

FEDERAL AGRICULTURAL MORTGAGE CORP
Form 8-K
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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): **February 2, 2012**

FEDERAL AGRICULTURAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Federally chartered instrumentality

of the United States

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-14951

(Commission
File Number)

52-1578738

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1999 K Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington D.C.

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

20006

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(202) 872-7700**

No change

(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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(e) On February 2, 2012 the board of directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation (“Farmer Mac”) took the following actions with respect to management compensation:

The base salary of Michael A. Gerber, President and Chief Executive Officer, was increased from \$567,000 per year to \$580,000 per year effective January 1, 2012.

The base salary of Tom D. Stenson, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, was increased from \$396,000 per year to \$407,000 per year effective January 1, 2012.

The base salary of Timothy L. Buzby, Senior Vice President – Chief Financial Officer, was increased from \$351,000 per year to \$365,000 per year effective January 1, 2012.

The base salary of Jerome G. Oslick, Senior Vice President – General Counsel, was increased from \$305,000 per year to \$313,000 per year effective January 1, 2012.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On February 2, 2012, the board of directors of Farmer Mac declared a quarterly dividend on each of Farmer Mac’s three classes of common stock – Class A Voting Common Stock, Class B Voting Common Stock, and Class C Non-Voting Common Stock. The quarterly dividend of \$0.10 per share of common stock will be payable on March 30, 2012 to holders of record of common stock as of March 15, 2012.

Also on February 2, 2012, the board of directors of Farmer Mac declared a quarterly dividend on Farmer Mac’s Series C Preferred Stock. The quarterly dividend of \$12.50 per share of Series C Preferred Stock is for the period from January 1, 2012 through March 31, 2012 and will be payable on April 2, 2012 to holders of record of preferred stock as of March 15, 2012. Each share of Series C Preferred Stock has a par value and liquidation preference of \$1,000.00 per share.

Information about the dividends is also included in the press release attached to this report as Exhibit 99.

Item 9.01.

Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) Exhibits:

99 Press release dated February 2, 2012 regarding increase in common stock dividends and declaration of dividends on preferred stock.

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 duly authorized.

FEDERAL AGRICULTURAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Jerome G. Oslick

Name: Jerome G. Oslick

Title: Senior Vice President – General Counsel

Dated: February 2, 2012