS 157-2, which delayed the applicability of FAS 157 to non-financial instruments. Accordingly, these assets have been omitted from the above disclosures.

#### LIQUIDITY, CAPITAL RESOURCES AND MATERIAL CHANGES IN FINANCIAL CONDITION

In comparing the balance sheet of March 31, 2008 to that of December 31, 2007, the largest change is the decrease in the cash position. The cash position at December 31, 2007 was significantly higher by over \$21 million due to the closing of the Knisely Bank acquisition on December 31, 2007. The Knisely Bank held an extremely liquid position with a lower loan to deposit ratio and without an investment portfolio. This was compounded by the necessity of the F&M Bank to fund the acquisition as it was a cash purchase. The proceeds of the purchase remained in the holding company account of Knisely - also held at the Bank.

Liquidity remains strong and capital continued to grow even with the additional purchase of treasury stock. The Company repurchased 228,000 shares during 2007 and continued with an additional 44,900 shares during the 1st quarter 2008. In terms of dollars spent, 2007 purchases cost just over \$4.7 million and 2008 purchases cost nearly \$875 thousand. The Company has authorization to purchase up to 250 thousand shares during 2008. Capital increased during the quarter, helped by the increase in the market value of the investment portfolio reflected in the almost \$1.9 million increase in comprehensive income.

Undivided profits increased with the net income from the Bank. The Bank's capital was also impacted by the establishment of a post retirement benefit liability as required by EITF 06-4 of its Bank Owned Life Insurance (BOLI). The funding of just under \$152 thousand was provided by decreasing retained earnings. The transaction was completed in the first quarter and the liability was established using the present value calculation of a third

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party administrator.

Loans increased \$7.4 million during the first quarter 2008. This loan growth was funded from the excess liquidity position. Past dues loans over 30 days improved to end March 31, 2008 at 2.35% compared to December 31, 2007 past due percentage of 2.88%. While an improvement over December's numbers, the percentage is higher than most of 2007. Driving the percentage is the commercial and agricultural portfolios. Those same loans have increased the non-accrual balances of the Bank. A loan is placed in non-accrual automatically once it has reached 90 days past due. The balance in non-accruals increased over \$5 million during the first quarter. This increase was based on just a few relationships experiencing difficulty. A discussion of the additional impact to profitability caused by the non-accruals will follow in the results of operations.

Unlike many of the industry headlines, the Bank has not experienced losses due to the subprime mortgage market. The Bank did not participate in subprime lending and the local economies have dealt more with decreased working hours and bonuses. Overall the credit quality remains strong and the issues manageable.

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### ITEM 2 MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITIONS AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)

#### MATERIAL CHANGES IN RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Interest income and yield on the loan portfolio was down significantly in the first quarter 2008 compared to first quarter 2007. Reversal of interest income due to the loans whose status went to nonaccrual totaled over \$370 thousand. Any interest that has been accrued but not yet collected is reversed out of interest income when the loan goes into nonaccrual. At a minimum, loans with monthly payments may have four months of accrued interest reversed. Those whose payments are less frequent may have even more months reversed. This reversal does not exclude collection of the interest but rather it may only be taken into income when collected on a cash basis once a loan is in nonaccrual status. As mentioned earlier, these loans were mainly in the commercial and agricultural portfolios and none of the reversed interest was consequently collected later in the month.

The Federal Fund rate cuts during 2007 and 2008 also impacted the yield of the portfolio. Lines of credit, adjustable rate mortgages subject to repricing, home equities and new loans all priced considerably lower in first quarter 2008 versus 2007. This was the other large factor in the lower interest income.

While the yield on the Federal Funds was impacted by the cuts, the sheer volume of Federal Funds compared to first quarter 2007 out weighed the yield. Interest earned on Federal Funds was \$157 thousand higher in 2008. The same rationale applies to the interest income from the investment portfolio which was \$300 thousand higher in the first quarter 2008 than the first quarter 2007.

Interest expense increased \$119 thousand in 2008 when comparing the first quarters. The cost of funds or yield, however, decreased. Again, the volume of the deposit portfolio aided by the acquisition and the deposit generation of the Perrysburg office which opened in November 2007 accounted for more interest expense than the lower interest expense generated from

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the decreased yield.

