

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) March 24, 2010

**Farmers & Merchants Bancorp, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Ohio

000-14492

34-1469491

(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

307 North Defiance Street,

Archbold, Ohio

43502

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4<sup>©</sup> under the Exchange Act (17-CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On March 25, 2010, Farmers & Merchants Bancorp, Inc. issued a press release announcing that its wholly-owned subsidiary bank, Farmers & Merchants State Bank, has entered into a branch purchase and assumption agreement to acquire the Hicksville, Ohio branch office of First Place Bank, based in Warren, Ohio. A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

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

<u>Number</u>	<u>Exhibit</u>
99	Company Press Release dated March 25, 2010

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**Signature**

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.

Dated: March 25, 2010

/s/ Paul S. Siebenmorgen

Paul S. Siebenmorgen  
President & Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Barbara J. Britenriker

Barbara J. Britenriker  
Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit  
Number

Description of Exhibit

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99 Company Press Release dated March 25, 2010

## PRESS RELEASE



Farmers & Merchants State Bank  
1313 S. Defiance Street  
Archbold, Ohio 43502  
Contact: Marty Filogamo  
Phone: (419) 446-2501

First Place Bank  
185 East Market Street  
Warren, Ohio 44481  
Contact: Debra Bish  
Phone: (330) 373-1221 x-2128

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Farmers & Merchants State Bank Announces Agreement to Acquire Hicksville  
Branch of First Place Bank**

Release — March 25, 2010

Archbold, Ohio

Paul Siebenmorgen, President and CEO of Farmers & Merchants State Bank (the “Bank”), today announced that the Bank has entered into an agreement with First Place Bank to acquire the assets and assume the liabilities of the Hicksville, Ohio branch office of First Place Bank. The branch has approximately \$28 Million in deposits.

The transaction is subject to regulatory approval and other customary closing conditions. It is expected that the transaction will be consummated during the third quarter of 2010. The financial terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

Commenting on the transaction, Mr. Siebenmorgen stated: “We are very pleased to continue our expansion with this transaction. The Hicksville office will complement our existing branch network, including expanding our presence in Defiance County, and allow us to provide the high level of service for which our community bank is known. We look forward to continuing to serve the Hicksville community.”

*About Farmers & Merchants State Bank*

Farmers & Merchants State Bank, headquartered in Archbold, Ohio, currently operates 18 offices within Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Williams and Wood Counties, Ohio and DeKalb and Steuben Counties, Indiana. It is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Farmers & Merchants Bancorp, Inc., a bank holding company also based in Archbold, Ohio. Farmers & Merchants Bancorp, Inc. had total assets of approximately \$850 million as of year-end 2009.