# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) July 29, 2015

# Farmers & Merchants Bancorp, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Ohio

000-14492 (Commission File Number) 34-1469491

(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

43502

(Zip Code)

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

307 North Defiance Street, Archbold, Ohio

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code (419) 446-2501

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17-CFR 240.13e-4(c))

# ITEM 2.02. Results of Operation and Financial Condition

On July 29, 2015, Farmers & Merchants Bancorp, Inc. issued a press release announcing its earnings for the quarter and six-month period ended June 30, 2015. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is filed with or incorporated by reference into this Current Report on Form 8-K:

#### Exhibit <u>Number</u>

99 Company Press release dated July 29, 2015.

#### Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto authorized.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANCORP, INC.

(Registrant)

Dated: July 29, 2015

/s/ Paul S. Siebenmorgen Paul S. Siebenmorgen President & Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Barbara J. Britenriker

Barbara J. Britenriker Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

# Exhibit Index

Exhibit<br/>NumberDescription of Exhibit99Company Press Release dated July 29, 2015

Exhibit 99

Company Press Release dated July 29, 2015



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# **SECTION 1**

# SECTION 2 FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANCORP REPORTS

### SECTION 3 2015 SECOND-QUARTER AND FIRST-HALF FINANCIAL RESULTS

ARCHBOLD, OHIO, July 29, 2015 Farmers & Merchants Bancorp, Inc. (OTCQX: FMAO) today reported financial results for the 2015 second quarter and first half ended June 30, 2015.

2015 Second Quarter Financial Highlights Include (on a year-over-year basis unless noted):

- 49 consecutive quarters of profitability
- Quarterly cash dividend increased 4.8% representing annual dividend increases since 2004
- Net interest income increased 5.0% to \$7,235,000
- Noninterest income up 4.2% to \$2,699,000
- Noninterest expenses were 5.6% higher
- Net income for the 2015 first half improved 9.7% to \$4,948,000 and for the 2015 second quarter increased 1.7% to \$2,597,000
- Earnings per basic and diluted share for the 2015 first half improved 10.3% to \$1.07 and for the 2015 second quarter increased 1.8% to \$0.56
- Tangible equity increased 2.3% from December 31, 2014
- Announced construction of a new branch in Ft. Wayne, Indiana beginning in the third quarter

Paul S. Siebenmorgen, President and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "Profitability continues to increase despite a slow economic recovery, competitive marketplace, and continued low interest rate environment. The improvement in earnings is a result of our diversified sources of income and prudent expense management. While we have experienced higher operating expenses primarily due to higher salaries and wages, we have managed other general and administrative expenses and significantly reduced our cost of funds. Our net interest margin expanded 6 basis points in the 2015 first half to 3.45%, primarily due to lower funding costs. The improvement in net interest margin was offset by lower earning asset balances. If interest rates remain low, we expect interest income to increase throughout the remainder of the year as our loan balances grow."

### **Income Statement**

Net income for the 2015 second quarter ended June 30, 2015 was \$2,597,000, or \$0.56 per basic and diluted share compared to \$2,554,000, or \$0.55 per basic and diluted share for the same period last year. The 1.7% improvement in net income for the 2015 second quarter was primarily due to a 4.2% increase in noninterest income, and a 10.2% reduction in interest expense, offset by a 5.6% increase in noninterest expenses.

Net income for the 2015 first half was \$4,948,000, or \$1.07 per basic and diluted share compared to \$4,511,000, or \$0.97 per basic and diluted share for the period ended June 30, 2014. The 9.7% improvement in net income for the 2015 six month period was primarily due to an 8.6% increase in noninterest income, and a 9.7% reduction in interest expense, offset by a 5.7% increase in noninterest expenses.

## Loan Portfolio and Asset Quality

Total loans at June 30, 2015 were \$620,591,000, compared to \$621,926,000 at December 31, 2014 and \$597,839,000 at June 30, 2014. While down slightly year-to-date, total loans are up 3.8% year-over-year, primarily due to a 4.9% increase in commercial real estate loans, a 17.3% increase in agricultural loans, and a 10.2% increase in agricultural real estate loans, offset by a 9.6% reduction in consumer real estate loans.

Asset quality remains strong as the company's provision for loan losses for the 2015 second quarter was \$183,000, a 58.8% reduction from the 2014 second quarter. The provision for loan losses for the 2015 first half was \$297,000, a 65.9% reduction from the same period a year ago. The allowance for loan losses to nonperforming loans was 192.5% at June 30, 2015, compared to 426.9% at June 30, 2014. Net charge-offs for the 2015 second quarter were \$233,000, or 0.04% of average loans, compared to \$106,000 or 0.02% of average loans, for the 2014 second quarter. Year-to-date, net charge-offs were \$275,000, or 0.04% of average loans outstanding, compared to \$403,000, or 0.07% of average loans outstanding for the same period last year.

