

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 10-Q

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

For the Quarterly Period Ended 6/30/2008

Commission File No. 0-15950

FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada

(State or other jurisdiction of
Incorporation or organization)

37-1078406

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

201 W. Main St.,

Urbana, Illinois
(Address of principal
executive offices)

61801

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(217) 365-4516**

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one)

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

Indicate whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the Registrant's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Class	Outstanding at August 1, 2008
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	35,786,571

PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION and Subsidiaries CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007 (Unaudited)

	June 30, 2008	December 31, 2007
	(dollars in thousands)	
Assets		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 124,639	\$ 125,228
Federal funds sold	—	459
Securities available for sale	580,891	610,422
Loans (net of allowance for loan losses 2008 \$48,579 ; 2007 \$42,560)	3,118,126	3,010,665
Premises and equipment	82,198	80,400
Cash surrender value of bank owned life insurance	33,536	32,721

Goodwill	248,571	247,964
Other intangible assets	30,264	32,523
Other assets	47,206	52,543
Total assets	<u>\$ 4,265,431</u>	<u>\$ 4,192,925</u>

Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity

Liabilities

Deposits:		
Noninterest bearing	\$ 376,452	\$ 389,672
Interest bearing	2,797,511	2,817,526
Total deposits	<u>\$ 3,173,963</u>	<u>\$ 3,207,198</u>
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	217,734	203,119
Short-term borrowings	117,000	10,523
Long-term debt	151,910	150,910
Junior subordinated debt owed to unconsolidated trusts	55,000	55,000
Other liabilities	36,301	36,478
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 3,751,908</u>	<u>\$ 3,663,228</u>

Stockholders' Equity

Preferred stock, no par value, 1,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued	\$ —	\$ —
Common stock, \$.001 par value, authorized 60,000,000 shares; issued – 37,546,497	38	38
Surplus	393,162	392,726
Retained earnings	152,654	157,185
Accumulated other comprehensive income	2,098	4,132
Total stockholders' equity before treasury stock and unearned ESOP shares	<u>\$ 547,952</u>	<u>\$ 554,081</u>
Treasury stock, at cost – 2008 1,659,926; 2007 1,130,708	(32,344)	(22,299)
Unearned ESOP shares – 100,000 shares	(2,085)	(2,085)
Total stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 513,523</u>	<u>\$ 529,697</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 4,265,431</u>	<u>\$ 4,192,925</u>

Common shares outstanding at period end	<u>35,786,571</u>	<u>36,315,789</u>
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See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION and Subsidiaries
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2008 and 2007
(Unaudited)

	2008	2007
	(dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)	
Interest income:		
Interest and fees on loans	\$ 100,262	\$ 71,747
Interest and dividends on investment securities:		
Taxable interest income	10,913	5,854
Non-taxable interest income	1,890	1,468
Dividends	77	259
Interest on Federal funds sold	108	287
Total interest income	<u>\$ 113,250</u>	<u>\$ 79,615</u>
Interest expense:		
Deposits	\$ 42,021	\$ 33,507
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	2,313	1,445
Short-term borrowings	1,202	65
Long-term debt	3,121	3,672
Junior subordinated debt owed to unconsolidated trusts	1,805	2,002
Total interest expense	<u>\$ 50,462</u>	<u>\$ 40,691</u>
Net interest income	<u>\$ 62,788</u>	<u>\$ 38,924</u>
Provision for loan losses	14,450	980
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	<u>\$ 48,338</u>	<u>\$ 37,944</u>
Other income:		
Trust	\$ 6,771	\$ 3,399
Remittance processing	5,975	—
Service charges on deposit accounts	5,544	3,914
Other service charges and fees	2,301	1,675
Commissions and brokers' fees, net	1,388	1,242
Gain on sales of loans	2,366	1,420
Security gains, net	502	930
Other operating income	3,322	1,749

Total other income	\$	28,169	\$	14,329
Other expenses:				
Salaries and wages	\$	23,363	\$	13,699
Employee benefits		5,722		2,937
Net occupancy expense of premises		4,789		2,826
Furniture and equipment expenses		4,267		1,679
Data processing		3,316		1,016
Amortization of intangible assets		2,259		509
Other operating expenses		11,529		6,554
Total other expenses	\$	55,245	\$	29,220
Income before income taxes	\$	21,262	\$	23,053
Income taxes		6,667		7,453
Net income	\$	14,595	\$	15,600
Basic earnings per share	\$	0.41	\$	0.73
Diluted earnings per share	\$	0.41	\$	0.72
Dividends declared per share of common stock	\$	0.40	\$	0.41

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION and Subsidiaries
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2008 and 2007
(Unaudited)

	2008		2007	
	(dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)			
Interest income:				
Interest and fees on loans	\$	48,611	\$	36,232
Interest and dividends on investment securities:				
Taxable interest income		5,076		3,031
Non-taxable interest income		962		674
Dividends		41		115
Interest on Federal funds sold		3		128
Total interest income	\$	54,693	\$	40,180
Interest expense:				
Deposits	\$	19,174	\$	16,921
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase		910		801
Short-term borrowings		846		4
Long-term debt		1,391		1,788
Junior subordinated debt owed to unconsolidated trusts		846		1,003
Total interest expense	\$	23,167	\$	20,517
Net interest income	\$	31,526	\$	19,663
Provision for loan losses		12,300		680
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	\$	19,226	\$	18,983
Other income:				
Trust	\$	3,698	\$	1,689
Remittance processing		3,028		—
Service charges on deposit accounts		2,844		2,040
Other service charges and fees		1,150		883
Commissions and brokers' fees, net		686		657
Gain on sales of loans		1,206		764
Security gains, net		30		427
Other operating income		1,343		937
Total other income	\$	13,985	\$	7,397
Other expenses:				
Salaries and wages	\$	11,851	\$	6,955
Employee benefits		2,586		1,384
Net occupancy expense of premises		2,325		1,363
Furniture and equipment expenses		2,350		855
Data processing		1,628		482
Amortization of intangible assets		1,130		254
Other operating expenses		5,282		3,229
Total other expenses	\$	27,152	\$	14,522
Income before income taxes	\$	6,059	\$	11,858
Income taxes		1,468		3,994
Net income	\$	4,591	\$	7,864
Basic earnings per share	\$	0.13	\$	0.37
Diluted earnings per share	\$	0.13	\$	0.37
Dividends declared per share of common stock	\$	0.20	\$	0.18

FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION and Subsidiaries
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2008 and 2007
(Unaudited)

	2008	2007
	(dollars in thousands)	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Net income	\$ 14,595	\$ 15,600
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Stock-based and non-cash compensation	16	204
Depreciation and amortization	5,974	2,641
Provision for loan losses	14,450	980
Provision for deferred income taxes	(2,515)	(743)
Accretion of security discounts, net	(645)	(899)
Gain on sales of investment securities, net	(502)	(930)
Gain on sales of loans	(2,366)	(1,420)
Net (gain) loss on sale of ORE properties	(146)	(45)
Increase in cash surrender value of bank owned life insurance	(815)	(477)
Increase in deferred compensation, net	70	52
Change in assets and liabilities:		
Decrease in other assets	1,062	1,638
Increase (decrease) in other liabilities	1,257	(345)
Increase in interest payable	(920)	(630)
Decrease in income taxes receivable	3,932	152
Increase in income taxes payable	—	152
Net cash provided by operating activities before loan originations and sales	\$ 33,447	\$ 15,930
Loans originated for sale	(160,673)	(108,601)
Proceeds from sales of loans	160,955	103,949
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 33,729	\$ 11,278
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Proceeds from sales of securities classified available for sale	20,607	37,444
Proceeds from maturities of securities classified available for sale	172,809	149,719
Purchase of securities classified available for sale	(166,112)	(144,128)
Decrease (increase) in Federal funds sold	459	(14,100)
Increase in loans	(123,723)	(22,038)
Proceeds from sale of premises and equipment	739	40
Proceeds from sale of ORE properties	2,948	699
Purchases of premises and equipment	(6,252)	(2,499)
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	\$ (98,525)	\$ 5,137

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

	2008	2007
	(dollars in thousands)	
Cash Flows From Financing Activities		
Net (decrease) increase in certificates of deposit	\$ (27,590)	\$ 2,111
Net (decrease) increase in demand, money market and savings deposits	(5,645)	26,787
Cash dividends paid	(14,378)	(8,798)
Net increase (decrease) in Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	14,615	(2,073)
Proceeds from short-term borrowings	536,000	1,000
Principal payments on short-term borrowings	(429,523)	(26,000)
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	26,000	—
Principal payments on long-term debt	(25,000)	(16,825)
Purchase of treasury stock	(10,622)	(200)
Proceeds from sale of treasury stock	350	371
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	\$ 64,207	\$ (23,627)
Net decrease in cash and due from banks	\$ (589)	\$ (7,212)
Cash and due from banks, beginning	\$ 125,228	\$ 63,316
Cash and due from banks, ending	\$ 124,639	\$ 56,104

SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION

Other real estate acquired in settlement of loans	\$ 3,896	\$ 1,802
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Cash payments for:				
Interest		\$	51,331	\$ 40,818
Income taxes		\$	5,945	\$ 7,820

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FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION and Subsidiaries
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,	2007	June 30,	2007
	2008		2008	
	(dollars in thousands)			
Net income	\$ 4,591	\$ 7,864	\$ 14,595	\$ 15,600
Other comprehensive income (loss), before tax:				
Unrealized net gains (losses) on securities:				
Unrealized net holding gains (losses) arising during period	\$ (8,375)	\$ 411	\$ (2,872)	\$ (271)
Less adjustment for gains included in net income	(30)	(427)	(502)	(930)
Other comprehensive loss, before tax	\$ (8,405)	\$ (16)	\$ (3,374)	\$ (1,201)
Income tax benefit related to items of other comprehensive loss	(3,339)	(6)	(1,340)	(478)
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax	\$ (5,066)	\$ (10)	\$ (2,034)	\$ (723)
Comprehensive (loss) income	\$ (475)	\$ 7,854	\$ 12,561	\$ 14,877

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements

FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION and Subsidiaries
NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1: Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited consolidated interim financial statements of First Busey Corporation (the Company), a Nevada corporation, have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and do not include certain information and footnote disclosures required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP) for complete annual financial statements. Accordingly, these financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.

The accompanying consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2007, which has been derived from audited financial statements, and the unaudited consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP and reflect all adjustments that are, in the opinion of management, necessary for the fair presentation of the financial position and results of operations for the periods presented. All such adjustments, except those related to the recent merger, are of a normal recurring nature. The results of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2008.

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries. All material intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation. Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current presentation with no effect on net income or stockholders' equity.

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Note 2: Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Statements of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS)

SFAS No. 141, "Business Combinations (Revised 2007)." SFAS 141R replaces SFAS 141, "Business Combinations," and applies to all transactions and other events in which one entity obtains control over one or more other businesses. SFAS 141R requires an acquirer, upon initially obtaining control of another entity, to recognize the assets, liabilities and any non-controlling interest in the acquiree at fair value as of the acquisition date. Contingent consideration is required to be recognized and measured at fair value on the date of acquisition rather than at a later date when the amount of that consideration may be determinable beyond a reasonable doubt. This fair value approach replaces the cost-allocation process required under SFAS 141 whereby the cost of an acquisition was allocated to the individual assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair value. SFAS 141R requires acquirers to expense acquisition-related costs as incurred rather than allocating such costs to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed, as was previously the case under SFAS 141. Under SFAS 141R, the requirements of SFAS 146, "Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities," would have to be met in order to accrue for a restructuring plan in purchase accounting. Pre-acquisition contingencies are to be recognized at fair value, unless it is a non-contractual contingency that is not likely to materialize, in which case, nothing should be recognized in purchase accounting and, instead, that contingency would be subject to the probable and estimable recognition criteria of SFAS 5, "Accounting for Contingencies." SFAS 141R is effective on the Company's accounting for business combinations closing on or after January 1, 2009.

