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SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 16, 2001

1-6880 -----(Commission File Number)

U.S. BANCORP

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE 41-0255900
-----(State of Incorporation) (IRS Identification Number)

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Press Release by U.S. Bancorp dated October 16, 2001

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on it's behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

U.S. BANCORP

By: /s/ Terrance R. Dolan

Name: Terrance R. Dolan Title: Senior Vice President

Date: October 17, 2001

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U.S. BANCORP REPORTS EARNINGS FOR 3RD QUARTER 2001

(\$ in millions, except per-share data)				PERCENT	PERCE
	3Q 2001	~	~	CHANGE 3Q01 VS 2Q01	CHANG 3Q01 3Q00
Before merger and restructuring-related items*:	·			·	
Operating earnings		\$818.6	\$788.8	(81.7)	(81.0
Earnings per common share (diluted)	•	0.43	•	, ,	(80.5
Cash earnings per common share (diluted)**	0.15	0.49	0.46	(69.4)	(67.4
Net income	38.7	562.3	710.3	(93.1)	(94.6
Earnings per common share (diluted)	0.02	0.29	0.37	(93.1)	(94.6
Cash earnings per common share (diluted)**	0.09	0.35	0.42	(74.3)	(78.6
Dividends paid per common share	0.1875	0.1875	0.1625		15.4
Book value per common share (period-end)	8.54	8.10	7.58	5.4	12.

Return on average common equity***(%) Return on average assets*** (%)	3.5 0.35	21.0 1.99	21.8 1.97
Net interest margin (%)	4.42	4.37	4.32
Efficiency ratio*** (%)	49.5	47.6	48.2
Banking efficiency ratio****	45.7	42.7	42.8

- * merger and restructuring-related items (net of taxes) totaled \$111.0 million in 3Q01, \$256.3 million in 2Q01 and \$78.5 million in 3Q00 merger and restructuring-related items (net of taxes) totaled \$754.5 million year-to-date 2001 and \$175.8 million year-to-date 2000
- ** calculated by adding amortization of goodwill and other intangible assets to operating earnings and net income
- *** before merger and restructuring-related items
- ****before merger and restructuring-related items; without investment banking and brokerage activity

MINNEAPOLIS, October 16, 2001 - U.S. Bancorp (NYSE: USB) today reported operating earnings of \$149.7 million for the third quarter of 2001, compared with \$788.8 million for the third quarter of 2000. Operating earnings of \$.08 per diluted share in the third quarter of 2001 were lower than the same period of 2000 by \$.33, or 80.5 percent. Operating earnings on a cash basis were \$.15 per diluted share in the third quarter of 2001, compared with \$.46 in the third quarter of 2000. Return on

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average common equity and return on average assets, excluding merger and restructuring-related items, were 3.5 percent and .35 percent, respectively, in the third quarter of 2001, compared with returns of 21.8 percent and 1.97 percent in the third quarter of 2000.

U.S. Bancorp (the "Company") is the organization created by the merger of Firstar Corporation ("FSR") of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and the former U.S. Bancorp ("USB") of Minneapolis, Minnesota. The merger was completed on February 27, 2001, as a pooling-of-interests, and prior periods have been restated.

Including after-tax merger and restructuring-related items of \$111.0 million in the third quarter of 2001 and \$78.5 million in the third quarter of 2000, the Company recorded net income for the third quarter of 2001 of \$38.7 million, or \$.02 per diluted share, compared with \$710.3 million, or \$.37 per diluted share, for the same period of 2000.

As previously announced, the Company's third quarter results included an incremental provision for credit losses of \$1,025 million, or approximately \$655 million after-tax. Earnings for the third quarter of 2001 also reflect the impact of a \$36.0 million impairment of commercial and retail leasing residuals, recognition of \$24.7 million of mortgage servicing rights ("MSR") impairment,

and approximately \$14.0 million of write-downs of commercial leasing partnerships and repossessed tractor/trailer property, partially offset by gains on the sale of securities of \$59.8 million. In addition, the level of third quarter earnings compared with the prior quarter and the same quarter of 2000 was less than expected due to a slowdown in capital markets activity and payment processing volumes during the last three weeks of September. Although it is still early in the fourth quarter, given third quarter operating results and the Company's belief that current economic trends will continue into the fourth quarter of 2001, full year 2001 operating earnings are expected to be approximately \$1.32 per diluted share.

U.S. Bancorp President and Chief Executive Officer Jerry A. Grundhofer said, "As the economic slowdown accelerated during the latter part of the quarter, we promptly recognized the need to address the impact that these sudden changes could have on our credit portfolio. It also became apparent that capital markets and payment processing-related revenues would be below expectations in the quarter.

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We are disappointed with our third quarter results, but believe the actions we have taken to build balance sheet strength will give us the flexibility necessary to address the current uncertain economic environment. In the face of this uncertainty, and critical to achieving the organization's long-term goals, our Consumer Banking business line demonstrated its growth potential in the quarter as average retail loans increased an annualized 10.1 percent compared with the second quarter of 2001 and average noninterest-bearing deposits increased an annualized 12.4 percent compared with the second quarter of 2001. Integration activities remained on schedule, including the flawless conversion of bank-branded consumer credit cards and the successful rollout of the Five Star Service Guarantee in the former U.S. Bancorp markets. As an organization, we will continue to do what is right for our customers and prospects, including the achievement of our goal of providing industry-leading customer service."