#### Stockholders' Equity and Dividends

Tangible stockholders' equity increased to \$111,594,000 as of June 30, 2015, compared to \$109,034,000 at December 31, 2014 and \$104,834,000 at June 30, 2014. On a per share basis, tangible stockholders' equity increased 6.5% to \$25.08 at June 30, 2015 from \$23.56 at December 31, 2014 and \$22.72 at June 30, 2014. The increase is the result of growth in retained earnings and higher year-to-date profitability. At June 30, 2015, the company had a Tier 1 leverage ratio of 11.90%, up from 11.01% at June 30, 2014.

For the 2015 first half, the company has declared cash dividends of \$0.43 per share, which represents a dividend payout ratio of 38.9% and includes a \$0.01, or 4.8% increase in the quarterly dividend rate in the 2015 second quarter.

Mr. Siebenmorgen concluded, "We are excited about the long-term opportunities we have in our current and future markets. F&M has a strong deposit base and market share in our communities, which allows us to expand our footprint to higher growth regions. In June we announced plans to begin construction for our 23<sup>rd</sup> branch that will be located in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. This will be our fourth bank location in northeastern Indiana and we look forward to offering our financial products and services to this large and growing market when we finish construction sometime in early 2016. The wet weather in northwest Ohio and northeast Indiana has impacted the 2015 growing season and we are ready to support our agricultural customers and communities with financial resources as they look to recover from this difficult period. We are working on converting our pipeline of potential loans into income generating assets and expect our loan portfolio to grow throughout the remainder of 2015, while we remain prudent in our risk and expense management."

# About Farmer & Merchants State Bank:

The Farmers & Merchants State Bank is a local independent community bank that has been serving Northwest Ohio and Northeast Indiana since 1897. The Farmers & Merchants State Bank provides commercial banking, retail banking and other financial services through its 22 offices, with expansion underway in the greater Ft. Wayne, Indiana market. Our locations are in Fulton, Defiance, Henry, Lucas, Williams, and Wood counties in northwest Ohio. In Northeast Indiana we have offices located in DeKalb and Steuben counties.

# Safe harbor statement

Farmers & Merchants Bancorp, Inc. ("F&M") wishes to take advantage of the Safe Harbor provisions included in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Statements by F&M, including management's expectations and comments, may not be based on historical facts and are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21B of the Securities Act of 1934, as amended. Actual results could vary materially depending on risks and uncertainties inherent in general and local banking conditions, competitive factors specific to markets in which F&M and its subsidiaries operate, future interest rate levels, legislative and regulatory decisions or capital market conditions. F&M assumes no responsibility to update this information. For more details, please refer to F&M's SEC filing, including its most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q. Such filings can be viewed at the SEC's website, www.sec.gov.

	Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income & Comprehensive Income (in thousands of dollars, except per share data) Three Months Ended Six Months Ended				od			
	Jun	1 hree Mor 2 30, 2015		ed <u>e 30, 2014</u>	Jun	Six Mon e 30, 2015		ed 30, 2014
Interest Income	*	<b>F</b> 4 6 D	¢	C 077	<i>.</i>	14055	÷	10.05 :
Loans, including fees	\$	7,163	\$	6,977	\$	14,257	\$	13,654
Debt securities:		620		750		1.010		1 071
U.S. Treasury and government agency		620		759		1,216		1,671
Municipalities		458		522		905		1,047
Dividends Federal Cash and		37		40		74		83
Federal funds sold		3		1		5		1
Other		8		4	·	16		7
Total interest income		8,289		8,303		16,473		16,463
Interest Expense								
Deposits		808		905		1,605		1,783
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase		63		65		124		127
Borrowed funds								4
Total interest expense		871		970		1,729		1,914
Net Interest Income - Before provision for loan losses		7,418		7,333		14,744		14,549
Provision for Loan Losses		183		444		297		872
		105			_	237		072
Net Interest Income After Provision		7 225		C 000		14 447		10 077
For Loan Losses		7,235		6,889		14,447		13,677
Noninterest Income Customer service fees		1 474		1 270		2 702		2 524
		1,424		1,278		2,783		2,524
Other service charges and fees		965		928		1,879		1,720
Net gain on sale of loans		173		203		348		292
Net gain on sale of available-for-sale securities		137		180		246		302
Total noninterest income		2,699		2,589		5,256		4,838
Noninterest Expense		0.514		0.450		F 0.00		4 00 1
Salaries and Wages		2,714		2,456		5,369		4,891
Employee benefits		687		720		1,751		1,565
Net occupancy expense		368		271		723		575
Furniture and equipment		427		399		849		793
Data processing		320		324		649		638
Franchise taxes		187		195		374		391
Net loss on sale of other assets owned		5		19		11		58
FDIC Assessment		119		130		238		262
Mortgage servicing rights amortization		103		84		183		166
Other general and administrative		1,451		1,444		2,799		2,910
Total noninterest expense		6,381		6,042		12,946		12,249
Income Before Income Taxes		3,553		3,436		6,757		6,266
Income Taxes		956		882		1,809		1,755
Net Income	\$	2,597	\$	2,554	\$	4,948	\$	4,511
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)(Net of Tax):								
Net unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale securities		(1,824)		1,464		(94)		563
Reclassification adjustment for gain on sale of available-for-sale securities		(1,024)		(180)		(246)		(302)
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Net unrealized gains (loss) on available-for-sale securities		(1,961)		1,284		(340)		261
Tax effect		(667)		(437)		(116)		(89)
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)		(1,294)		847		(224)		172
Comprehensive Income	\$	1,303	\$	3,401	\$	4,724	\$	4,683
Earnings Per Share - Basic and Diluted	\$	0.56	\$	0.55	\$	1.07	\$	0.97
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding	4,	608,453	4,	626,309	4	,615,846	4	,632,054
Dividends Declared	\$	0.22	\$	0.21	\$	0.43	\$	0.42
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See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Unaudited Financial Statements