Overall net interest income was almost \$300 thousand lower for first quarter 2008 as compared to first quarter 2007. The net interest margin decreased also. Reasons for the decrease in the margin were the \$5 million of loans which went into nonaccrual, the higher cash position, and lastly the effect of the acquisition in terms of integration of their rate structures.

Provision for loan loss was \$288 thousand higher in 2008 than 2007. As mentioned earlier, the increase in the non accrual loans, the overall increase in past dues the fourth quarter 2007 and first quarter 2008 and the local economy warranted a provision to the loan loss.

Non interest income increased by \$247 thousand for first quarter 2008 compared to 2007. The acquisition added core deposits upon which more revenue was generated in service charges and also in other fees associated with the accounts. Four Automated Teller Machines (ATM's) were added from the acquisition. One remote ATM has heavier foreign volume, on which fees are charged, than typical of the Bank's other ATMs.

Due to state regulatory restrictions, stock was sold during the quarter to maintain a relationship with only one banker's bank which resulted in the \$15 thousand gain on investments.

Non interest expense was \$404 thousand higher for first quarter 2008 as compared to same quarter 2007. Even though the number of full time equivalent employees increased to 259 as compared to 249 as of March 31, 2007, the salary and wage expense decreased \$61 thousand. Underlying the decrease is the lack of any accrual for incentive pay for 2008 while \$235.4 thousand had been expensed in first quarter 2007. The lack of incentive accrual is a direct correlation to the lower Return on Assets for the period. Base salary expense did increase due to the increase in employees. This is also reflected in the increased expense in pension and other employee benefits. The Bank expects medical benefit costs to increase 11% during 2008 over 2007. At this point, the increase in pension and other employee benefits is 5%.

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### ITEM 2 MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITIONS AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)

Occupancy expense is higher with the addition of three offices in the fourth quarter of 2007. The Bank's Perrysburg office opened in November and the acquisition which added two offices was completed on December 31, 2007. The acquired locations are expected to be accretive to earnings in 2008 and the Bank projects the Perrysburg office to be profitable on a monthly basis within 18 to 24 months.

Adding the offices and specifically the addition of accounts caused the increase in the other operating expenses of \$324 thousand in comparing first quarter 2008 to 2007. The Bank's data processing expense is based mainly on the number of accounts under management. Each application, such as loan, checking, certificate of deposit, are costed individually along with the household account database. Additional expense was also carried the first part of 2008 until the software conversion of the Knisely Bank was completed in January. Office supplies and equipment also needed to be replaced for the conversion. While the expense will remain higher, the on

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going expense will be lower than first quarter which had many one time expenses to establish the offices and carry back room support until the software conversion took place.

Overall, net income was down just over \$500 thousand in comparing 2008 to 2007 first quarter performance. The Company fully expects performance to improve the remainder of 2008. As stated previously, many of the reasons for the poorer performance are one time issues and the increased operating expense due to the acquisition were expected. Additional new products and the focus on returning asset quality to a higher level will accomplish this. The Company remains positioned for an additional rate cut and is focused on positioning the balance sheet for a more neutral position going forward. The Company does remain, however, a reflection of the local economies in which it operates. To the degree that the local economies continue to deal with slow downs, the Company will be hampered to achieve its growth goals. The addition of new markets and new services to those areas will aid in the growth.

The company continues to be well-capitalized as the capital ratios below show:

Primary Ratio	11.12%
Tier I Leverage Ratio	10.48%
Risk Based Capital Tier 1	14.13%
Total Risk Based Capital	15.16%
Stockholders' Equity/Total Assets	11.49%

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### ITEM 3 QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Market risk is the exposure to loss resulting from changes in interest rates and equity prices. The primary market risk to which the Company is subject is interest rate risk. The majority of the Company's interest rate risk arises from the instruments, positions and transactions entered into for purposes, other than trading, such as lending, investing and securing sources of funds. Interest rate risk occurs when interest bearing assets and liabilities reprice at different times as market interest rates change. For example, if fixed rate assets are funded with variable rate debt, the spread between asset and liability rates will decline or turn negative if rates increase.