SFAS No. 160, "Noncontrolling Interest in Consolidated Financial Statements, an amendment of ARB Statement No. 51." SFAS 160 amends Accounting Research Bulletin (ARB) No. 51, "Consolidated Financial Statements," to establish accounting and reporting standards for the non-controlling interest in a

subsidiary and for the deconsolidation of a subsidiary. SFAS 160 clarifies that a non-controlling interest in a subsidiary, which is sometimes referred to as minority interest, is an ownership interest in the consolidated entity that should be reported as a component of equity in the consolidated financial statements. Among other requirements, SFAS 160 requires consolidated net income to be reported at amounts that include the amounts attributable to both the parent and the non-controlling interest. It also requires disclosure, on the face of the consolidated income statement, of the amounts of consolidated net income attributable to the parent and to the non-controlling interest. SFAS 160 is effective for the Company on January 1, 2009 and is not expected to have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

SFAS No. 161, "Disclosures About Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 133." SFAS 161 amends SFAS 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities," to amend and expand the disclosure requirements of SFAS 133 to provide greater transparency about (i) how and why an entity uses derivative instruments, (ii) how derivative instruments and related hedge items are accounted for under SFAS 133 and its related interpretations, and (iii) how derivative instruments and related hedged items affect an entity's financial position, results of operations and cash flows. To meet those objectives, SFAS 161 requires qualitative disclosures about objectives and strategies for using derivatives, quantitative disclosures about fair value amounts of gains and losses on derivative instruments and disclosures about credit-risk-related contingent features in derivative agreements. SFAS 161 is effective for the Company on January 1, 2009 and is not expected to have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

Emerging Issues Task Force Issues

Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") Issue No. 06-4, "Accounting for Deferred Compensation and Postretirement Benefit Aspects of Endorsement Split Dollar Life Insurance Arrangements." EITF 06-4 requires the recognition of a liability and related compensation expense for endorsement split-dollar life insurance policies that provide a benefit to an employee that extends to post-retirement periods. Under EITF 06-4, life insurance policies purchased for the purpose of providing such benefits do not effectively settle an entity's obligation to the employee. Accordingly, the entity must recognize a liability and related compensation expense during the employee's active service period based on the future cost of insurance to be incurred during the employee's retirement. If the entity has agreed to provide the employee with a death benefit, then the liability for the future death benefit should be recognized by following the guidance in SFAS 106, "Employer's Accounting for Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pensions." The Company adopted EITF 06-4 on January 1, 2008 as a change in accounting principle through a cumulative-effect adjustment, resulting in a decrease to retained earnings totaling \$4.7 million. The Company expects to recognize expense related to the adoption of EITF 06-4 in the amount of \$0.3 million, net of tax, for 2008.

SEC Staff Accounting Bulletins

SAB No. 109, "Written Loan Commitments Recorded at Fair Value Through Earnings." SAB No. 109 supersedes SAB 105, "Application of Accounting Principles to Loan Commitments," and indicates that the expected net future cash flows related to the associated servicing of the loan should be included in the measurement of all written loan commitments that are accounted for at fair value through earnings. The guidance in SAB 109 became effective on January 1, 2008 and did not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

Note 3: Business Combinations

Following the close of business on July 31, 2007, the Company completed its merger of equals (the merger) transaction with Main Street Trust, Inc. (Main Street). As a result of the merger, Main Street shareholders received shares of the Company's common stock in a fixed exchange ratio of 1.55 shares of the Company for each share of Main Street, totaling 15.5 million shares valued at \$22.17 per share. The value of the shares was calculated based upon the average closing price of First Busey Corporation stock for the two trading days surrounding the announcement date. The total purchase price, including acquisition expenses and the fair value of assumed stock options, was \$350.9 million.

The merger was accounted for under the purchase method of accounting, which resulted in goodwill of \$194.5 million equaling the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of identifiable assets. During the six months ended June 30, 2008, the purchase price and resultant amount allocated to goodwill increased by \$0.7 million related to an adjustment of the value of the assumed Main Street stock options. Goodwill is not amortized, but is subject to at least annual impairment testing. However, a portion of goodwill has been allocated to the future tax benefits arising from stock options assumed in the merger. As these benefits are recorded, an equal adjustment to the allocated goodwill is recorded. For the six months ended June 30, 2008, an insignificant amount of goodwill reductions related to stock options assumed were recorded. Identifiable intangibles of \$31.3 million were recorded related to core deposit and customer relationship intangibles. The identifiable intangibles are being amortized using accelerated methods over a period of 10 years.

Unaudited pro forma operating results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2007, in thousands, giving effect to the Main Street merger as if it had occurred as of January 1, 2007, are as follows:

	Three Months Ended	Six Months Ended
Total interest income	\$ 63,623	\$ 125,913
Total interest expense	31,482	62,498
Provision for loan losses	1,130	2,030
Other income	13,717	26,292
Other expense	25,960	51,750
Income before income taxes	\$ 18,768	\$ 35,927
Income taxes	6,430	11,531
Net income	\$ 12,338	\$ 24,396
Shares outstanding:		
Weighted average basic	36,931	36,925
Weighted average fully-dilutive	37,151	37,167
Earnings per share – basic	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.66
Earnings per share – diluted	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.66

In conjunction with the merger, the Company reached an agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice (USDOJ) to divest five Main Street Bank & Trust banking centers located in Champaign County, Illinois to address USDOJ competitive concerns. The transaction closed on November 2, 2007. The Company transferred loans and deposits of \$14.3 million and \$101.9 million, respectively. The Company received a premium on deposits of \$7.0 million and transferred an additional \$0.2 million in net liabilities. Total cash payments associated with the divestiture were \$80.8 million. The effects of the divestiture were accounted for as part of the purchase accounting for the Main Street merger. The premium on deposits received in the divestiture served to reduce the fair value of the deposits assumed in the Main Street merger. No gain or loss was recorded related to the divestiture.

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Note 4: Unrealized Losses on Investment Securities

The following presents information pertaining to securities with gross unrealized losses as of June 30, 2008, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in continuous loss position:

	Less than 12 months		Greater than 12 months		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
(dollars in thousands)						
June 30, 2008:						
U.S. government agencies and corporations	40,210	273	—	—	40,210	273
State and municipal	47,161	1,128	5,063	117	52,224	1,245
Mortgage-backed	89,358	1,887	—	—	89,358	1,887
Corporate	1,265	38	197	2	1,462	40
Subtotal, debt securities	\$ 177,994	\$ 3,326	\$ 5,260	\$ 119	\$ 183,254	\$ 3,445
Equity securities	95	46	5	35	100	81
Total temporarily impaired securities	\$ 178,089	\$ 3,372	\$ 5,265	\$ 154	\$ 183,354	\$ 3,526

The total number of investment securities in an unrealized loss position as of June 30, 2008 was 175, 155 less than 12 months and 20 greater than 12 months. Management evaluates securities for other-than-temporary impairment at least on a quarterly basis, and more frequently when economic or market concerns warrant such evaluation. Consideration is given to the length of time and extent to which the fair value has been less than cost, the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, and the intent and ability of the Company to retain its investment in the issuer for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value.

Note 5: Loans

The major classifications of loans as of June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007 were as follows:

	June 30, 2008	December 31, 2007
(dollars in thousands)		
Commercial	\$ 424,846	\$ 442,994
Real estate construction	754,599	731,150
Real estate - farmland	60,892	49,665
Real estate - 1-4 family residential mortgage	746,509	747,021
Real estate - multifamily mortgage	224,494	187,796
Real estate - non-farm nonresidential mortgage	871,432	797,474
Installment	50,229	54,849
Agricultural	32,499	40,469
	\$ 3,165,500	\$ 3,051,418
Plus:		
Net deferred loan costs	1,205	1,807
	3,166,705	3,053,225
Less:		
Allowance for loan losses	48,579	42,560
Net loans	\$ 3,118,126	\$ 3,010,665

Loans held for sale are primarily real estate – 1-4 family residential mortgage loans with fair values and carrying amounts, respectively, of \$26.8 million and \$24.5 million at June 30, 2008 and \$22.8 million and \$22.4 million at December 31, 2007.

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Changes in the allowance for loan losses were as follows:

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2008	2007
(dollars in thousands)		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 42,560	\$ 23,588
Provision for loan losses	14,450	980

Recoveries applicable to loan balances previously charged off	522	356
Loan balances charged off	(8,953)	(789)
Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 48,579</u>	<u>\$ 24,135</u>

Non-performing loans were as follows:

	June 30, 2008	December 31, 2007
	(dollars in thousands)	
Non-accrual loans	\$ 53,155	\$ 15,370
Loans 90+ days past due, still accruing	5,486	4,710
Total non-performing loans	<u>\$ 58,641</u>	<u>\$ 20,080</u>

Note 6: Earnings Per Share

Net income per common share has been computed as follows:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	(in thousands, except per share data)			
Net income	\$ 4,591	\$ 7,864	\$ 14,595	\$ 15,600
Shares:				
Weighted average common shares outstanding	35,824	21,470	35,887	21,464
Dilutive effect of outstanding options as determined by the application of the treasury stock method	107	40	144	62
Weighted average common shares outstanding, as adjusted for diluted earnings per share calculation	<u>35,931</u>	<u>21,510</u>	<u>36,031</u>	<u>21,526</u>
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.73
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.72

Note 7: Stock-based Compensation

Under the terms of the Company's stock option plans, the Company is allowed, but not required to source stock option exercises from its inventory of treasury stock. The Company has historically sourced stock option exercises from its treasury stock inventory, including exercises for the periods presented. As of June 30, 2008, under the Company's 2008 stock repurchase plan, 895,655 additional shares were authorized for repurchase. The repurchase plan has no expiration date and expires when the Company has repurchased all of the remaining authorized shares.

The fair value of the stock options granted has been estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The components of the Black-Scholes option pricing model are determined on a grant-by-grant basis. Expected life and estimated forfeiture rate is based on historical exercise and termination behavior. Expected stock price volatility is based on historical volatility of the Company's common stock and correlates with the expected life of the options. The risk-free interest rate is based on the implied yield currently available on U.S. Treasury zero-coupon issues with a remaining term approximately equal to the expected life of the option. The expected dividend yield represents the annual dividend yield as of the date of grant. Management reviews and adjusts the assumptions used to calculate the fair value of an option on a periodic basis to better reflect expected trends.

On June 17, 2008, the Company issued 67,500 stock options to First Busey Corporation's non-employee directors. The stock options have an exercise price of \$17.12, vest on May 1, 2009 and expire on December 15, 2015.