Total revenue on a taxable-equivalent basis for the third quarter of 2001 grew by \$160.3 million, or 5.8 percent, over the third quarter of 2000, primarily due to acquisitions, securities gains and core banking growth, partially offset by a reduction in capital markets-related revenue, credit card fee revenue and the recognition of lease residual impairment. Excluding securities gains, total revenue on a taxable-equivalent basis for the third quarter of 2001 grew by \$101.6 million, or 3.7 percent, over the third quarter of 2000.

Total noninterest expense, before merger and restructuring-related items, increased over the third quarter of 2000 by \$85.0 million, or 6.4 percent, primarily reflecting acquisitions, the recognition of MSR impairment, and the write-down of commercial lease assets, partially offset by a reduction in compensation expense related to capital markets activity and cost savings from the integration of recent acquisitions. Provision for credit losses, before merger and restructuring-related items, for the third quarter of 2001 increased by \$1,061.0 million over the third quarter of 2000, reflecting an increase in charge-offs quarter over quarter and a \$712 million addition to the allowance for credit losses. The increase to the allowance recognizes the increasing probability that the current economic slowdown will accelerate or be more

prolonged as a result of recent events.

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Net charge-offs in the third quarter of 2001 were \$563.3 million, compared with the second quarter of 2001 net charge-offs of \$240.3 million and third quarter of 2000 net charge-offs of \$213.9 million. Approximately \$313.2 million of the increase in charge-offs reflects several factors, including recent collateral deterioration, further credit deterioration in the manufacturing, communications and technology sectors, and specific management decisions to accelerate its workout strategy for certain borrowers. Nonperforming assets decreased from \$1,215.1 million at June 30, 2001, to \$1,132.4 million at September 30, 2001, primarily reflecting management's credit quality initiatives. The ratio of allowance for credit losses to nonperforming loans was 243 percent at September 30, 2001, compared with 156 percent at June 30, 2001.

On July 24, 2001, the Company acquired NOVA Corporation (NYSE: NIS) ("NOVA") in a stock and cash transaction valued at approximately \$2.1\$ billion. The transaction was accounted for as a purchase.

On September 7, 2001, the Company acquired 20 branches in Southern California from Pacific Century Bank in a cash transaction. The acquisition includes approximately \$640 million in deposits, \$570 million in assets and 300 employees.

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INCOME STATEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

(Taxable-equivalent basis, \$ in millions, except per-share data)	3Q 2001	2Q 2001	3Q 2000	PERCENT CHANGE 3Q01 VS 2Q01	PERCENT CHANGE 3Q01 VS 3Q00
Net interest income Noninterest income*		\$1,586.0 1,264.4			5. 6.
Total revenue Noninterest expense*	•	2,850.4 1,341.9	•	2.7 5.7	5. 6.

Operating income before merger and					
restructuring-related items			1,434.1	0.1	5.
Provision for credit losses*	1,275.0	240.0	214.0	nm	n
Income before taxes, merger and					
restructuring-related items	234.4	1,268.5	1,220.1	(81.5)	(80.
Taxable-equivalent adjustment	10.7	16.8	21.2	(36.3)	(49.
Income taxes*		433.1	410.1	(82.9)	(82.
Income before merger and					
restructuring-related items	149.7	818.6	788.8	(81.7)	(81.
Merger and restructuring-related items (after-tax)	(111.0)	(256.3)	(78.5)	nm	nm
Net income		\$562.3	\$710.3	(93.1)	(94.
Per diluted common share: Earnings, before merger and restructuring-related items	\$0.08	\$0.43	\$0.41	(81.4)	(80.
Earnings on a cash basis, before merger and restructuring-related	=======		======		
items		\$0.49		(69.4)	(67.
Net income	\$0.02	\$0.29	\$0.37	(93.1)	(94.
Earnings on a cash basis**	\$0.09	\$0.35	\$0.42	(74.3)	(78.
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- * Before effect of merger and restructuring-related items
- net income

** Calculated by adding amortization of goodwill and other intangible assets to operating ear

Net Interest Income

Third quarter net interest income on a taxable-equivalent basis was \$1,619.8 million, compared with \$1,534.2 million recorded in the third quarter of 2000. Average earning assets for the period increased over the third quarter of 2000 by \$4.1 billion, or 2.9 percent, primarily driven by increases in the investment portfolio, core commercial and retail loan growth, and the impact of

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acquisitions, partially offset by a \$2.3 billion decline in lower margin residential mortgages, a \$1.8 billion reduction related to transfers of low margin, higher quality, commercial loans to Stellar Funding Group, Inc. (the "loan conduit") and the sale of indirect automobile and high LTV home equity loans in the first quarter of 2001. The net interest margin in the third quarter of 2001 was 4.42 percent, compared with 4.37 percent in the second quarter of

2001 and 4.32 percent in the third quarter of 2000. The improvement in the net interest margin in the third quarter of 2001 over the third quarter of 2000 and the second quarter of 2001 reflects funding benefits of the declining rate environment and improving spreads due to product re-pricing dynamics and loan conduit transfers, partially offset by lower yields on the investment portfolio.

			PERCENT CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE	
3Q 2001	2Q 2001	~	~	~	Y'
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18,918	18,991	19,232	(0.4)	(1.6)	
7,140	7,360	6,982	(3.0)	2.3	
26,058	26,351	26,214	(1.1)	(0.6)	
6,634	7,189	8,971	(7.7)	(26.1)	
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24,757	24,315 	24,651	- 1.8	0.4	
35 , 099	34,432	33,068	1.9	6.1	;
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Average loans for the third quarter of 2001 were \$2.0 billion lower, or 1.7 percent, than the third quarter of 2000. Year-over-year loan growth was impacted by several management actions, including the first quarter of 2001 sale of the home equity and indirect automobile loan portfolios, the reclassification of a discontinued unsecured small business product to loans held for sale, branch divestitures, and transfers of short-term, high quality, commercial loans to the loan conduit. In addition, the Company continued to reduce its lower margin residential mortgage portfolio. Excluding residential mortgage loans, average

loans for the third quarter were higher by \$361 million, or .3 percent, than the third quarter of 2000.