Interest rate risk is managed within an overall asset/liability framework for the Company. The principal objectives of asset/liability management are to manage sensitivity of net interest spreads and net income to potential changes in interest rates. Funding positions are kept within predetermined limits designed to ensure that risk-taking is not excessive and that liquidity is properly managed. The Company employs a sensitivity analysis in the form of a net interest rate shock as shown in the table following.

Interest Rate Shock on Net Interest Margin			Interest Rate Shock on Net Interest Income		
Net Interest Margin (Ratio)	% Change to Flat Rate	Rate Direction	Rate Changes by	Cumulative Total (\$000)	% Change to Flat Rate

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3.35%	-15.028%	Rising	3.000%	6,692	-15.247%
3.55%	-9.961%	Rising	2.000%	7,097	-10.113%
3.74%	-4.952%	Rising	1.000%	7,498	-5.030%
3.94%	0.000%	Flat	0.000%	7,896	0.000%
4.08%	3.574%	Falling	-1.000%	8,182	3.631%
4.26%	8.278%	Falling	-2.000%	8,548	8.261%
4.24%	7.712%	Falling	-3.000%	8,510	7.779%

As the balance sheet mix changes, the predicted net interest margin improves as compared to December 2007's interest rate shock table. The net interest margin represents the forecasted twelve month margin. A portion of the improvement in the predicted flat rate is due to the drop in rates that occurred in the first quarter 2008. The shock report has consistently shown an improvement in a falling rate environment. The report for March shows an increase in the base or flat rate of 51 basis points over December's with the Federal Funds rate having dropped 75 basis points in March alone. This is consistent with the model predictions as December showed improvement to take place in the net interest margin should rates fall.

It must be remembered that the shock report is based on a twelve month time span. How the margin will be impacted for the remainder of 2008 is still dependent on when pricing opportunities arise from maturities and repricing schedules. The Bank continues to remain focused on gaining more relationships per customer as a way to help control the cost of funds. Promotions continue to focus on special incentives or rewards being based on a multiple deposit account relationship with each customer. A new program also promotes a high rate interest bearing checking account with the increased interest expense offset by fees and savings in operating efficiency. The higher rate to the customer is dependent on meeting three simple requirements that generate the fees and create additional efficiency. The promotion has been extremely successful since its release in early March.

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### ITEM 4 CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

As of March 31, 2008, an evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management including the CEO and CFO, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures. Based on that evaluation, the Company's management, including the CEO and CFO, concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of March 31, 2008. There have been no significant changes in the Company's internal controls that occurred for the quarter ended March 31, 2008.

### ITEM 4A OTHER INFORMATION

None

## PART II

### ITEM 1 LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

None

### ITEM 1A RISK FACTORS

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There have been no material changes in the risk factors disclosed by Registrant in its Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007.

### ITEM 1B UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None

### ITEM 2 UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

Period	(a) Total Number of Shares Purchased	(b) Average Price Paid per Share	(c) Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plan or Programs	(d) Maxim that may ye the Pl
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1/1/2008 to 1/31/2008				
2/1/2008 to 2/29/2008				
3/1/2008 to 3/31/2008	44,900	\$19.47	44,900	
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Total	44,900 =====	\$19.47 =====	44,900 (1) =====	

(1) The Company purchased these shares in the market pursuant to a stock repurchase program publicly announced on November 16, 2007. On that date, the Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of 250,000 common shares between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008.

### ITEM 3 DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

None

### ITEM 4 SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITIES HOLDERS

None

### ITEM 5 OTHER INFORMATION

### ITEM 6 EXHIBITS

3.1 Amended Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Commission on August 1, 2006)

3.2 Code of Regulations of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Commission on May 10, 2004)

31.1 Rule 13-a-14(a) Certification -CEO

31.2 Rule 13-a-14(a) Certification -CFO

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32.1 Section 1350 Certification - CEO

32.2 Section 1350 Certification - CFO

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Farmers & Merchants Bancorp, Inc.,

Date: April 30, 2008

By: /s/ Paul S. Siebenmorgen

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Paul S. Siebenmorgen  
President and CEO

Date: April 30, 2008

By: /s/ Barbara J. Britenriker

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Barbara J. Britenriker  
Exec. Vice-President and CFO

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