Number of options granted	67,500
Exercise Price	\$ 17.12
Estimated forfeiture rate	—
Risk-free interest rate	3.66%
Expected life, in years	4.6
Expected volatility	16.0%
Expected dividend yield	4.67%
Estimated fair value per option	\$ 1.62

A summary of the status of and changes in the Company's stock option plans for the six months ended June 30, 2008 follows:

	Shares	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Term
Outstanding at beginning of year	2,033,989	\$ 17.08	
Granted	67,500	17.12	
Exercised	72,638	16.13	
Forfeited	13,200	19.87	
Outstanding at end of period	<u>2,015,651</u>	<u>\$ 17.09</u>	<u>4.14</u>

Exercisable at end of period	1,928,151	\$	17.04	3.99
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The total intrinsic value of stock options exercised in the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 was \$0.3 million and \$0.1 million, respectively.

The following table summarizes information about stock options outstanding at June 30, 2008:

Range of Exercise Prices	Options Outstanding				Options Exercisable	
	Number	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Life (intrinsic value in thousands)	Intrinsic Value	Number	Intrinsic Value
\$ 11.29-12.00	444,132	\$ 11.72	2.82		444,132	
14.56-16.03	324,690	15.29	3.61		324,690	
18.07-19.83	343,250	19.42	1.14		343,250	
17.12-21.90	699,079	19.27	6.91		611,579	
20.16-20.71	204,500	20.31	3.46		204,500	
	<u>2,015,651</u>	<u>\$ 17.09</u>	<u>4.14</u>	<u>\$ 668</u>	<u>1,928,151</u>	<u>\$ 668</u>

Stock option expense and stock expense remaining to be recognized was insignificant for the Company as of and for the periods ended June 30, 2008 and 2007.

Note 8: Income Taxes

The Company is subject to income taxes in the U.S. federal and various state jurisdictions. The Company and its subsidiaries file consolidated federal and state income tax returns with each subsidiary computing its taxes on a separate entity basis. Tax regulations within each jurisdiction are subject to the interpretation of the related tax laws and regulations and require the application of significant judgment. With few exceptions, the Company is no longer subject to U.S. federal, state or local tax examinations by tax authorities for the years before 2004. The provision for income taxes is based on income as reported in the financial statements.

In July 2006, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes" (FIN No. 48). FIN No. 48 clarifies the accounting and reporting for income taxes recognized in accordance with SFAS No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes." This Interpretation prescribes a comprehensive model for the financial statement recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken in income tax returns.

Effective January 1, 2007, the Company adopted FIN No. 48. At the adoption date, the Company applied FIN No. 48 to all tax positions for which the statute of limitations remained open. There were no unrecognized tax benefits as of January 1, 2008. There have been no adjustments to unrecognized tax benefits since January 1, 2008. There are no material tax positions for which it is reasonably possible that unrecognized tax benefits will significantly change in the twelve months subsequent to June 30, 2008.

When applicable, the Company recognizes interest accrued related to unrecognized tax benefits and penalties in operating expenses. The Company has no accruals for payments of interest and penalties at June 30, 2008.

At June 30, 2008, the Company was under examination by the Illinois Department of Revenue for tax years 2005-2006.

Note 9: Junior Subordinated Debt Owed to Unconsolidated Trusts

The Company has established statutory trusts for the sole purpose of issuing trust preferred securities and related trust common securities. The proceeds from such issuances were used by the trusts to purchase junior subordinated notes of the Company, which are the sole assets of each trust. Concurrent with the issuance of the trust preferred securities, the Company issued guarantees for the benefit of the holders of the trust preferred securities. The Company owns all of the common securities of each trust. The trust preferred securities issued by each trust rank equally with the common securities in right of payment, except that if an event of default under the indenture governing the notes has occurred and is continuing, the preferred securities will rank senior to the common securities in right of payment.

The table below summarizes the outstanding junior subordinated notes and the related trust preferred securities issued by each trust as of June 30, 2008:

	First Busey Statutory Trust II	First Busey Statutory Trust III	First Busey Statutory Trust IV
Junior Subordinated Notes:			
Principal balance	\$15,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$30,000,000
Annual interest rate(1)	3-mo LIBOR+ 2.65%	3-mo LIBOR+ 1.75%	6.94%
Stated maturity date	June 17, 2034	June 15, 2035	June 15, 2036

Call date	June 17, 2009	June 15, 2010	June 15, 2011
Trust Preferred Securities:			
Face value	\$15,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$30,000,000
Annual distribution rate(1)	3-mo LIBOR+ 2.65%	3-mo LIBOR+ 1.75%	6.94%
Issuance date	April 30, 2004	June 15, 2005	June 15, 2006
Distribution dates(2)	Quarterly	Quarterly	Quarterly

(1) First Busey Statutory Trust IV maintains a 5-year fixed coupon of 6.94% through June 10, 2011, subsequently converting to a floating 3-month LIBOR +1.55%.

(2) All cash distributions are cumulative.

The trust preferred securities are subject to mandatory redemption, in whole or in part, upon repayment of the junior subordinated notes at par value at the stated maturity date or upon redemption of the junior subordinated notes on a date no earlier than June 17, 2009, for First Busey Statutory Trust II, June 15, 2010, for First Busey Statutory Trust III, and June 15, 2011, for First Busey Statutory Trust IV. Prior to these respective redemption dates, the junior subordinated notes may also be redeemed by the Company (in which case the trust preferred securities would also be redeemed) after the occurrence of certain events that would have a negative tax effect on the Company or the trusts, would cause the trust preferred securities to no longer qualify for Tier 1 capital, or would result in a trust being treated as an investment company. Each trust's ability to pay amounts due on the trust preferred securities is solely dependent upon the Company making payment on the related junior subordinated notes. The Company's obligations under the junior subordinated notes and other relevant trust agreements, in aggregate, constitute a full and unconditional guarantee by the Company of each trust's obligations under the trust preferred securities issued by each trust. The Company has the right to defer payment of interest on the notes and, therefore, distributions on the trust preferred securities, for up to five years, but not beyond the stated maturity date in the table above.

In March 2005, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System issued a final rule allowing bank holding companies to continue to include qualifying trust preferred securities in their Tier I Capital for regulatory capital purposes, subject to a 25% limitation to all core (Tier I) capital elements, net of goodwill and other intangible assets less any associated deferred tax liability. The final rule provides a five-year transition period, ending March 31, 2009, for applications of the aforementioned quantitative limitation. As of June 30, 2008, 100% of the trust preferred securities noted in the table above qualified as Tier I capital under the final rule adopted in March 2005.

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Note 10: Outstanding Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

Legal Matters

The Company and its subsidiaries are parties to legal actions which arise in the normal course of their business activities. In the opinion of management, the ultimate resolution of these matters is not expected to have a material effect on the financial position or the results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries.

Credit Commitments and Contingencies

The Company and its subsidiaries are parties to credit related financial instruments with off-balance-sheet risk in the normal course of business to meet the financing needs of their customers. These financial instruments include commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit. Those instruments involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit and interest rate risk in excess of the amount recognized in the consolidated balance sheets.

The Company's and its subsidiaries' exposure to credit loss are represented by the contractual amount of those commitments. The Company and its subsidiaries use the same credit policies in making commitments and conditional obligations as they do for on-balance-sheet instruments. A summary of the contractual amount of the Company's exposure to off-balance-sheet risk follows:

	June 30, 2008	December 31, 2007
	(dollars in thousands)	
Financial instruments whose contract amounts represent credit risk:		
Commitments to extend credit	\$ 676,570	\$ 722,677
Standby letters of credit	42,980	46,698

Commitments to extend credit are agreements to lend to a customer as long as no condition established in the contract has been violated. These commitments are generally at variable interest rates and generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and may require payment of a fee. The commitments for equity lines of credit may expire without being drawn upon. Therefore, the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. The amount of collateral obtained, if it is deemed necessary by the Company upon extension of credit, is based on management's credit evaluation of the customer.

Standby letters of credit are conditional commitments issued by the Company to guarantee the performance of a customer's obligation to a third party. Those guarantees are primarily issued to support public and private borrowing arrangements, including bond financing and similar transactions and primarily have terms of one year or less. The credit risk involved in issuing letters of credit is essentially the same as that involved in extending loan facilities to customers. The Company holds collateral, which may include accounts receivable, inventory, property and equipment, income producing properties, supporting those commitments if deemed necessary. In the event the customer does not perform in accordance with the terms of the agreement with the third party, the Company would be required to fund the commitment. The maximum potential amount of future payments the Company could be required to make is represented by the contractual amount shown in the summary above. If the commitment is funded, the Company would be entitled to seek recovery from the customer. As of June 30, 2008, and December 31, 2007, no amounts were recorded as liabilities for the Company's potential obligations under these guarantees.

As of June 30, 2008, the Company had no futures, forwards, swaps or option contracts, or other financial instruments with similar characteristics with the exception of interest rate lock commitments on mortgage loans to be held for sale.

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Note 11: Reportable Segments and Related Information

The Company has four reportable segments, Busey Bank, Busey Bank, N.A., FirsTech and Busey Wealth Management. Busey Bank provides a full range of banking services to individual and corporate customers through its branch network in downstate Illinois, through its branch in Indianapolis, Indiana, and through its loan production office in Fort Myers, Florida. Busey Bank, N.A. provides a full range of banking services to individual and corporate customers in southwest Florida. FirsTech provides processing for online bill payments, lockbox and walk-in payments. Busey Wealth Management is the parent company of Busey Trust Company, Inc., which provides a full range of trust and investment management services, including estate and financial planning, securities brokerage, investment advice, tax preparation, custody services and philanthropic advisory services.

The Company's four reportable segments are strategic business units that are separately managed as they offer different products and services and have different marketing strategies.

The segment financial information provided below has been derived from the internal accounting system used by management to monitor and manage the financial performance of the Company. The accounting policies of the four segments are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.

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Following is a summary of selected financial information for the Company's business segments:

	Goodwill		Total Assets	
	June 30, 2008	December 31, 2007	June 30, 2008	December 31, 2007
	(dollars in thousands)		(dollars in thousands)	
Goodwill:				
Busey Bank	\$ 201,861	\$ 201,273	\$ 3,786,781	\$ 3,699,454
Busey Bank, N.A.	22,601	22,601	442,822	451,195
FirsTech	8,992	8,992	18,628	19,285
Busey Wealth Management	11,694	11,694	25,671	26,959
All Other	3,423	3,404	(8,471)	(3,968)
Total Goodwill	\$ 248,571	\$ 247,964	\$ 4,265,431	\$ 4,192,925
Interest Income:				
	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	(dollars in thousands)		(dollars in thousands)	
Busey Bank	\$ 48,547	\$ 33,445	\$ 100,511	\$ 66,171
Busey Bank, N.A.	6,189	6,693	12,775	13,375
FirsTech	8	—	17	—
Busey Wealth Management	65	69	188	141
All Other	(116)	(27)	(241)	(72)
Total Interest Income	\$ 54,693	\$ 40,180	\$ 113,250	\$ 79,615
Interest Expense:				
Busey Bank	\$ 18,827	\$ 15,519	\$ 41,052	\$ 30,781
Busey Bank, N.A.	3,116	3,559	6,729	7,044
FirsTech	—	—	—	—
Busey Wealth Management	—	—	—	—
All Other	1,224	1,439	2,681	2,866
Total Interest Expense	\$ 23,167	\$ 20,517	\$ 50,462	\$ 40,691
Other Income:				
Busey Bank	\$ 7,041	\$ 4,901	\$ 14,750	\$ 9,673
Busey Bank, N.A.	454	535	839	1,014
FirsTech	3,076	—	6,089	—
Busey Wealth Management	3,842	2,175	7,238	4,071
All Other	(428)	(214)	(747)	(429)
Total Other Income	\$ 13,985	\$ 7,397	\$ 28,169	\$ 14,329
Net Income (loss):				
Busey Bank	\$ 6,395	\$ 8,088	\$ 17,997	\$ 16,018
Busey Bank, N.A.	(2,002)	245	(3,049)	642
FirsTech	703	—	1,332	—
Busey Wealth Management	871	666	1,317	1,164
All Other	(1,376)	(1,135)	(3,002)	(2,224)
Total Net Income	\$ 4,591	\$ 7,864	\$ 14,595	\$ 15,600

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Effective January 1, 2008, the Company adopted the provisions of SFAS No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements," for financial assets and financial liabilities. In accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Staff Position (FSP) No. 157-2, "Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157," the Company will delay application of SFAS 157 for non-financial assets and non-financial liabilities, until January 1, 2009. SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles and expands disclosures about fair value measurements.