Excluding residential mortgage loans, average loans for the third quarter of 2001 were lower than the second quarter of 2001 by \$1.5 billion, or 1.3 percent, primarily reflecting the transfer of commercial loans to the conduit and the second quarter of 2001 reclassification of a discontinued unsecured small business product to loans held for sale.

Investment securities at September 30, 2001, were \$8.9 billion more than at September 30, 2000, and \$4.5 billion higher than at June 30, 2001, reflecting net purchases of securities. Average investment securities for the third quarter of 2001 were \$5.9 billion higher, or 35.0 percent, than the same of quarter of 2000.

Average noninterest-bearing deposits in the third quarter of 2001 were higher than the third quarter of 2000 by \$1.5 billion, or 6.3 percent. Average interest-bearing deposits declined by \$303 million, or .4 percent, from the third quarter of 2000. Growth in average interest checking and money market deposits was more than offset by reductions in the average balances of higher cost savings and time deposits.

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(\$ in millions)				PERCENT	PERCE
	2.0	0.0	2.0	CHANGE	CHANG
	3Q	2Q	3Q		~
	2001	2001	2000	2Q01 	3Q00
Credit card fee revenue	\$192.2	\$198.7	\$208.2	(3.3)	(7.
Merchant and ATM processing revenue	·	•	53.0		-
Trust and investment management fees	226.2	228.0	231.1	(0.8)	(2.
Deposit service charges	168.7	176.7	144.3	(4.5)	
Cash management fees	89.7	84.9	74.7	5.7	20.
Mortgage banking revenue	60.3	57.0	44.7	5.8	34.
Trading account profits and commissions	43.6	55.8	50.9	(21.9)	(14.
Investment products fees and commissions	108.0	114.2	107.8	(5.4)	0.
Investment banking revenue	56.9	71.1	100.6	(20.0)	(43.
Commercial product revenue	96.2	93.8	86.0	2.6	11.
Securities gains, net	59.8	31.3	1.1	nm	r
Other	68.2	91.0	131.2	(25.1)	(48.
Subtotal	1,308.3	1,264.4	1,233.6	3.5	6.
Merger and restructuring-related gains		62.2			

Total noninterest income

\$1,308.3 \$1,326.6 \$1,233.6

Noninterest Income

Third quarter noninterest income, excluding merger and restructuring-related items, was \$1,308.3 million, an increase of \$74.7 million, or 6.1 percent, from the same quarter of 2000, and a \$43.9 million, or 3.5 percent, increase from the second quarter of 2001. Excluding the impact of securities gains and merger and restructuring-related items, noninterest income in the third quarter of 2001 was \$16.0 million, or 1.3 percent, higher than the third quarter of 2000, and \$15.4 million, or 1.2 percent, higher than the second quarter of 2001. Credit card fee revenue was lower in the third quarter of 2001 over the same period of 2000 by \$16.0 million, or 7.7 percent, primarily due to lower corporate, purchasing and retail card transaction volumes. The decline, in part, reflects lower charge volumes during the last three weeks of September. Merchant and ATM processing revenue was higher in the third quarter of 2001 over the same period of 2000 by \$85.5 million, or 161.3 percent, principally due to

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the acquisition of NOVA. Deposit service charges, commercial product revenue, cash management fees, and mortgage banking revenue also improved in the third quarter of 2001 over the third quarter of 2000 by \$24.4 million (16.9 percent), \$10.2 million (11.9 percent), \$15.0 million (20.1 percent), and \$15.6 million (34.9 percent), respectively. The increase in deposit service charges was primarily due to the alignment and re-design of products and features following the Firstar/U.S. Bancorp merger. The increase in cash management fees and commercial product revenue was primarily driven by the growth in core business and product fee enhancements during 2000. Mortgage banking revenue increased in the third quarter of 2001 compared with the third quarter of 2000 due to increases in origination and sales fees and loan servicing revenue, partially offset by a decrease in gain on the sale of servicing rights. Other income declined \$63.0 million from a year ago, primarily reflecting a \$36.0 million impairment of commercial and retail leasing residuals in the third quarter of 2001 and a decline in the level of gains on equity investments compared with the third quarter of 2000.

Excluding securities gains and merger and restructuring-related items, noninterest income increased in the third quarter of 2001 by \$15.4 million, or 1.2 percent, over the second quarter of 2001. Merchant and ATM processing revenue increased by \$76.6 million (123.7 percent) over the second quarter of 2001, due to the NOVA acquisition. Positive variances in commercial product revenue, cash management fees and mortgage banking revenue were more than offset by reductions in capital market-related revenues, deposit service charges and other income.

