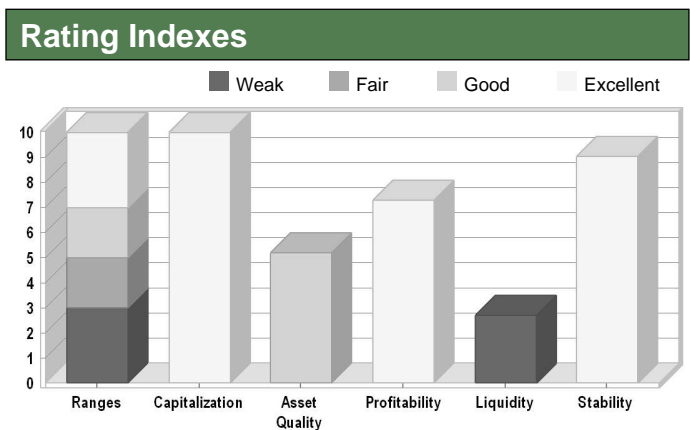


Company	FARMERS & MERCH BK LONG BEACH
Group Affiliation	PALOMAR ENTERPRISES, LLC, LONG BEACH CA
Safety Rating	B+ (Good Financial Strength)
Address	302 Pine Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90802
Date Reviewed	October 5, 2009 (Downgraded) based on data through June 30, 2009
Next Review Date	January 2010

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