SFAS 157 defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. A fair value measurement assumes that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability occurs in the principal market for the asset or liability or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market for the asset or liability. The price in the principal (or most advantageous) market used to measure the fair value of the asset or liability shall not be adjusted for transaction costs. An orderly transaction is a transaction that assumes exposure to the market for a period prior to the measurement date to allow for marketing activities that are usual and customary for transactions involving such assets and liabilities; it is not a forced transaction. Market participants are buyers and sellers in the principal market that are (i) independent, (ii) knowledgeable, (iii) able to transact and (iv) willing to transact.

SFAS 157 requires the use of valuation techniques that are consistent with the market approach, the income approach and/or the cost approach. The market approach uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets and liabilities. The income approach uses valuation techniques to convert future amounts, such as cash flows or earnings, to a single present amount on a discounted basis. The cost approach is based on the amount that currently would be required to replace the service capacity of an asset (replacement cost). Valuation techniques should be consistently applied. Inputs to valuation techniques refer to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Inputs may be observable, meaning those that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on market data obtained from independent sources, or unobservable, meaning those that reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances. In that regard, SFAS 157 establishes a fair value hierarchy for valuation inputs that gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs. The fair value hierarchy is as follows:

Level 1 Inputs - Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date.

Level 2 Inputs - Inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. These might include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability (such as interest rates, volatilities, prepayment speeds, credit risks, etc.) or inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by market data by correlation or other means.

Level 3 Inputs - Unobservable inputs for determining the fair values of assets or liabilities that reflect an entity's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the assets or liabilities.

A description of the valuation methodologies used for instruments measured at fair value, as well as the general classification of such instruments pursuant to the valuation hierarchy, is set forth below. These valuation methodologies were applied to all of the Company's financial assets and financial liabilities carried at fair value effective January 1, 2008.

In general, fair value is based upon quoted market prices, where available. If such quoted market prices are not available, fair value is based upon internally developed models that primarily use, as inputs, observable market-based parameters. Valuation adjustments may be made to ensure that financial instruments are recorded at fair value. These adjustments may include amounts to reflect counterparty credit quality, the Company's creditworthiness, among other things, as well as unobservable parameters. Any such valuation adjustments are applied consistently over time. The Company's valuation methodologies may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. While management believes the Company's valuation methodologies are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different estimate of fair value at the reporting date.

Securities Available for Sale. Securities classified as available for sale are reported at fair value utilizing Level 1 and Level 2 inputs. For equity securities, unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets are utilized to determine fair value at the measurement date. For all other securities, the Company obtains fair value measurements from an independent pricing service. The fair value measurements consider observable data that may include dealer quotes, market spreads, cash flows, the U.S. Treasury yield curve, live trading levels, trade execution data, market consensus prepayment speeds, credit information and the bond's terms and conditions, among other things.

Impaired Loans. The Company does not record impaired loans at fair value on a recurring basis. However, periodically, a loan is considered impaired and is reported at the fair value of the underlying collateral, less estimated costs to sell, if repayment is expected solely from the collateral. Impaired loans measured at fair value typically consist of loans on non-accrual status, \$53.2 million at June 30, 2008, and loans with a portion of the allowance for loan losses allocated specific to the loan, \$18.4 million at June 30, 2008. Collateral values are estimated using level 2 inputs, including recent appraisals and Level 3 inputs based on customized discounting criteria. Due to the significance of the level 3 inputs, impaired loans fair values have been classified as level 3.

The following table summarizes financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2008, segregated by the level of the valuation inputs within the fair value hierarchy utilized to measure fair value:

	Level 1 Inputs		Level 2 Inputs		Level 3 Inputs		Total Fair Value
	(dollars in thousands)						
Securities available-for-sale	\$	5,382	\$	575,509	\$	—	\$ 580,891
Impaired Loans		—		—		71,533	71,533

Certain financial assets and financial liabilities are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis; that is, the instruments are not measured at fair value on an ongoing basis but are subject to fair value adjustments in certain circumstances (for example, when there is evidence of impairment). Financial assets and financial liabilities, excluding impaired loans, measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis were not significant at June 30, 2008.

Non-financial assets and non-financial liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis include reporting units measured at fair value in the first step of a goodwill impairment test. Non-financial assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis include non-financial assets and non-financial liabilities measured at fair value in the second step of a goodwill impairment test, as well as intangible assets and other non-financial long-lived assets measured at fair value for impairment assessment. As stated above, SFAS 157 will be applicable to these fair value measurements beginning January 1, 2009.

Effective January 1, 2008, the Company adopted the provisions of SFAS No. 159, "The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities - Including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 115." SFAS 159 permits the Company to choose to measure eligible items at fair value at specified election dates. Unrealized gains and losses on items for which the fair value measurement option has been elected are reported in earnings at each subsequent reporting date. The fair value option (i) may be applied instrument by instrument, with certain exceptions, thus the Company may record identical financial assets and liabilities at fair value or by another measurement basis permitted under generally accepted accounting principals, (ii) is irrevocable (unless a new election date occurs) and (iii) is applied only to entire instruments and not to portions of instruments. The adoption of SFAS 159 on January 1, 2008 did not have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following is management's discussion and analysis of the financial condition of First Busey Corporation and subsidiaries (referred to herein as "First Busey", "we", or "our") at June 30, 2008 (unaudited), as compared with December 31, 2007, and the results of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 (unaudited). Management's discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with First Busey's consolidated financial statements and notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this quarterly report, as well as our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

SUMMARY

Main Street Trust, Inc. Merger

First Busey completed its merger of equals with Main Street Trust, Inc. following the close of business on July 31, 2007. The results of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 do not include any earnings related to the merger. A condensed pro forma income statement for the three and six months ended June 30, 2007, as if the merger had taken place on January 1, 2007, is located in Note 3: Business Combinations.

Operating Results

Net Income by Segment (dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended			Six Months Ended	
	6/30/2008	3/31/2008	6/30/2007	6/30/2008	6/30/2007
Consolidated	\$ 4,591	\$ 10,004	\$ 7,864	\$ 14,595	\$ 15,600
Busey Bank	6,395	11,602	8,088	17,997	16,018
Busey Bank, N.A.	(2,002)	(1,047)	245	(3,049)	642
Busey Wealth Management	871	446	666	1,317	1,164
FirsTech	703	629	—	1,332	—
Consolidated EPS, fully-diluted	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.72

Consolidated net income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008 was lower than the comparable periods as we recorded \$12.3 million and \$14.5 million of provision for loan losses during the three and six months ended June 30, 2008, respectively. Busey Bank and Busey Bank, N.A. recorded \$0.7 million and \$1.5 million in the first quarter of 2008 and \$8.5 million and \$3.8 million in the second quarter of 2008 in pre-tax provision for loan losses, respectively. Much of the increased provision pertained to both banks' loans in the southwest Florida market.

Busey Bank has a loan production office in southwest Florida with \$377.3 million in loans at June 30, 2008. Busey Bank, N.A.'s operations are entirely in southwest Florida. Busey Bank, N.A. had \$378.9 million in loans at June 30, 2008. Our aggregate southwest Florida loan portfolio totals \$756.2 million or 23.9% of our loan portfolio. The remainder of our loan portfolio is primarily in the downstate Illinois market with the exception of our branch in the Indianapolis, Indiana market with loans of \$146.0 million at June 30, 2008.

Busey Wealth Management's increase in net income over the first quarter of 2008 reflects increased revenue and lower systems cost due to first quarter 2008 systems conversions. Although higher than prior quarters, Busey Wealth Management's second quarter 2008 net income was slowed due to challenging securities market conditions, which led to decreased brokerage activity and lower assets under care.

Overall loan portfolio quality declined in the second quarter of 2008. Busey Bank's loans on non-accrual status increased to \$39.0 million at June 30, 2008 compared to \$12.7 at March 31, 2008. Busey Bank, N.A.'s loans on non-accrual status saw only a small increase to \$14.1 million at June 30, 2008 as compared to \$13.9 million at March 31, 2008. On a consolidated basis, loans accruing, but 90+ days past due remained relatively stable at \$5.5 million at June 30, 2008 as compared to \$5.3 million at March 31, 2008.

The allowance for loan losses was \$48.6 million at June 30, 2008, up from \$42.6 million at December 31, 2007. Allowance for loan losses coverage of non-performing loans decreased due to the large amount of charge-offs taken during the second quarter of 2008. As we charge off portions of loan balances, the allowance for loan losses becomes less significant with respect to these loans.

While somewhat weaker than a few years ago, the downstate Illinois markets we serve continue to hold up relatively well during the national economic downturn. These markets possess strong industrial, academic and healthcare employment bases that have performed well relative to the rest of the United States. Our primary downstate Illinois markets of Champaign, Macon, McLean and Peoria counties are anchored by strong, familiar and stable organizations.

Champaign County is home to the University of Illinois – Urbana/Champaign, the University’s primary campus. U of I has in excess of 42,000 students, which has grown annually over the last decade. Additionally, Champaign County healthcare providers serve a significant area of downstate Illinois and western Indiana. Macon County is home to Archer Daniels Midland (ADM), a Fortune 100 company and one of the largest agricultural processors in the world. ADMs presence in Macon County supports many derivative businesses in the agricultural processing arena. Additionally, Macon County is home to Millikin University and its healthcare providers serve a significant role in the market. McLean County is home to State Farm, Country Financial, Illinois State University and Illinois Wesleyan University. State Farm, a Fortune 100 company, is the largest employer in McLean County, Country Financial and the universities provide additional stability to a growing area of downstate Illinois. Peoria County is home to Caterpillar, a Fortune 100 company, and Bradley University in addition to a large health care presence serving much of the western portion of downstate Illinois. The institutions noted above, coupled with over \$1.5 billion in agricultural output, anchor the communities in which they are located, and have provided a stable foundation for housing, employment and small business.

Southwest Florida has been affected by the current economic downturn as severely as any location in the United States. Southwest Florida experienced double digit percentage value deterioration in commercial and residential real estate values over the past two years. Some commentators have noted that it appears the worst of the downturn in southwest Florida has occurred. However, this does not mean southwest Florida has turned a corner or that our problems are over in this market. Management expects that it will take southwest Florida a number of years to return to the economic strength it demonstrated just a few years ago. Management believes that the southwest Florida economy will be strong again. Because of that, southwest Florida remains in our plans for the future.

EARNINGS PERFORMANCE

NET INTEREST INCOME

Net interest income is the difference between interest income and fees earned on earning assets and interest expense incurred on interest-bearing liabilities. Interest rate levels and volume fluctuations within earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities impact net interest income. Net interest margin is tax-equivalent net interest income as a percent of average earning assets.