	Bala	Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (in thousands of dollars)		
	<u>June 30, 2015</u>		mber 31, 2014	
ssets	(Unaudited)			
Cash and due from banks	\$ 21,073	\$	22,246	
Federal Funds Sold	1,014	Ŷ	2,049	
Total cash and cash equivalents	22,087		24,295	
Securities - available-for-sale	253,607		248,492	
Other Securities, at cost	3,717		3,717	
Loans, net	614,664		616,021	
Premises and equipment	20,261		20,300	
Goodwill	4,074		4,074	
Mortgage Servicing Rights	2,028		2,023	
Other Real Estate Owned	1,098		1,094	
Other assets	21,027		21,197	
otal Assets	\$ 942,563	\$	941,213	
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity				
iabilities				
Deposits				
Noninterest-bearing	\$ 160,077	\$	164,009	
Interest-bearing				
NOW accounts	183,376		179,862	
Savings	225,356		223,189	
Time	192,839		195,500	
Total deposits	761,648		762,560	
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	57,983		55,962	
Dividend payable	1,007		965	
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	5,033		7,233	
Total liabilities	825,671		826,720	
ommitments and Contingencies				
ockholders' Equity				
Common stock - No par value - 6,500,000 shares authorized 5,200,000 shares issued	13,102		12,222	
Treasury Stock - 591,547 shares 2015, 572,662 shares 2014	(13,165)		(11,928	
Retained earnings	116,735		113,755	
Accumulated other comprehensive income	220		444	
Total stockholders' equity	116,892		114,493	
otal Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 942,563	\$	941,213	

	For the Three Mo June 3		For the Six Months Ended June 30,		
Selected financial data	2015	2014	2015	2014	
Return on average assets	1.10%	1.07%	1.05%	0.94%	
Return on average equity	8.90%	9.33%	8.52%	8.28%	
Yield on earning assets	3.85%	3.80%	3.85%	3.82%	
Cost of interest bearing liabilities	0.53%	0.53%	0.53%	0.53%	
Net interest spread	3.32%	3.27%	3.32%	3.29%	
Net interest margin	3.45%	3.37%	3.45%	3.39%	

	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2014
Efficiency	65.37%	63.76%
Tier 1 capital to average assets	11.90%	11.01%
Tangible book value per share	\$25.08	\$22.72
Dividend payout ratio	38.90%	42.96%

Loans (Dollar amounts in thousands)	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2014
Commercial real estate	\$279,002	\$265,902
Agricultural real estate	\$ 52,614	\$ 47,745
Consumer real estate	\$ 86,641	\$ 95,863
Commercial and industrial	\$ 95,370	\$ 98,292
Agricultural	\$ 74,352	\$ 63,393
Consumer	\$ 25,160	\$ 22,481
Industrial Development Bonds	\$ 7,452	\$ 4,163

\$620,591

\$597,839

Asset quality data (Dollar amounts in thousands)	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2014
Non-accrual loans	\$ 3,063	\$ 1,327
Troubled debt restructuring	\$ 1,300	\$ 964
90 day past due and accruing	\$ —	\$ —
Non-performing loans	\$ 3,063	\$ 1,327
Other real estate owned	\$ 1,098	\$ 1,541
Non-performing assets	\$ 4,161	\$ 2,868
(Dollar amounts in thousands)		
Allowance for loan and lease losses	\$ 5,927	\$ 5,663
Allowance for loan and lease losses/total loans	0.96%	0.95%
Net charge-offs:		
Quarter-to-date	\$ 233	\$ 106
Year-to-date	\$ 275	\$ 403
Net charge-offs to average loans		
Quarter-to-date	0.04%	0.02%
Year-to-date	0.04%	0.07%
Non-performing loans/total loans	0.49%	0.22%
Allowance for loan and lease losses/non-performing loans	192.52%	426.85%