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(\$ in millions)				PERCENT CHANGE	PERC CHAN
	3Q	2Q	3Q	3Q01 VS	3Q01
	2001	2001	2000	2Q01 	3Q0
Salaries	\$580.3	\$570.5	\$602.4	1.7	(3
Employee benefits	85.4	90.7	89.4	(5.8)	(4
Net occupancy	102.5	101.4	99.8	1.1	2
Furniture and equipment	74.9	74.9	79.6		(5
Communication	49.4	50.3	35.7	(1.8)	38
Postage	44.7	43.8	43.1	2.1	3
Goodwill			60.4		
Other intangible assets			37.3		120
Other	334.4	297.7	286.0	12.3	16
Subtotal	1,418.7	1,341.9	1,333.7	5.7	6
Merger and restructuring-related charges	148.8	252.8	117.7		
Total noninterest expense	\$1 , 567.5	\$1 , 594.7	\$1,451.4		

Noninterest Expense

Third quarter noninterest expense, before merger and restructuring-related charges, totaled \$1,418.7 million, an increase of \$85.0 million, or 6.4 percent, from the third quarter of 2000. The increase in noninterest expense was primarily the result of core business growth and approximately \$85 million related to recent acquisitions, including NOVA, Scripps Financial, Lyon Financial and 41 branches in Tennessee, \$24.7 million of MSR impairment related to the declining rate environment, and asset writedowns of \$14.0 million of commercial leasing partnerships and repossessed tractor/trailer property, partially offset by cost savings related to merger integration and restructuring activities and a reduction in expense related to capital markets activity. The Company actively hedges its risk of MSR impairment through principal only and other investment positions. As such, a portion of the MSR impairment was offset by securities gains recognized during the quarter.

Third quarter of 2001 noninterest expense, before merger and restructuring-related charges, was higher than the second quarter of 2001 by \$76.8 million, or 5.7 percent, primarily due to the acquisition of NOVA and the MSR impairment and asset writedowns.

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(\$ in millions)	CURRENT	ESTIMATED TIMING		AC
SUMMARY OF CHARGES	ESTIMATE	2001	 2002 	10
Firstar/U.S. Bancorp				
Severance and employee-related costs	\$237.4	\$244.9	(\$7.5)	\$12
Building and equipment		79.2		
Investment banking and transaction costs	62.9	62.9		(
Charitable foundation	76.0	76.0		
Restructurings*	500.1	490.1	10.0	18
Branch sale	(62.2)	(62.2)		
Other, net	132.8	81.2	51.6	
Subtotal	1,054.0	972.1	81.9	5(
Conversion and integration	346.5	197.8	148.7	-
Total Firstar/U.S. Bancorp**	1,400.5	1,169.9	230.6	5:
U.S. Bancorp Piper Jaffray restructuring		45.6		,
NOVA	100.0	3.9	96.1	
Other acquisitions, net	75.4	65.5	9.9	
Total merger and restructuring	\$1,621.5	\$1,284.9	 \$336.6	 \$5

^{*}Detail of restructuring charges

Unsecured small business credit line portfolio Credit policy and risk management practice alignment Sale of high LTV home equity and indirect auto portfolios Exit U.S. Bancorp Libra Branch consolidation Exit other business lines and/or portfolios	\$201.3 90.0 76.6 45.4 20.0 51.9
Other	14.9
Total restructurings	\$500.1 =====

** Originally estimated to be \$800 million

Earnings in the third quarter of 2001 included pre-tax net merger and restructuring-related items of \$163.1 million. The total merger and restructuring-related items included \$139.9 million of net expense associated with the Firstar/U.S. Bancorp merger. In addition, \$23.2 million of expense was included in the third quarter of 2001 for the U.S. Bancorp Piper Jaffray restructuring, NOVA and other recent, smaller acquisitions.

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The \$139.9 million of net merger and restructuring-related items associated with the U.S. Bancorp/Firstar merger included \$51.9 million to restructure a co-branding relationship of the former U.S. Bancorp. The restructuring charge included a \$14.3 million provision for credit losses related to the release of certain credit quality indemnifications in the original contract and \$35.7 million for the impairment of intangibles. Merger and restructuring-related charges also included \$22.5 million of severance and employee-related costs, \$4.6 million of building and equipment costs, \$51.9 million of conversion and integration costs, and \$9.0 million of miscellaneous other expense.

(\$ in millions)	30200		20	10200
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			2001	"NORMALIZED*"
Balance, beginning of period	\$1,715.7	\$1,715.7	\$1,729.1	\$1,786.9
Net charge-offs				
Commercial	69.9	307.2	75.5	53.9
Lease financing	11.8	78.2	9.1	6.4
Total commercial	81.7	385.4	84.6	60.3
Commercial mortgages	1.4	6.9	(0.2)	3.1
Construction and development	(0.6)	3.4	2.5	0.8
Total commercial real estate	0.8	10.3	2.3	3.9
Residential mortgages	3.6	3.6	3.3	3.2
Credit card	71.5	71.5	68.5	57.8
Retail leasing	7.1	7.1	7.0	6.2
Other retail	85.4	85.4	74.6	95.7
Total retail	164.0	164.0	150.1	159.7
Total net charge-offs	250.1	563.3	240.3	227.1
Provision for credit losses				
Operating basis	961.8	1,275.0	240.0	282.4
Merger-related	14.3	14.3	201.3	
Total provision for	976.1	1,289.3	441.3	282.4

credit losses Losses from loan sales/transfers Acquisitions and other changes	(1.3) 17.6	(1.3) 17.6	(214.4)	(113.6) 0.5
Balance, end of period	\$2,458.0	\$2,458.0	\$1,715.7	\$1,729.1
Net charge-offs to average loans (%)	0.85	1.90	0.81	0.76
Allowance for credit losses to Period-end loans (%)	2.15	2.15	1.45	1.45

- * categories adjusted for merger-related (\$90.0 million) and portfolio restructuring-related (\$
- ** categories adjusted for specific management credit initiatives in the third quarter ($\$313.2\ m$