Certain assets with tax favorable treatment are evaluated on a tax-equivalent basis. Tax-equivalent basis assumes a federal income tax rate of 35%. Tax favorable assets generally have lower contractual pre-tax yields than fully taxable assets. A tax-equivalent analysis is performed by adding the tax savings to the earnings on tax favorable assets. After factoring in the tax favorable effects of these assets, the yields may be more appropriately evaluated against alternative earning assets. In addition to yield, various other risks are factored into the evaluation process.

The following table shows the consolidated average balance sheets, detailing the major categories of assets and liabilities, the interest income earned on interest-earning assets, the interest expense paid for the interest-bearing liabilities, and the related interest rates for the periods, or as of the dates, shown. All average information is provided on a daily average basis.

AVERAGE BALANCE SHEETS AND INTEREST RATES THREE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 AND 2007

	2008			2007			Change due to (1)		
	Average Balance	Income/Expense	Yield/Rate	Average Balance	Income/Expense	Yield/Rate	Average Volume	Average Yield/Rate	Total Change
(dollars in thousands)									
Assets									
Interest-bearing bank deposits	\$ 656	\$ 1	0.61%	\$ 137	\$ 2	5.86%	\$ 2	\$ (3)	\$ (1)
Federal funds sold	827	3	1.46%	9,650	128	5.32%	(70)	(55)	(125)
Investment securities									
U.S. Government obligations	345,254	3,785	4.41%	215,519	2,692	5.01%	1,448	(355)	1,093
Obligations of states and political subdivisions (1)	99,804	1,480	5.96%	69,315	1,036	5.99%	449	(5)	444
Other securities	145,679	1,331	3.67%	45,896	453	3.96%	913	(35)	878
Loans (net of unearned interest)(1) (2)	3,141,541	48,700	6.23%	1,957,427	36,319	7.44%	19,029	(6,648)	12,381
Total interest-earning assets	\$ 3,733,761	\$ 55,300	5.96%	\$ 2,297,944	\$ 40,630	7.09%	\$ 21,771	\$ (7,101)	\$ 14,670
Cash and due from banks	105,490			50,614					
Premises and equipment	81,805			41,173					
Allowance for loan losses	(42,713)			(23,793)					
Other assets	356,657			105,812					
Total Assets	\$ 4,235,000			\$ 2,471,750					
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity									
Interest-bearing transaction deposits	\$ 37,177	\$ 58	0.63%	\$ 21,177	\$ 55	1.04%	\$ 31	\$ (28)	\$ 3
Savings deposits	158,377	195	0.50%	99,261	242	0.98%	105	(152)	(47)
Money market deposits	1,279,156	4,473	1.41%	763,447	6,031	3.17%	2,815	(4,373)	(1,558)
Time deposits	1,337,821	14,448	4.34%	881,245	10,593	4.82%	4,993	(1,138)	3,855
Short-term borrowings:									
Federal funds purchased	32,370	189	2.35%	18,135	248	5.49%	130	(189)	(59)
Repurchase agreements	130,980	721	2.21%	53,554	553	4.13%	515	(347)	168
Other	128,063	846	2.67%	250	4	6.42%	846	(4)	842
Long-term debt	130,426	1,391	4.29%	143,802	1,788	4.99%	(159)	(238)	(397)
Junior subordinated debt owed to unconsolidated trusts	55,000	846	6.19%	55,000	1,003	7.31%	—	(157)	(157)
Total interest-bearing liabilities	\$ 3,289,370	\$ 23,167	2.83%	\$ 2,035,871	\$ 20,517	4.04%	\$ 9,276	\$ (6,626)	\$ 2,650
Net interest spread			3.13%			3.05%			
Noninterest bearing deposits	387,567			228,143					
Other liabilities	40,127			18,675					
Stockholders' equity	517,936			189,061					
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 4,235,000			\$ 2,471,750					

Interest income / earning assets (1)	\$ 3,733,761	\$ 55,300	5.96%	\$ 2,297,944	\$ 40,630	7.09%	
Interest expense / earning assets	\$ 3,733,761	\$ 23,167	2.50%	\$ 2,297,944	\$ 20,517	3.58%	
Net interest margin (1)	\$ 32,133	3.46%	\$ 20,113	3.51%	\$ 12,495	\$ (475)	\$ 12,020

- (1) On a tax-equivalent basis assuming a federal income tax rate of 35% for 2008 and 2007.
(2) Non-accrual loans have been included in average loans, net of unearned interest.

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AVERAGE BALANCE SHEETS AND INTEREST RATES SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 AND 2007

	2008			2007			Change due to (1)		
	Average Balance	Income/Expense	Yield/Rate	Average Balance	Income/Expense	Yield/Rate	Average Volume	Average Yield/Rate	Total Change
(dollars in thousands)									
Assets									
Interest-bearing bank deposits	\$ 474	\$ 4	1.70%	\$ 179	\$ 5	5.63%	\$ 4	\$ (5)	\$ (1)
Federal funds sold	5,886	108	3.69%	10,974	287	5.27%	(109)	(70)	(179)
Investment securities									
U.S. Government obligations	385,071	8,583	4.48%	209,318	5,127	4.94%	3,970	(514)	3,456
Obligations of states and political subdivisions (1)	98,006	2,908	5.97%	75,564	2,258	6.03%	672	(22)	650
Other securities	124,964	2,403	3.87%	47,952	982	4.13%	1,487	(66)	1,421
Loans (net of unearned interest)(1) (2)	3,099,121	100,447	6.52%	1,953,355	71,919	7.42%	38,192	(9,664)	28,528
Total interest-earning assets	\$ 3,713,522	\$ 114,453	6.20%	\$ 2,297,342	\$ 80,578	7.07%	\$ 44,216	\$ (10,341)	\$ 33,875
Cash and due from banks	103,866			52,138					
Premises and equipment	81,528			41,042					
Allowance for loan losses	(42,845)			(23,692)					
Other assets	358,709			105,627					
Total Assets	\$ 4,214,780			\$ 2,472,457					
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity									
Interest-bearing transaction deposits	\$ 40,263	\$ 174	0.87%	\$ 24,694	\$ 178	1.45%	\$ 85	\$ (89)	\$ (4)
Savings deposits	155,339	461	0.60%	100,510	483	0.97%	205	(227)	(22)
Money market deposits	1,286,650	11,157	1.74%	752,033	11,747	3.15%	6,098	(6,688)	(590)
Time deposits	1,349,161	30,229	4.51%	885,238	21,099	4.81%	10,521	(1,391)	9,130
Short-term borrowings:									
Federal funds purchased	25,540	333	2.62%	12,230	333	5.51%	236	(236)	—
Repurchase agreements	140,961	1,980	2.82%	54,035	1,112	4.15%	1,318	(450)	868
Other	83,544	1,202	2.89%	2,353	65	5.57%	1,183	(46)	1,137
Long-term debt	134,841	3,121	4.65%	148,483	3,672	4.99%	(319)	(232)	(551)
Junior subordinated debt owed to unconsolidated trusts	55,000	1,805	6.60%	55,000	2,002	7.34%	—	(197)	(197)
Total interest-bearing liabilities	\$ 3,271,299	\$ 50,462	3.10%	\$ 2,034,576	\$ 40,691	4.03%	\$ 19,327	\$ (9,556)	\$ 9,771
Net interest spread			3.10%			3.04%			
Noninterest bearing deposits	383,835			232,081					
Other liabilities	40,228			18,599					
Stockholders' equity	519,418			187,201					
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 4,214,780			\$ 2,472,457					
Interest income / earning assets (1)	\$ 3,713,522	\$ 114,453	6.20%	\$ 2,297,342	\$ 80,578	7.07%			
Interest expense / earning assets	\$ 3,713,522	\$ 50,462	2.73%	\$ 2,297,342	\$ 40,691	3.57%			
Net interest margin (1)	\$ 63,991	3.47%	\$ 39,887	3.50%	\$ 24,889	\$ (785)	\$ 24,104		

- (1) On a tax-equivalent basis assuming a federal income tax rate of 35% for 2008 and 2007.
(2) Non-accrual loans have been included in average loans, net of unearned interest.

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The increase in average earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2008 over the same period of 2007 related primarily to the merger with Main Street. At the merger date, Main Street added an additional \$344.2 million of investments, \$1.02 billion of loans and \$1.25 billion of deposits. The resulting averages from the merger contribution led to significant increases across all line items.

Our average earning assets grew in the second quarter of 2008 as compared to the first quarter of 2008. Despite loan balance charge-offs of \$6.8 million during the second quarter of 2008, average loans for the second quarter outpaced average loans for the first six months of 2008. Although average interest-bearing liabilities increased, average interest-bearing deposits decreased during the second quarter of 2008. The decrease in interest-bearing deposits is a result of the higher funding costs for non-core deposits as compared to the funding costs currently available in the debt markets. Therefore, average short term borrowings increased as compared to the first quarter of 2008 as we generated incremental funding primarily in the debt market through FHLB borrowings. Average noninterest-bearing deposits increased during the second quarter of 2008 as compared to the first quarter of 2008.

Yields on interest-earning assets, including investments and loans, decreased in the second quarter of 2008 compared to the same period of the prior year and the first quarter of 2008. The decrease in yields was largely due to the declining interest rate environment we have experienced over the past year. In the second quarter of 2008, our interest-earning asset yields fully absorbed the 200 basis points of interest rate cuts from the first quarter of 2008 and the 25 basis point interest rate cut in April 2008. In order to offset the decline in yields, we were successful in lowering our rates on our interest-bearing liabilities. Our interest-bearing liability rates declined across all categories for the second quarter of 2008 as compared to the same period of the prior year and to the first quarter of 2008.

Our net interest margin experienced additional downward pressure due to the increase in non-accrual loans and associated interest reversals. As a loan is placed on non-accrual status, it stops accruing interest. Additionally, any interest that has accrued on the loan but has not yet been paid, is reversed. Based upon the amount of non-accrual loans, we estimate the net interest margin impact of non-accrual loans for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008 to be less than 5 basis points of average earning assets.

Management attempts to mitigate the effects of an unpredictable interest-rate environment through effective portfolio management, prudent loan underwriting and operational efficiencies. Please refer to the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statement in our 2007 10-K for accounting policies underlying the recognition of interest income and expense.

OTHER INCOME

	Three Months Ended June 30,			Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2008	2007	% Change	2008	2007	% Change
	(dollars in thousands)					
Trust	\$ 3,698	\$ 1,689	118.9%	\$ 6,771	\$ 3,399	99.2%
Remittance processing	3,028	—	100.0%	5,975	—	100.0%
Service charges on deposit accounts	2,844	2,040	39.4%	5,544	3,914	41.6%
Other service charges & fees	1,150	883	30.2%	2,301	1,675	37.4%
Commissions and brokers' fees, net	686	657	4.4%	1,388	1,242	11.8%
Gain on sales of loans	1,206	764	57.8%	2,366	1,420	66.6%
Security gains, net	30	427	(93.0)%	502	930	(46.0)%
Other operating income	1,343	937	43.3%	3,322	1,749	89.9%
Total other income	\$ 13,985	\$ 7,397	89.1%	\$ 28,169	\$ 14,329	96.6%

Overall, other income for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2008 increased significantly due to the merger with Main Street. The increase in trust revenues was primarily due to the merger with Main Street. The second quarter of 2008 saw a greater percentage increase than the six months ended June 30, 2008 when compared to the same periods of the prior year. The second quarter increase reflected additional revenue gained from the combined trust company converting to a single, consistent trust operating platform.

