



ADVANTAGE CAPITAL AGRIBUSINESS FUND

ABOUT THE FUND

A strong U.S. economy is contingent upon a strong rural economy – and yet investment capital is far less available in rural areas than in urban ones. Providing rural entrepreneurs with access to capital is critical to economic development and job creation.

To help address the limitations of traditional methods of equity financing, nine Farm Credit organizations have joined with Advantage Capital Partners to create the Advantage Capital Agribusiness Fund. The fund will develop a balanced and diversified portfolio of junior capital investments and focus on later-stage growth-oriented small businesses involved in agriculture, processing and marketing of agricultural products, farm supply, input suppliers and rural communications.

Advantage Capital Partners is the managing partner of the fund. There are nine limited partners and investors in the fund, each a member of the cooperatively owned Farm Credit System:

- AgCountry Farm Credit Services (Fargo, N.D.)
- AgriBank (St. Paul, Minn.)
- AgStar Financial Services (Mankato, Minn.)
- Capital Farm Credit (Bryan, Texas)
- CoBank (Denver, Colo.)
- Farm Credit Bank of Texas (Austin, Texas)
- Farm Credit Services of America (Omaha, Neb.)
- Farm Credit Mid-America (Louisville, Ky.)
- United FCS (Willmar, Minn.)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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HOW DOES THE FUND WORK?

The fund was formed as a Rural Business Investment Company (RBIC) and is conditionally licensed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through its Rural Business Investment Program (RBIP) to promote economic development in rural America. An RBIC works like a private equity fund: a fund manager raises money from a group of investors and then invests that money in a variety of private businesses. While the fund is supported by the USDA, it is non-leveraged, which means no taxpayer funds will be utilized.

THE FUND AT A GLANCE

Fund Size: \$150 million

Investment Size: RBIC guidelines state that a fund cannot invest more than 10 percent of the total fund value per equity investment.

Geographic Focus: The fund will consider investment opportunities in any rural area in the U.S.

Investment Period: Five years for new investments. The fund will operate for 10 years.



ABOUT ADVANTAGE CAPITAL PARTNERS

Advantage Capital Partners is a leading growth capital and small business finance firm focused on providing growth capital and other investments that support state and local economic development efforts. With offices and partners in New Orleans, St. Louis, Chicago and other U.S. cities, Advantage Capital Partners has invested more than \$1.6 billion since 1992.