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Credit Quality

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The allowance for credit losses was \$2,458.0 million at September 30, 2001, compared with the allowance for credit losses of \$1,715.7 million at June 30, 2001. The ratio of allowance for credit losses to nonperforming loans was 243 percent at September 30, 2001, higher than the ratio of 156 percent at June 30, 2001. The ratio of allowance for credit losses to period-end loans was 2.15 percent at September 30, 2001, compared with 1.45 percent at June 30, 2001. During the third quarter of 2001, the Company recognized an incremental provision for credit losses to strengthen its allowance coverage ratios. This action recognizes an increasing probability that the current economic slowdown will accelerate or be more prolonged as a result of recent events. Management's action reflects increasing uncertainties surrounding the timing of an economic recovery and its impact on the credit quality of the loan portfolio. Given recent events, deterioration in the manufacturing and transportation sectors is now expected to continue. Uncertainty with respect to the airline industry, travel and entertainment and consumer-related businesses also has been considered by management in determining the allowance for credit losses as of September 30, 2001.

Total net charge-offs in the third quarter of 2001 were \$563.3 million, compared with the second quarter of 2001 net charge-offs of \$240.3 million and the third quarter of 2000 net charge-offs of \$213.9 million. Total net charge-offs in the third quarter of 2001 included \$313.2 million of commercial charge-offs related to specific credit initiatives taken by management.

Commercial and commercial real estate loan net charge-offs were \$395.7 million for the third quarter of 2001, or 2.07 percent of average loans outstanding, compared with \$86.9 million, or .45 percent, in the second quarter of 2001 and \$80.2 million, or .41 percent, of average loans outstanding, in the third quarter of 2000. Approximately \$313.2 million of the increase in charge-offs reflects several factors including: a large cattle fraud, recent

collateral deterioration specific to transportation equipment caused by the impact of fuel prices and the economy, further deterioration in the

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manufacturing, communications and technology sectors and specific management decisions to accelerate its workout strategy for certain borrowers. Excluding net charge-offs associated with these events and management credit initiatives ("normalized" net charge-offs), commercial and commercial real estate loan net charge-offs in the third quarter of 2001 were \$82.5 million, or .43 percent of average loans outstanding.

Retail loan net charge-offs of \$164.0 million in the third quarter of 2001 were higher than the same period of 2000 by \$32.6 million, or 24.8 percent, and \$13.9 million, or 9.3 percent, higher than the second quarter of 2001. The increase in retail loan net charge-offs in the third quarter of 2001 from the second quarter of 2001 was primarily due to higher bankruptcies, reflecting the continuing downturn in economic conditions. Retail loan net charge-offs as a percent of average loans outstanding were 1.85 percent in the third quarter of 2001, compared with 1.75 percent and 1.58 percent in the second quarter of 2001 and third quarter of 2000, respectively.

CREDIT RATIOS					TABL
	SEP 30 2001	JUN 30 2001	MAR 31 2001	2000	20
Net charge-offs ratios*					
Commercial	2.79	0.66	2.34	0.59	0.
Lease financing		0.62			0.
Total commercial	3.08				0.
Commercial real estate	0.16	0.04	0.45	0.16	0.
Residential mortgage	0.22	0.18	0.17	0.14	0.
Credit card	4.97	4.86	4.15	4.15	4.
Retail leasing	0.61	0.63	0.59	0.46	0.
Other retail	1.37	1.23	1.46	1.27	1.
Total retail	1.85	1.75	1.79	1.62	1.
Total net charge-offs	1.90	0.81	1.59	0.75	0.
Delinquent loan ratios**					
Commercial past due 90+ days	1.45	1.41	1.22	0.95	0.
Consumer past due 90+ days	1.05	1.00	1.01	0.92	0.

^{*} annualized and calculated on average loan balances

^{**} ratios include nonperforming loans and are expressed as a percent of ending loan balances

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The Company expects total net charge-offs in the fourth quarter of 2001 to decrease modestly from the normalized net charge-offs in the third quarter of 2001. However, given the increasing probability that the current economic slowdown will accelerate or be more prolonged by recent events, there is still significant uncertainty as to the level and timing of commercial charge-offs over the next several quarters.

ASSET QUALITY					TABLE 9
(\$ in millions)					
			MAR 31		
	2001	2001 	2001	2000	2000
Nonperforming loans					
Commercial	\$580.8	\$724.1	\$631.9	\$470.4	\$383.8
Lease financing			103.8		57.5
Total commercial	717.4	850.5	735.7	540.9	
Commercial mortgages			98.5		
Construction and development	55.5	37.3	57.8	38.2	34.8
Commercial real estate	180.2	151.7	156.3	143.7	
Residential mortgages	76.7	67.7	64.8	56.9	60.7
Retail	37.0	30.0	25.1	23.8	22.0
Total nonperforming loans	1,011.3	1,099.9	981.9	765.3	666.4
Other real estate			55.0		
Other nonperforming assets	65.7 	62.5 	53.9	40.6	30.4
Total nonperforming assets*	•	•	\$1,090.8		\$739 . 4
Accruing loans 90 days past due	\$483.8	\$395.9	\$390.7	\$385.2	\$329.1
Allowance to nonperforming loans (%)					
Allowance to nonperforming assets (%) Nonperforming assets to loans	217	141	159	206	240
plus ORE (%)	0.99	1.02	0.91	0.71	0.61
*does not include accruing loans 90 days	past due				

Nonperforming assets at September 30, 2001, totaled \$1,132.4 million, compared with \$1,215.1 million at June 30, 2001, and \$739.4 million at September 30, 2000. The \$82.7 million decrease in nonperforming assets from June 30, 2001, to September 30, 2001, was primarily due to

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the commercial charge-offs taken in the quarter. The ratio of nonperforming assets to loans and other real estate was .99 percent at September 30, 2001, compared with 1.02 percent at June 30, 2001, and .61 percent at September 30, 2000.