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Remittance payment processing revenue relates to our payment processing company, FirsTech, which was assumed as part of the Main Street merger. FirsTech continued to demonstrate solid growth, as demonstrated by the 2.7% increase in second quarter 2008 revenues as compared to the first quarter 2008 revenues of \$2.9 million. As compared to the six months ended June 30, 2007, FirsTech's revenues for the six months ended June 30, 2008 increased by \$1.5 million or 38.0%.

Commissions and brokers' fees, net, showed moderate growth for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2008. Commissions and brokers' fees growth in Busey Wealth Management was due primarily to the addition of Main Street's brokerage department.

Security gains, net have declined significantly from the levels seen in 2007. During 2007, we performed an orderly liquidation of a large security position with a significant value in excess of cost. During the last part of 2007, the value of the security began to steadily decline and the liquidation was put on hold.

OTHER EXPENSE

	Three Months Ended June 30			Six Months Ended June 30		
	2008	2007	% Change	2008	2007	% Change
	(dollars in thousands)					
Compensation expense:						
Salaries & wages	\$ 11,851	\$ 6,955	70.4%	\$ 23,363	\$ 13,699	70.5%
Employee benefits	2,586	1,384	86.8%	5,722	2,937	94.8%
Total compensation expense	\$ 14,437	\$ 8,339	73.1%	\$ 29,085	\$ 16,636	74.8%
Net occupancy expense of premises	2,325	1,363	70.6%	4,789	2,826	69.5%
Furniture and equipment expenses	2,350	855	174.9%	4,267	1,679	154.1%
Data processing	1,628	482	237.8%	3,316	1,016	226.4%
Amortization of intangible assets	1,130	254	344.9%	2,259	509	343.8%
Other operating expenses	5,282	3,229	63.6%	11,529	6,554	75.9%
Total other expense	\$ 27,152	\$ 14,522	87.0%	\$ 55,245	\$ 29,220	89.1%
Income taxes	\$ 1,468	\$ 3,994	(63.2)%	\$ 6,667	\$ 7,453	(10.5)%
Effective rate on income taxes	24.2%	33.7%	31.4%	32.3%		
Efficiency ratio	<u>56.5%</u>	<u>52.7%</u>		<u>57.8%</u>	<u>53.9%</u>	

Other expense increased across all categories due to the merger with Main Street. Overall, our "Other Income" has increased at a rate faster than our "Other Expense". Although certain cost efficiencies have been recognized from the merger with Main Street, we have not yet achieved the full efficiencies expected from the merger.

Total compensation expense increased as full-time equivalent employees increased to 993 at June 30, 2008 from 638 one year earlier, a 55.6% increase. Additionally, we have reduced our headcount by approximately 27 FTEs from March 31, 2008, incurring a small amount of severance costs.

Furniture and equipment expenses increased in the first quarter of 2008 primarily due to the merger with Main Street. Additionally, a number of remodeling projects were in process in the first half of 2008. These projects contributed to furniture and equipment expense through increased depreciation and other non-capitalized equipment expense. During the second quarter, we completed a sale-leaseback of our ATMs. The net result of the sale-leaseback was a \$0.5 million, pre-tax, charge to the equipment lease expense line item.

Data processing expenses increased significantly for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2008 primarily due to infrastructure investments we made related to the growth from the merger and to prepare for future growth.

Amortization expense increased significantly during 2008 due to increased identifiable intangibles related to the merger. The amortization levels are subject to revision as new information is obtained by us or made available from third parties.

Other operating expenses increased during 2008 over 2007 primarily due to the merger with Main Street. Additionally, marketing efforts following our rebranding, increased FDIC insurance and expenses related to other real estate owned (OREO) have contributed to the increase in other operating expenses.

The effective rate on income taxes, or income taxes divided by income before taxes, decreased for the 2008 periods as compared to the 2007 periods presented, primarily due to an income tax credit recorded during the second quarter of 2008. Additionally, due to the lower annualized net income position for the Company relative to the first quarter, the impact of certain tax favored items was more significant than in prior periods.

The efficiency ratio is total other expense, less amortization charges, as a percentage of tax equivalent net-interest margin plus other income, less security gains and losses. Since the merger with Main Street, the efficiency ratio has been higher than in previous recent periods. We have continued to see a decline (positive shift) in the efficiency ratio each quarter since completing the merger. However, we expect the efficiency ratio will not return to the level of 2006 and early 2007 until the cost efficiencies of the merger are realized and the net interest margin improves.

FINANCIAL CONDITION

SIGNIFICANT BALANCE SHEET ITEMS

	<u>June 30, 2008</u>	<u>December 31, 2007</u>	<u>% Change</u>
	(dollars in thousands)		
Assets			
Securities available for sale	\$ 580,891	\$ 610,422	(4.8)%
Loans (net of allowance for loan losses 2008 \$48,579 ; 2007 \$42,560)	3,118,126	3,010,665	3.6%
Total assets	4,265,431	4,192,925	1.7%
Liabilities			
Deposits:			
Noninterest bearing	\$ 376,452	\$ 389,672	(3.4)%
Interest-bearing	2,797,511	2,817,526	(0.7)%
Total deposits	3,173,963	3,207,198	(1.0)%
Total liabilities	3,751,908	3,663,228	2.4%
Stockholders' equity	\$ 513,523	\$ 529,697	(3.1)%

First Busey's balance sheet at June 30, 2008 showed a small amount of growth as compared to the balance sheet at December 31, 2007. The securities portfolio decreased slightly as compared to December 31, 2007 as our loan-to-deposit ratio increased to 99.8% at June 30, 2008 from 95.2% at December 31, 2007.

Growth in the balance sheet was challenging due to the current economic environment. First Busey continues to see good demand for new loans in its markets, particularly in downstate Illinois. However, the competition for more desirable loans is increasing as credit underwriting tightens across the industry, driving many institutions toward the same group of stable customers.

Stockholders' equity decreased \$16.2 million due to four primary reasons. First, we adopted a new accounting standard related to bank owned life insurance that required an initial liability of \$4.7 million upon adoption. The offset of this initial liability was a reduction of retained earnings in the same amount. Second, we paid two dividends of \$7.2 million, totaling \$14.4 million, in January and April 2008 to our stockholders. Third, we repurchased \$10.6 million of our stock during the first six months of 2008. The repurchase represented 562,500 shares of First Busey stock removed from the marketplace.

Fourth, the after-tax value of our investment portfolio decreased by \$2.0 million compared to December 31, 2007. These reductions were offset by 2008 net income of \$14.6 million, sales of treasury stock and a \$0.7 million adjustment to surplus related to an adjustment of the merger value of Main Street's assumed stock options.

ASSET QUALITY

NON-PERFORMING LOANS & ALLOWANCE SUMMARY

	June 30, 2008	March 31, 2008	December 31, 2007	September 30, 2007
	(dollars in thousands)			
Non-accrual loans	\$ 53,155	\$ 26,651	\$ 15,370	\$ 17,847
Loans 90+ days past due, still accruing	5,486	5,313	4,710	6,065
Total non-performing loans	<u>\$ 58,641</u>	<u>\$ 31,964</u>	<u>\$ 20,080</u>	<u>\$ 23,912</u>
Other real estate owned	\$ 3,091	\$ 2,472	\$ 2,026	\$ 2,131
Other assets acquired in satisfaction of debts previously contracted	4	4	2	7
Total non-performing other assets	<u>\$ 3,095</u>	<u>\$ 2,476</u>	<u>\$ 2,028</u>	<u>\$ 2,138</u>
Total non-performing loans and non-performing other assets	<u><u>\$ 61,736</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 34,440</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 22,108</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 26,050</u></u>
Allowance for loan losses	\$ 48,579	\$ 42,924	\$ 42,560	\$ 38,198
Allowance for loan losses to loans	1.53%	1.37%	1.39%	1.26%
Allowance for loan losses to non-performing loans	82.84%	134.29%	211.95%	159.74%
Non-performing loans to loans, before allowance for loan losses	1.85%	1.02%	0.66%	0.79%
Non-performing loans and non-performing other assets to loans, before allowance for loan losses	1.95%	1.10%	0.72%	0.86%

Asset quality by segment, general loan classification between commercial loans (including most real estate loans, except for 1-4 family mortgages, and commercial and industrial loans) and retail loans (including 1-4 family mortgages), and geography is presented in the following table. Loans on non-accrual status are presented. Following loans on non-accrual status is information related to loans on non-accrual status, including amounts charged off through June 30, 2008 and specific allocations of the allowance for loan losses (ALL) related to these loans. Last, information related to our loans 90+ days past due, but still accruing interest, are also presented.

	Balance 6/30/2008	Illinois/ Indiana 6/30/2008	Florida 6/30/2008	Commercial 6/30/2008	Retail 6/30/2008
Non-Accrual Loans					
Busey Bank	\$ 39,032	\$ 13,607	\$ 25,425	\$ 37,098	\$ 1,934
Busey Bank, N.A.	14,123	—	14,123	6,329	7,794
	<u>\$ 53,155</u>	<u>\$ 13,607</u>	<u>\$ 39,548</u>	<u>\$ 43,427</u>	<u>\$ 9,728</u>
2008 Charge offs on Non-Accrual Loans					
Busey Bank	\$ 10,520	\$ 5,520	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,053	\$ 467
Busey Bank, N.A.	5,482	—	5,482	1,943	3,539
	<u>\$ 16,002</u>	<u>\$ 5,520</u>	<u>\$ 10,482</u>	<u>\$ 11,996</u>	<u>\$ 4,006</u>
Specific Allocation of ALL					
Busey Bank	\$ 7,283	\$ 2,833	\$ 4,450	\$ 7,233	\$ 50
Busey Bank, N.A.	1,112	—	1,112	100	1,012
	<u>\$ 8,395</u>	<u>\$ 2,833</u>	<u>\$ 5,562</u>	<u>\$ 7,333</u>	<u>\$ 1,062</u>
90+ Days Past Due					
Busey Bank	\$ 5,032	\$ 5,032	\$ —	\$ 2,588	\$ 2,444
Busey Bank, N.A.	454	—	454	149	305
	<u>\$ 5,486</u>	<u>\$ 5,032</u>	<u>\$ 454</u>	<u>\$ 2,737</u>	<u>\$ 2,749</u>

Non-performing loans increased \$26.7 million primarily related to increased non-accrual loans. Busey Bank's non-accrual loans increased \$26.3 million due primarily to four loans to two different customers (two loans each) in its Florida loan production office that totaled \$23.8 million at June 30, 2008. We have charged off \$2.0 million and have \$4.2 million of specific allowance allocated to these loans. We expect to collect the remaining amount through the eventual sale of the underlying collateral.

Overall, Busey Bank has charged off \$10.5 million of original principal balance on loans on non-accrual status through June 30, 2008. Busey Bank, N.A. has charged off \$5.5 million of original principal balance on loans on non-accrual status through June 30, 2008. Charge offs reduce the reported principal of the balance of the loan, whereas, a specific allocation of allowance for loan losses does not reduce the reported principal balance of the loan. Non-accrual loans are reported net of charge-offs, but gross of related specific allocations of ALL. In summary, if we had not charged off the \$16.0 million, our non-accrual loans would have been \$16.0 million higher than the \$53.2 million.

