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A.M. Best Affirms Ratings of the Members of Farmers Insurance Group

Ratings Supplement

The FSR of A (Excellent) and ICRs of "a" have been affirmed with a stable outlook for the following members of **Farmers Insurance Group**:

- - 21st Century Advantage Insurance Company
 - 21st Century Assurance Company
 - 21st Century Auto Insurance Company of New Jersey
 - 21st Century Casualty Company
 - 21st Century Centennial Insurance Company
 - 21st Century Indemnity Insurance Company
 - 21st Century Ins Company of the Southwest
 - **21st Century Insurance Company**
 - 21st Century National Insurance Company
 - 21st Century North America Insurance Company
 - 21st Century Pacific Insurance Company
 - 21st Century Pinnacle Insurance Company
 - 21st Century Preferred Insurance Company
 - 21st Century Premier Insurance Company
 - 21st Century Security Insurance Company
 - 21st Century Superior Insurance Company
 - **American Pacific Insurance Company Inc**
 - **Bristol West Casualty Insurance Company**
 - **Bristol West Insurance Company**
 - **Bristol West Preferred Insurance Company**
 - **Civic Property and Casualty Company**
 - **Coast National Insurance Company**
 - **Exact Property and Casualty Company**
 - **Farmers Insurance Company Inc**

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- Farmers Insurance Company of Arizona
- Farmers Insurance Company of Idaho
- Farmers Insurance Company of Oregon
- Farmers Insurance Company of Washington
- Farmers Insurance Exchange
- Farmers Insurance Hawaii, Inc.
- Farmers Insurance of Columbus Inc
- Farmers New Century Insurance Company
- Farmers Specialty Insurance Company
- Farmers Texas County Mutual Insurance Company
- Fire Insurance Exchange
- Foremost County Mutual Insurance Company
- Foremost Insurance Company Grand Rapids, Michigan
- Foremost Lloyds of Texas
- Foremost Property and Casualty Insurance Company
- Foremost Signature Insurance Company
- Illinois Farmers Insurance Company
- Mid-Century Insurance Company
- Mid-Century Insurance Company of Texas
- Neighborhood Spirit Property and Casualty Company
- Security National Insurance Company
- Texas Farmers Insurance Company
- Truck Insurance Exchange

The FSR of A (Excellent) and ICR of "a" have been affirmed with a stable outlook for Farmers

Reinsurance Company, a separately rated member of Farmers Insurance Group.

The ICR of "bbb" has been affirmed with a stable outlook for 21st Century Insurance Group.

The ICR of "a" has been affirmed with a stable outlook for **Farmers Group Inc**.

The following debt ratings have been affirmed with a stable outlook:

21st Century Insurance Group—

-- "bbb" on USD 100 million 5.9% senior notes, due 2013

Farmers Insurance Exchange—

- -- "bbb+" on USD 100 million 6.0% surplus notes, due 2014
- -- "bbb+" on USD 300 million 8.625% surplus notes, due 2024

Farmers Exchange Capital—

-- "bbb+" on USD 500 million 7.05% surplus notes, due 2028



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-- "bbb+" on USD 150 million 7.2% surplus notes, due 2048

The methodology used in determining these ratings is Best's Credit Rating Methodology, which provides a comprehensive explanation of A.M. Best's rating process and contains the different rating criteria employed in the rating process. Key criteria utilized include: "Risk Management and the Rating Process for Insurance Companies"; "Ratings Members of Insurance Groups"; and "Understanding BCAR for Property/Casualty Insurers." Best's Credit Rating Methodology can be found at www.ambest.com/ratings/methodology.

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