CAPITAL POSITION					TABLE 10
(\$ in millions)	SEP 30 2001	JUN 30 2001	MAR 31 2001	DEC 31 2000	SEP 30 2000
Total shareholders' equity	\$16 , 817	\$15 , 456	\$15 , 243	\$15 , 168	\$14 , 334
Tier 1 capital	11,781	12,860	11,831	11,602	11,179
Total risk-based capital	18,666	18,066	17,135	17,038	16,740
Common equity to assets	10.0%	9.4%	9.5%	9.2%	8.9%
Tangible common equity to assets	5.9	6.6	6.6	6.3	6.3
Tier 1 capital ratio	7.2	8.0	7.4	7.2	7.1
Total risk-based capital ratio	11.4	11.2	10.7	10.6	10.6
Leverage ratio	7.3	8.0	7.5	7.4	7.2

Total shareholder's equity was \$16.8 billion at September 30, 2001, compared with \$14.3 billion at September 30, 2000. The increase was the result of strong corporate earnings, including merger and restructuring-related items, offset by dividend payments and share buybacks in the third quarter of 2000 prior to the announcement of the merger of Firstar and the former U.S. Bancorp.

Tangible common equity to assets was 5.9 percent at September 30, 2001, compared with 6.6 percent at June 30, 2001, and 6.3 percent at September 30, 2000. The Tier 1 capital ratio was 7.2 percent at September 30, 2001, compared with 8.0 percent at June 30, 2001, and 7.1 percent at September 30, 2000. The decrease primarily reflects the NOVA acquisition, including the level of intangibles and the capital structure utilized to acquire the company. The total risk-based capital ratio was 11.4 percent at September 30, 2001, compared with 11.2 percent at June 30, 2001, and 10.6 percent at September 30, 2000. The improvement in the total risk-based capital ratio in the third quarter of 2001 primarily reflects changes in the mix of investment securities in addition to

the second quarter of 2001 issuance of "trust preferred" securities. The leverage ratio was 7.3 percent at September 30, 2001, compared with 8.0 percent at June 30, 2001, and 7.2 percent at September 30, 2000. All regulatory ratios continue to be in excess of stated "well capitalized" requirements.

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COMMON SHARES					TAB
(Millions)	3Q 2001	2Q 2001	1Q 2001	4Q 2000	3(20)
Beginning shares outstanding	1,907.6	1,905.3	1,902.1	1,890.3	1,90
Shares issued for stock option and stock purchase plans, acquisitions and other					
corporate purposes	62.7	2.3	3.2	11.8	
Shares repurchased	(1.3)				(:
Ending shares outstanding	1,969.0	1,907.6	1,905.3	1,902.1	1,8

On July 17, 2001, the board of directors of U.S. Bancorp approved a plan to repurchase 56.4 million shares of its outstanding common stock to replace the shares issued in connection with the acquisition of NOVA. During the third quarter of 2001, the Company repurchased 1.3 million shares of common stock in both public and private transactions. The Company also entered into forward contracts to repurchase the majority of the remaining shares authorized for repurchase. These contracts include agreements to repurchase 18.4 million shares in the fourth quarter of 2001, 17.8 million shares in the first quarter of 2002 and 8.9 million shares in the second quarter of 2002.

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LINE OF BUSINESS FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE*

(\$ in millions)

	PRE-TAX	OPERATING	INCOME * *	PERCEN	T CHANGE	
BUSINESS LINE	3Q 2001	2Q 2001	3Q 2000	3Q01 VS 2Q01	3Q01 VS 3Q00	YTD 2001
Wholesale Banking	\$483.3	\$498.6	\$456.8	(3.1)	5.8	\$1,471.9
Consumer Banking	540.8	609.6	613.9	(11.3)	(11.9)	1,732.0
Private Client, Trust and						
Asset Management	162.9	162.9	168.3		(3.2)	483.7
Payment Services	294.8	285.0	276.7	3.4	6.5	854.0
Capital Markets	20.0	32.8	39.2	(39.0)	(49.0)	88.5
Treasury and Corporate Support	7.6	(80.4)	(120.8)	nm	nm	(31.5)
Consolidated Company	\$1,509.4	\$1,508.5	\$1,434.1	0.1	5.3	\$4,598.6
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- * preliminary data
- ** pre-tax income before merger and restructuring-related items and provision for credit losse

Line of Business

Within the Company, financial performance is measured by major lines of business which include: Wholesale Banking, Consumer Banking, Private Client, Trust and Asset Management, Payment Services, Capital Markets, and Treasury and Other Corporate Support. The business line results are derived from the Company's profitability reporting systems. Designations, assignments and allocations may change from time to time as product lines change or segments are realigned to better respond to our diverse customer base. All results for 2001 and 2000 have been restated to present consistent methodologies for all business lines.

Wholesale Banking offers lending, depository, treasury management and other financial services to middle market, large corporate and public sector clients. Wholesale Banking contributed \$483.3 million of the Company's pre-tax operating income in the third quarter of 2001, a 5.8 percent increase over the same period of 2000 and a 3.1 percent decrease from the second quarter of 2001. Total revenue grew by 7.9 percent from the third quarter of 2000 to the third quarter of 2001, the result of deposit growth, as well as the impact of an equipment finance division acquisition, and an increase in noninterest income (21.7 percent), particularly cash management-related fees. Offsetting the favorable variance in revenue was an increase in noninterest expense (18.6 percent), primarily due to the leasing acquisition and planned growth in targeted markets.