Our ALL as a percentage of non-performing loans has decreased below 100% due to the \$16.0 million of charge-offs taken against current non-accrual loans. As loan balances are charged off to reflect the loss we expect upon final resolution of the loan collection process, no additional allowance has been deemed necessary to cover the expected loss related to that loan. Certain loans will have amounts charged off and a specific allocation of ALL assigned to the loan. In this case, we expect a loss, but a reasonable possibility exists the loss will not be as large as we estimate. Therefore, the known loss is charged off and the remaining potential loss is assigned a specific allocation of ALL.

First Busey continues to attempt to identify problem loan situations on a proactive basis. Once problem loans are identified, adjustments to the provision are made based upon all information available at that time. The provision reflects managements' analysis of additional allowance for loan losses necessary to cover potential losses in our loan portfolios. Management believes the level of the allowance and coverage of non-performing loans to be appropriate based upon the information available. However, additional losses may be identified in our loan portfolio as new information is obtained. First Busey may need to provide for additional loan losses in the future as management continues to identify potential problem loans and gain further information concerning existing problem loans, particularly in the southwest Florida market.

POTENTIAL PROBLEM LOANS

Potential problem loans are those loans which are not categorized as impaired, non-accrual, past due or restructured, but where current information indicates that the borrower may not be able to comply with present loan repayment terms. Management assesses the potential for loss on such loans as it would with other problem loans and has considered the effect of any potential loss in determining its provision for loan losses. Potential problem loans were at \$85.2 million at June 30, 2008, compared to \$62.6 million at March 31, 2008 and \$26.3 million at December 31, 2007. The increase in potential problem loans related to the decline in the overall real estate markets and the current economic and credit environment. Geographically, the increase in potential problem loans was primarily related to the southwest Florida market.

Beginning at the end of 2007, we began to restructure more loans. We restructure loans for our customers who appear to be able to meet the terms of their loan over the long-term, but who may be unable to meet the terms of the loan in the near term due to individual circumstances. We consider the customer's past performance, previous and current credit history, the individual circumstances surrounding the current difficulties and their plan to meet the terms of the loan in the future prior to restructuring the terms of the loan. Generally, loans are restructured through short-term interest rate relief, short-term principal payment relief or short-term principal and interest payment relief. At June 30, 2008, the total amount of loans operating under restructured terms was insignificant.

LIQUIDITY

Liquidity management is the process by which we ensure that adequate liquid funds are available to meet the present and future cash flow obligations arising in the daily operations of the business. These financial obligations consist of needs for funds to meet commitments to borrowers for extensions of credit, funding capital expenditures, withdrawals by customers, maintaining deposit reserve requirements, servicing debt, paying dividends to stockholders, repurchasing stock and paying operating expenses.

Our most liquid assets are cash and due from banks, interest-bearing bank deposits, and Federal funds sold. The balances of these assets are dependent on the Company's operating, investing, lending and financing activities during any given period.

First Busey's primary sources of funds consist of deposits, investment maturities and sales, loan principal repayments, and capital funds. Additional liquidity is provided by bank lines of credit, repurchase agreements, the ability to borrow from the Federal Reserve Bank and the Federal Home Loan Bank, and brokered deposits. We have an operating line in the amount of \$35.0 million, of which \$18.0 million was available as of June 30, 2008.

The objective of liquidity management by First Busey is to ensure that funds will be available to meet demand in a timely and efficient manner. Based upon the level of investment securities that reprice within 30 days and 90 days, management currently believes that adequate liquidity exists to meet all projected cash flow obligations. We achieve a satisfactory degree of liquidity through actively managing both assets and liabilities. Asset management guides the proportion of liquid assets to total assets, while liability management monitors future funding requirements and prices liabilities accordingly.

CAPITAL RESOURCES

First Busey and its bank subsidiaries are subject to regulatory capital requirements administered by federal and state banking agencies. Under capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, First Busey and its bank subsidiaries must meet specific capital guidelines that involve the quantitative measure of their assets, liabilities, and certain off-balance-sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. Quantitative measures established by regulation to ensure capital adequacy require First Busey and its bank subsidiaries to maintain minimum amounts and ratios (set forth in the table below) of total and Tier I capital (as defined in the regulations) to risk-weighted assets (as defined), and Tier 1 capital (as defined) to average assets (as defined). Management believes, as of June 30, 2008, that First Busey and its bank subsidiaries were considered "well capitalized" pursuant to the appropriate regulators' thresholds and standards.

	Actual		For Capital Adequacy Purposes		To Be Well Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions	
	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
As of June 30, 2008:						
Total Capital (to Risk-weighted Assets)						
Consolidated	\$ 341,745	10.21%	\$ 267,759	8.00%	N/A	N/A
Busey Bank	\$ 324,542	10.94%	\$ 237,400	8.00%	\$ 296,750	10.00%
Busey Bank, N.A.	\$ 49,527	14.14%	\$ 28,019	8.00%	\$ 35,024	10.00%
Tier I Capital (to Risk-weighted Assets)						
Consolidated	\$ 298,848	8.93%	\$ 133,880	4.00%	N/A	N/A
Busey Bank	\$ 286,540	9.66%	\$ 118,700	4.00%	\$ 178,050	6.00%
Busey Bank, N.A.	\$ 45,106	12.88%	\$ 14,010	4.00%	\$ 21,015	6.00%
Tier I Capital (to Average Assets)						
Consolidated	\$ 298,848	7.53%	\$ 158,697	4.00%	N/A	N/A
Busey Bank	\$ 286,540	8.10%	\$ 141,462	4.00%	\$ 176,827	5.00%
Busey Bank, N.A.	\$ 45,106	10.38%	\$ 17,381	4.00%	\$ 20,726	5.00%

FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This document may contain, forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 with respect to the financial condition, results of operations, plans, objectives, future performance and business of First Busey. Forward-looking statements, which may be based upon beliefs, expectations and assumptions of First Busey's management and on information currently available to management, are generally identifiable by the use of words such as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "plan," "intend," "estimate," "may," "will," "would," "could," "should" or other similar expressions. Additionally, all statements in this document, including forward-looking statements, speak only as of the date they are made, and we undertake no obligation to update any statement in light of new information or future events. A number of factors, many of which are beyond our ability to control or predict, could cause actual results to differ materially from those in its forward-looking statements. These factors include, among others, the following: (i) the strength of the local and national economy; (ii) the economic impact of any future terrorist threats or attacks; (iii) changes in state and federal laws, regulations and governmental policies concerning First Busey's general business; (iv) changes in interest rates and prepayment rates of First Busey's assets; (v) increased competition in the financial services sector and the inability to attract new customers; (vi) changes in technology and the ability to develop and maintain secure and reliable electronic systems; (vii) the loss of key executives or employees; (viii) changes in consumer spending; (ix) unexpected results of acquisitions; (x) unexpected outcomes of existing or new litigation involving First Busey; and (xi) changes in accounting policies and practices. These risks and uncertainties should be considered in evaluating forward-looking statements and undue reliance should not be placed on such statements. Additional information concerning First Busey and its business, including additional factors that could materially affect our financial results, is included in First Busey's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

Critical accounting estimates are those that are critical to the portrayal and understanding of First Busey's financial condition and results of operations and require management to make assumptions that are difficult, subjective or complex. These estimates involve judgments, estimates and uncertainties that are susceptible to change. In the event that different assumptions or conditions were to prevail, and depending on the severity of such changes, the possibility of materially different financial condition or results of operations is a reasonable likelihood. The three most significant estimates, market value of investment securities, allowance for loan losses and revenue recognition are discussed in this section.

Market Value of Investment Securities. Securities are classified as available-for-sale when First Busey may decide to sell those securities due to changes in market interest rates, liquidity needs, changes in yields on alternative investments, and for other reasons. They are carried at fair value with unrealized gains and losses, net of taxes, reported in other comprehensive income (loss). All of First Busey's securities are classified as available-for-sale. For equity securities, unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets are utilized to determine fair value at the measurement date. For all other securities, we obtain fair value measurements from an independent pricing service. The fair value measurements consider observable data that may include dealer quotes, market spreads, cash flows, the U.S. Treasury yield curve, live trading levels, trade execution data, market consensus prepayment speeds, credit information and the security's terms and conditions, among other things. Due to the limited nature of the market for certain securities, the market value and potential sale proceeds could be materially different in the event of a sale.

Allowance for Loan Losses. First Busey has established an allowance for loan losses which represents its estimate of the probable losses inherent in the loan portfolio as of the date of the financial statements. Management has established an allowance for loan losses which reduces the total loans outstanding by an estimate of uncollectible loans. Loans deemed uncollectible are charged against and reduce the allowance. Periodically, a provision for loan losses is charged to current expense. This provision acts to replenish the allowance for loan losses and to maintain the allowance at a level that management deems adequate.

To determine the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses, a formal analysis is completed quarterly to assess the risk within the loan portfolio. This assessment is conducted by senior officers who are members of First Busey's independent holding company credit review and risk management department, and is reviewed by senior management of the banks and holding company. The analysis includes review of historical performance, dollar amount and trends of past due loans, dollar amount and trends in nonperforming loans, reviews of certain impaired loans, and review of loans identified as sensitive assets. Sensitive assets include nonaccrual loans, past-due loans, loans on First Busey's watch loan reports and other loans identified as having more than reasonable potential for loss.

The allowance for loan losses consists of specific, general and unallocated components. The specific component considers loans that are classified as doubtful, substandard or special mention. For such loans that are classified as impaired, an allowance is established when the discounted cash flows (or collateral value or observable market price) of the impaired loan is lower than the carrying amount of that loan. The general component covers non-classified loans and classified loans not considered impaired, and is based on historical loss experience adjusted for qualitative factors. An unallocated component is maintained to cover uncertainties that could affect management's estimate of probable losses. The unallocated component of the allowance reflects the margin of imprecision inherent in the underlying assumptions used in the methodologies for estimating specific and general losses in the portfolio.

A loan is considered to be impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable First Busey will not be able to collect all principal and interest amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. When a loan becomes impaired, management calculates the impairment based on the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate. If the loan is collateral dependent, the fair value of the collateral is used to measure the amount of impairment. The amount of impairment and any subsequent changes are recorded through a charge to earnings as an adjustment to the allowance for loan losses. When management considers a loan, or a portion thereof, as uncollectible, it is charged against the allowance for loan losses. Because a significant majority of First Busey's loans are collateral dependent, First Busey has determined the required allowance on these loans based upon the estimated fair value, net of selling costs, of the respective collateral. The required allowance or actual losses on these impaired loans could differ significantly if the ultimate fair value of the collateral is significantly different from the fair value estimates used by First Busey in estimating such potential losses.

Revenue Recognition. Income on interest-earning assets is accrued based on the effective yield of the underlying financial instruments. A loan is considered to be impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable First Busey will not be able to collect all amounts due. The accrual of interest income on impaired loans is discontinued when there is reasonable doubt as to the borrower's ability to meet contractual payments of interest or principal.

