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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF KANSAS CITY APPOINTS NEW OMAHA BRANCH EXECUTIVE

The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City has named Nathan Kauffman assistant vice president and Omaha Branch executive, effective September 1, 2013.

As Branch Executive, Kauffman will serve as the Bank's regional economist and lead officer in the state of Nebraska. He will work closely with the Omaha Branch board of directors and will be responsible for briefing the Kansas City Fed's president – a member of the Federal Open Market Committee – on economic and business activity in the state.

Kauffman will also assume official responsibility for leading Kansas City Fed and Federal Reserve System efforts to track agricultural and rural economies, including the publication of the *Tenth District Survey of Agricultural Credit Conditions*, the national *Agricultural Finance Databook*, and the *Main Street Economist*.

Kauffman's research focuses primarily on commodity market analysis, agricultural policy, and rural finance. His additional research interests include international rural development and agricultural trade.

Prior to his appointment as Branch executive, Kauffman has served as an economist in the Regional Affairs Department at the Omaha Branch since May 2012. Previous to joining the Bank he led agricultural economic development projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Kauffman received his Ph.D. in economics from Iowa State University.

As the regional headquarters of the nation's central bank, the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City and its branches in Denver, Oklahoma City and Omaha serve the seven states of the Tenth Federal Reserve District: Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Wyoming, northern New Mexico and western Missouri.

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