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Consumer Banking delivers products and services to the broad consumer market and small businesses through banking offices, telemarketing, on-line service, direct mail and automated teller machines ("ATM"). It encompasses community banking, metropolitan banking, small business banking, consumer lending, mortgage banking and investment sales. Consumer Banking contributed

\$540.8 million of the Company's pre-tax operating income in the third quarter of 2001, an 11.9 percent decrease from the same period of 2000, and an 11.3 percent decrease from the second quarter of 2001. Total revenue declined by 2.5 percent in the third quarter of 2001 from the same quarter of 2000. Fee-based revenue increased 13.7 percent from a year ago, while net interest income declined 8.2 percent. The decrease in net interest income reflects the impact of declining interest rates on the funding benefit of consumer deposits, the divestiture of home equity and indirect automobile loans in the first quarter of 2001, and branches divestitures during the second guarter of 2001 in connection with the FSR/USB merger. The decline was partially offset by a funding benefit related to the acquisition of 41 branches in Tennessee. Growth in fee-based revenue from a year ago is primarily attributed to an increase in retail deposit and cash management fees, the result of core account growth, product pricing enhancements, the alignment and re-design of products and features following the merger, and fee revenue related to the Tennessee branch acquisition. Mortgage banking revenue also contributed to the favorable variance. Noninterest expense increased over the third quarter of 2000 (11.2 percent), primarily due to MSR impairment and the Tennessee branch acquisition.

Private Client, Trust and Asset Management provides mutual fund processing services, trust, private banking and financial advisory services through four businesses, including: the Private Client Group, Corporate Trust, Institutional Trust and Custody, and Mutual Fund Services. The business segment also offers investment management services to several client segments including mutual funds, institutional customers, and private asset management. Private Client, Trust and Asset Management contributed \$162.9 million of the Company's pre-tax operating income in the third quarter of 2001, a 3.2 percent decrease from the same period of 2000 and equal to the second quarter of 2001. Growth in net interest income (1.3 percent) in the third quarter of 2001 from the third quarter of 2000 was driven by growth in loans and deposits of 11.6 percent and 4.0 percent, respectively. Noninterest income declined by 3.7 percent primarily due to softness in account management fees affected by the markets. Noninterest expense decreased by 1.9 percent due to integration activities.

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Payment Services includes consumer and business credit cards, corporate and purchasing card services, consumer lines of credit, ATM processing and merchant processing. Payment Services contributed \$294.8 million of the Company's pre-tax operating income in the third quarter of 2001, a 6.5 percent increase over the same period of 2000 and a 3.4 percent increase over the second quarter of 2001. Strong revenue growth of 16.2 percent, primarily due to the acquisition of NOVA, was partially offset by an increase in noninterest expense (39.3 percent) related to the acquisition.

Capital Markets engages in equity and fixed income trading activities, offers investment banking and underwriting services for corporate and public sector customers and provides financial advisory services and securities, mutual funds, annuities and insurance products to consumers and regionally-based businesses through a network of brokerage offices. Capital Markets contributed \$20.0 million of the Company's pre-tax operating income in the third quarter of 2001, a 49.0 percent decline from the third quarter of 2000 and a 39.0 percent decline from the second quarter of 2001. The unfavorable variances in pre-tax operating income from the third quarter of 2000 and second quarter of 2001 were

due to significant decreases in fees related to trading, investment products fees and commissions and investment banking revenues.

Treasury and Corporate Support includes the Company's investment and residential mortgage portfolios, funding, capital management and asset securitization activities, interest rate risk management, the net effect of transfer pricing related to loan and deposit balances, and the change in residual allocations associated with the provision for credit losses. It also includes business activities managed on a corporate basis, including income and expense of enterprise-wide operations and administrative support functions. Treasury and Corporate Support recorded a pre-tax operating income of \$7.6 million in the third quarter of 2001, compared with losses of \$120.8 million in the third quarter of 2000 and \$80.4 million in the second quarter of 2001. The increase in pre-tax operating earnings was primarily driven by an improvement in net interest income due to the funding and asset liability management activities during the declining rate environment.

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VICE CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER DAVID M. MOFFETT WILL HOST A CONFERENCE CALL TO REVIEW THE FINANCIAL RESULTS ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2001 AT 1:00 P.M. (CDT). To access the conference call, please dial 800-235-0452 and ask for the U.S. Bancorp earnings conference call. Participants calling from outside the United States, please call 785-832-1077. For those unable to participate during the live call, a recording of the call will be available from 5:00 p.m. (CDT) on Tuesday, October 16, 2001 through 11:00 p.m. (CDT) on Tuesday, October 23, 2001. To access the recorded message dial 800-374-0328. If calling from outside the United States, please dial 402-220-0663.