Valuation of Goodwill and Intangible Assets. Goodwill and other intangibles with indefinite lives are not amortized but instead are periodically tested for impairment. Management performs an impairment analysis for the intangible assets with indefinite lives on an annual basis and determined that there was no impairment as of December 31, 2007. The valuation is determined using discounted cash flows of forecasted earnings, estimated sales price based on recent observable market transactions and/or market capitalization based on current stock price. If impairment was deemed to exist, a write down of the asset would occur with a charge to earnings. The impairment analysis requires management to make subjective judgments. Events and factors that may significantly affect the estimates include, among others, competitive forces, customer behaviors and attrition, changes in revenue growth trends, cost structures, technology, changes in discount rates and specific industry and market conditions.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE

DISCLOSURE ABOUT MARKET RISK

Market risk is the risk of change in asset values due to movements in underlying market rates and prices. Interest rate risk is the risk to earnings and capital arising from movements in interest rates. Interest rate risk is the most significant market risk affecting First Busey as other types of market risk, such as foreign currency exchange rate risk and commodity price risk, do not arise in the normal course of our business activities.

First Busey's subsidiary banks, Busey Bank and Busey Bank, N.A., have asset-liability committees which meet at least quarterly to review current market conditions and attempt to structure the banks' balance sheets to ensure stable net interest income despite potential changes in interest rates with all other variables constant.

The asset-liability committees use gap analysis to identify mismatches in the dollar value of assets and liabilities subject to repricing within specific time periods. The Funds Management Policies established by the asset-liability committees and approved by First Busey's Board of Directors establish guidelines for maintaining the ratio of cumulative rate-sensitive assets to rate-sensitive liabilities within prescribed ranges at certain intervals.

Interest-rate sensitivity is a measure of the volatility of the net interest margin as a consequence of changes in market rates. The rate-sensitivity chart shows the interval of time in which given volumes of rate-sensitive earning assets and rate-sensitive interest-bearing liabilities would be responsive to changes in market interest rates based on their contractual maturities or terms for repricing. It is, however, only a static, single-day depiction of our rate sensitivity structure, which can be adjusted in response to changes in forecasted interest rates.

The following table sets forth the static rate-sensitivity analysis of First Busey as of June 30, 2008:

	Rate Sensitive Within					Total
	1-30 Days	31-90 Days	91-180 Days	181 Days - 1 Year	Over 1 Year	
	(dollars in thousands)					
Interest-bearing deposits	\$ 607	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 607
Federal funds sold	—	—	—	—	—	—
Investment securities						
U.S. Governments	16,001	31,180	50,297	71,568	169,781	338,827
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	2,168	352	5,856	5,727	84,012	98,115
Other securities	6,116	5,036	6,526	9,955	116,316	143,949
Loans (net of unearned int.)	1,236,162	202,193	229,676	398,675	1,099,999	3,166,705
Total rate-sensitive assets	\$ 1,261,054	\$ 238,761	\$ 292,355	\$ 485,925	\$ 1,470,108	\$ 3,748,203
Interest-bearing transaction deposits	\$ 78,751	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 78,751
Savings deposits	156,858	—	—	—	—	156,858
Money market deposits	1,222,385	—	—	—	—	1,222,385
Time deposits	132,648	212,529	327,444	356,557	310,339	1,339,517
Short-term borrowings:						
Federal funds purchased and repurchase agreements	210,332	2,540	2,562	2,300	—	217,734
Short-term borrowings	92,000	—	—	25,000	—	117,000
Long-term debt	40,000	7,000	—	7,085	97,825	151,910
Junior subordinated debt owed To unconsolidated trusts	—	25,000	—	—	30,000	55,000
Total rate-sensitive liabilities	\$ 1,932,974	\$ 247,069	\$ 330,006	\$ 390,942	\$ 438,164	\$ 3,339,155
Rate-sensitive assets less rate-sensitive liabilities	\$ (671,920)	\$ (8,308)	\$ (37,651)	\$ 94,983	\$ 1,031,944	\$ 409,048
Cumulative Gap	\$ (671,920)	\$ (680,228)	\$ (717,879)	\$ (622,896)	\$ 409,048	
Cumulative amounts as a percentage of total rate-	(17.93)%	(18.15)%	(19.15)%	(16.62)%	10.91%	

sensitive assets

Cumulative ratio	0.65	0.69	0.71	0.79	1.12
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The funds management policy of First Busey requires the banks to maintain a cumulative rate-sensitivity ratio of .75 – 1.25 in the 90-day, 180-day, and 1-year time periods. As of June 30, 2008, although the Company was outside of those guidelines, the banks were within those guidelines.

The foregoing table shows a cumulative negative (liability-sensitive) rate-sensitivity gap of \$622.9 million through one year as there were more liabilities subject to repricing during those time periods than there were assets subject to repricing within those same time periods. The volume of assets subject to repricing exceeds the volume of liabilities subject to repricing beyond one year. The composition of the gap structure at June 30, 2008, indicates we would benefit more if interest rates decrease during the next year by allowing the net interest margin to grow as the volume of interest-bearing liabilities subject to repricing would be greater than the volume of interest-earning assets subject to repricing during the same period, assuming rates on all categories of rate sensitive assets and rate sensitive liabilities change by the same amount and at the over the same period.

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First Busey's asset/liability committees do not rely solely on gap analysis to manage interest-rate risk as interest rate changes do not impact all categories of assets and liabilities equally or simultaneously. The committees supplement gap analysis with balance sheet and income simulation analysis to determine the potential impact on net interest income of changes in market interest rates. In these simulation models the balance sheet is projected over a one-year period and net interest income is calculated under current market rates, and then assuming permanent instantaneous shifts of +/-100 basis points and +/-200 basis points. Management measures such changes assuming immediate and sustained shifts in the Federal funds rate and the corresponding shifts in other rate indices based on their historical changes relative to changes in the Federal funds rate. The model assumes asset and liability remain constant at June 30, 2008, balances. The model assumes repricing frequency on all variable-rate assets and liabilities. The model also assumes a historical decay rate on all fixed-rate core deposit balances. Prepayment speeds on loans have been adjusted up and down to incorporate expected prepayment in both a declining and rising rate environment. Utilizing this measurement concept the interest rate risk of First Busey, expressed as a change in net interest income as a percentage of the net income calculated in the constant base model, due to an immediate and sustained change in interest rates at June 30, 2008, and December 31, 2007 was as follows:

	Basis Point Changes			
	- 200	- 100	+ 100	+ 200
June 30, 2008	(0.86)%	1.55%	(2.04)%	(4.45)%
December 31, 2007	(2.01)%	(0.33)%	0.07%	(0.05)%

The negative impact of an immediate and permanent interest rate shift in either direction is a reflection of the current low interest rate environment and our liability sensitive balance sheet through a one year period, as demonstrated in the gap schedule on the previous page. Due to the already low interest rates on deposits, a downward shift in interest rates may not be able to be fully absorbed by the rate sensitive liabilities at the 200 basis point decrease level. Thus, our rate sensitive assets' decline in interest rates would have a greater impact on net interest income than the decline in interest rate on our rate sensitive liabilities. If interest rates were to rise, a greater amount of our rate sensitive liabilities would reprice up over the subsequent year as compared to our rate sensitive assets, as seen in the gap schedule.

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ITEM 4: CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

An evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act) was carried out as of June 30, 2008, under the supervision and with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and several other members of our senior management. Our management concluded that, as of June 30, 2008, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective in ensuring that the information we are required to disclose in the reports we file or submit under the Act is (i) accumulated and communicated to our management (including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer) to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure, and (ii) recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

During the quarter ended June 30, 2008, First Busey did not make any changes in its internal control over financial reporting or other factors that materially affected, or were reasonably likely to materially affect its internal control over financial reporting.

PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1: Legal Proceedings

Not Applicable

ITEM 1A: Risk Factors

There have been no material changes from risk factors as previously disclosed in our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

ITEM 2: Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

The following table presents for the periods indicated a summary of the purchases made by or on behalf of First Busey of shares of its common stock.

	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (1)
April 1 – 30, 2008	—	—	—	983,155
May 1 – 31, 2008	87,500	18.82	87,500	895,655
June 1 – 30, 2008	—	—	—	895,655
Total	475,000	\$ 18.88	475,000	895,655

(1) On November 27, 2007, First Busey announced that its board of directors had authorized the repurchase of an additional 500,000 shares of common stock. On January 22, 2008, First Busey announced that its board of directors had authorized the repurchase of an additional 1 million shares of common stock following the expiration of the 2007 repurchase plan. First Busey's 2007 and 2008 repurchase plans have no expiration date and are active until all the shares are repurchased or action by the board of directors.

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ITEM 3: Defaults upon Senior Securities

Not Applicable

ITEM 4: Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

The annual meeting of the stockholders of First Busey was held on May 20, 2008. The stockholders approved the election of Directors with the votes cast as follows:

Election of Directors	For	Withheld
Director		
Joseph M. Ambrose	29,610,211	6,347,711
David J. Downey	29,576,177	6,381,745
Van A. Dukeman	29,703,045	6,254,877
David L. Ikenberry	29,703,206	6,254,716
E. Phillips Knox	29,572,338	6,385,584
V. B. Leister, Jr.	29,695,554	6,262,368
Gregory B. Lykins	29,700,504	6,257,418
August C. Meyer, Jr.	29,539,077	6,418,845
Douglas C. Mills	29,544,304	6,413,618
George T. Shapland	29,604,679	6,353,243

ITEM 5: Other Information

- (a) None
- (b) Not Applicable

ITEM 6: Exhibits

- 31.1 Certification of Principal Executive Officer.
- 31.2 Certification of Principal Financial Officer.
- 32.1 Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, from the Company's Chief Executive Officer.
- 32.2 Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, from the Company's Chief Financial Officer.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION
(Registrant)

By: //Van A. Dukeman//

Van A. Dukeman
President and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal executive officer)

By: //Barbara J. Harrington//

Barbara J. Harrington
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal financial and accounting officer)

Date: August 8, 2008

CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I, Van A. Dukeman, President and Chief Executive Officer of First Busey Corporation, certify that:

- 1) I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of First Busey Corporation;
- 2) Based on my knowledge, this quarterly report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this quarterly report;
- 3) Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this quarterly report;
- 4) The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant, and we have:
 - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this quarterly report is being prepared;
 - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principals;
 - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (for registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonable likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting;
- 5) The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):
 - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal controls over financial reporting which are reasonable likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial information; and
 - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls.

//Van A. Dukeman//

Van A. Dukeman
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: August 8, 2008

CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER

I, Barbara J. Harrington, Chief Financial Officer of First Busey Corporation, certify that:

- 1) I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of First Busey Corporation;
- 2) Based on my knowledge, this quarterly report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this quarterly report;
- 3) Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this quarterly report;
- 4) The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant, and we have:
 - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this quarterly report is being prepared;
 - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principals;
 - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (for registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonable likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting;
- 5) The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):
 - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal controls over financial reporting which are reasonable likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial information; and
 - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls.

//Barbara J. Harrington//

Barbara J. Harrington
Chief Financial Officer

Date: August 8, 2008

The following certification is provided by the undersigned Chief Executive Officer of First Busey Corporation on the basis of such officer's knowledge and belief for the sole purpose of complying with 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that the accompanying Report of First Busey Corporation on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2008, fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that information contained in such Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of First Busey Corporation as of and for the periods covered by the Report fairly presents in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of First Busey Corporation as of and for the periods covered by the Report.

//Van A. Dukeman//

Van A. Dukeman
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: August 8, 2008

The following certification is provided by the undersigned Chief Financial Officer of First Busey Corporation on the basis of such officer's knowledge and belief for the sole purpose of complying with 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that the accompanying Report of First Busey Corporation on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2008, fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that information contained in such Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of First Busey Corporation as of and for the periods covered by the Report.

//Barbara J. Harrington//

Barbara J. Harrington
Chief Financial Officer

Date: August 8, 2008
