

FARMERS NATIONAL BANC CORP /OH/  
Form 425  
September 08, 2015

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

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

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 8, 2015**

**Farmers National Banc Corp.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Ohio**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**

**of incorporation)**

**20 South Broad Street, P.O. Box 555, Canfield, Ohio**

**001-35296**  
**(Commission**

**File Number)**

**34-1371693**  
**(IRS Employer**

**Identification No.)**

**44406-05555**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(330) 533-3341

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On September 8, 2015, Farmers National Banc Corp. (the Company) issued a press release announcing that it has received regulatory approvals, including approval from The Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, necessary to complete the proposed merger of Tri-State 1<sup>st</sup> Banc, Inc. (TSOH) with and into FMNB Merger Subsidiary, LLC, a newly-formed wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company (Merger Sub), pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of June 23, 2015 by and among TSOH, Merger Sub and the Company, and the related merger of TSOH's wholly-owned subsidiary bank, † National Community Bank, with and into The Farmers National Bank of Canfield, the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary bank. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

The press release is furnished herein, as part of this Item 8.01, as Exhibit 99.1. Pursuant to General Instruction B.2 of Current Report on Form 8-K, the information in this Item 8.01 and Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. Furthermore, the information in this Item 8.01 and Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into the filings of the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), or the Exchange Act, except as may be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

***Forward Looking Statements.***

*This report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are not historical facts, but rather statements based on the Company's current expectations regarding its business strategies and its intended results and future performance. Forward-looking statements are preceded by terms such as expects, believes, anticipates, intends and similar expressions, as well as any statements related to future expectations of performance or conditional verbs, such as will, would, should, could or may.*

*Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance. Numerous risks and uncertainties could cause or contribute to the Company's actual results, performance, and achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements can be found in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, as amended, which has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is available on the Company's website ([www.farmersbankgroup.com](http://www.farmersbankgroup.com)) and on the Securities and Exchange Commission's website ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)). Factors that may cause or contribute to these differences may also include, without limitation, the Company's failure to integrate TSOH and its subsidiary in accordance with expectations; deviations from performance expectations related to TSOH and its subsidiary; general economic conditions, including changes in market interest rates and changes in monetary and fiscal policies of the federal government; legislative and regulatory changes; competitive conditions in the banking markets served by the Company's subsidiaries; the adequacy of the allowance for losses on loans and the level of future provisions for losses on loans; and other factors disclosed periodically in the Company's filings with the SEC.*

*Because of the risks and uncertainties inherent in forward-looking statements, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on them, whether included in this report or made elsewhere from time to time by the Company or on the Company's behalf. The Company assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements.*

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed herewith:

| Exhibit<br>Number | Description                           |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 99.1              | Press Release dated September 8, 2015 |

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

**Farmers National Banc Corp.**

By: /s/ Kevin J. Helmick  
Kevin J. Helmick  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: September 8, 2015