Minneapolis-based U.S. Bancorp ("USB"), with \$168 billion in assets, is the 8th largest financial services holding company in the United States. The company operates 2,186 banking offices and 4,937 ATMs, and provides a comprehensive line of banking, brokerage, insurance, investment, mortgage, and trust payment services products to consumers, businesses and institutions. U.S. Bancorp is the parent company of Firstar Bank and U.S. Bank. Visit U.S. Bancorp on the web at www.usbank.com and Firstar Bank at www.firstar.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements. Statements that are not historical or current facts, including statements about beliefs and expectations, are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements cover, among other things, projected earnings growth, anticipated future expenses and revenues, and the future prospects of the Company. Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties, and important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated, including the following, in addition to those contained in the Company's reports on file with the SEC: (i) general economic or industry conditions could be less favorable than expected, resulting in a deterioration in credit quality, a change in the allowance for credit losses, or a reduced demand for credit or fee-based products and services; (ii) changes in the domestic interest rate environment could reduce net interest income and could increase credit losses; (iii) the conditions of the securities markets could change, adversely affecting revenues from capital markets businesses, the value or credit quality of the Company's

on-balance sheet and off-balance sheet assets, or the availability and terms of funding necessary to meet the Company's liquidity needs; (iv) changes in the extensive laws, regulations and policies governing financial services companies could alter the Company's business environment or affect operations; (v) the potential need to adapt to industry changes in information technology systems, on which the Company is highly dependent, could present operational issues or require significant capital spending; (vi) competitive pressures could intensify and affect the Company's profitability, including as a result of continued industry consolidation, the increased availability of financial services from non-banks, technological developments such as the Internet, or bank regulatory reform; and (vii) acquisitions may not produce revenue enhancements or cost savings at levels or within time frames originally anticipated, or may result in unforeseen integration difficulties. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and the Company undertakes no obligation to update them in light of new information or future events.

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U.S. Bancorp CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME

NONINTEREST INCOME

	Three Months Ended September 30,		
(Dollars and Shares in Millions, Except Per Share Data) (Unaudited)	2001	2000	
INTEREST INCOME			
Loans		\$2,710.7	
Loans held for sale	53.9	32.7	
Investment securities			
Taxable	321.2		
Non-taxable	15.9	34.8	
Money market investments		14.5	
Trading securities	11.2	12.8	
Other interest income	24.3	37.7	
Total interest income	2,718.4	3,093.6	
INTEREST EXPENSE			
Deposits	670.0	954.0	
Short-term borrowings	122.9	191.2	
Long-term debt	276.7	403.9	
Company-obligated mandatorily redeemable preferred			
securities of subsidiary trusts holding solely the junior	00 5	0.1 5	
subordinated debentures of the parent company	39.7 	31.5	
Total interest expense	1,109.3	1,580.6	
Net interest income	1,609.1	1,513.0	
Provision for credit losses	1,289.3	214.0	
Net interest income after provision for credit losses	319.8	1,299.0	

Credit card fee revenue	192.2	208.2
Merchant and ATM processing revenue	138.5	53.0
Trust and investment management fees	226.2	231.1
Deposit service charges	168.7	144.3
Cash management fees	89.7	74.7
Mortgage banking revenue	60.3	44.7
Trading account profits and commissions	43.6	50.9
Investment products fees and commissions	108.0	107.8
Investment banking revenue	56.9	100.6
Commercial product revenue	96.2	86.0
Securities gains, net	59.8	1.1
Merger and restructuring-related gains		
Other	68.2	131.2
Total noninterest income	1,308.3	1,233.6
NONINTEREST EXPENSE		
Salaries	580.3	602.4
Employee benefits	85.4	89.4
Net occupancy	102.5	99.8
Furniture and equipment	74.9	79.6
Communication	49.4	35.7
Postage	44.7	43.1
Goodwill	64.9	60.4
Other intangible assets	82.2	37.3
Merger and restructuring-related charges	148.8	117.7
Other	334.4	286.0
Total noninterest expense	1,567.5	
Income before income taxes	60.6	1,081.2
Applicable income taxes	21.9	370.9
Net income	\$38.7	\$710.3
EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE	=======================================	
Average common shares	1,952.7	1,895.6
Earnings per share	\$.02 	\$.37
Average diluted common shares	1,965.4	1,907.1
Diluted earnings per share	\$.02 =======	\$.37

U.S. Bancorp CONSOLIDATED ENDING BALANCE SHEET

(Dollars in Millions)	September 30, 2001	December 3 20
ASSETS	(Unaudited)	
Cash and due from banks Money market investments Trading account securities	\$7 , 570 763 746	\$8 , 4 6 7

Investment securities		
Held-to-maturity	279	2
Available-for-sale	25,349	17 , 3
Loans held for sale	2,407	7
Loans		
Commercial	47,259	52 , 8
Commercial real estate	25 , 535	26,4
Residential mortgages	6 , 279	7,7
Retail	35 , 494	35 , 3
Total loans	114,567	122,3
Less allowance for credit losses	2,458	1,7
Net loans	112,109	120,5
Premises and equipment	1,773	1,8
Customers' liability on acceptances	150	1
Goodwill and other intangible assets	7,448	5 , 3
Other assets	9,236	8,7
Total assets	\$167,830 ========	\$164 , 9
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY Deposits Noninterest-bearing	\$27 , 074	\$26 , 6
Interest-bearing	65,874	68,1
Time deposits greater than \$100,000	10,857	14,7
Time deposito greater than 4100,000		·
Total deposits	103,805	109,5
Short-term borrowings	12,614	11,8
Long-term debt	26,881	21,8
Company-obligated mandatorily redeemable preferred securities of subsidiary trusts holding solely the junior		
subordinated debentures of the parent company	2,115	1,4
Acceptances outstanding	150	±, - 1
Other liabilities	5 , 448	4.9
		·
Total liabilities	151,013	149,7
Shareholders' equity		
Common stock	20	
Capital surplus	4,918	4,2
Retained earnings	11,585	11,6
Treasury stock	(62)	(8
Other comprehensive income	356	
Total shareholders' equity	16,817	15,1
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$167,830	\$164 , 9