

FIRST MIDWEST BANCORP INC  
Form 11-K  
June 27, 2006

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 11-K**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT  
OF 1934 (NO FEE REQUIRED)

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005

OR

TRANSACTION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE  
ACT OF 1934 (NO FEE REQUIRED)

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number: 0-10967

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A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan if different from that of the issuer named below

FIRST MIDWEST BANCORP, INC. SAVINGS AND PROFIT SHARING PLAN

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B. Name of the issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal  
executive office:

First Midwest Bancorp, Inc.  
One Pierce Place  
Suite 1500, P. O. Box 459  
Itasca, Illinois 60143-0459

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REQUIRED INFORMATION

Financial Statements

Items 1 - 3.

Omitted in accordance with Item 4.

Item 4.

The First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Savings and Profit Sharing Plan ("Plan") is subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ('ERISA'). In accordance with item 4 and in lieu of the requirements of Items 1-3, the following Plan financial statements and schedules prepared in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of ERISA are included herein:

- o Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
- o Statements of Assets Available for Benefits
- o Statements of Changes in Assets Available for Benefits
- o Notes to Financial Statements
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**FIRST MIDWEST BANCORP, INC.  
SAVINGS AND PROFIT SHARING PLAN**

Financial Statements and  
Supplemental Schedule

Years Ended December 31, 2005 and 2004

(With Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm)

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Years Ended December 31, 2005 and 2004

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Plan Administrator  
First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Savings and Profit Sharing Plan

We have audited the accompanying statements of assets available for benefits of First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the related statements of changes in assets available for benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. We were not engaged to perform an audit of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and

disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets available for benefits of the Plan at December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the changes in its assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2005, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. This supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audits of the financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

ERNST & YOUNG LLP

Chicago, Illinois

June 16, 2006

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FIRST MIDWEST BANCORP, INC. SAVINGS AND PROFIT SHARING PLAN

Statements of Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2005 and 2004

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 1,938,807	\$ 65,447
Investments, at fair value	138,219,832	133,822,048
Accrued investment income	<u>533,428</u>	<u>441,844</u>
Assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 140,692,067</u>	<u>\$ 134,329,339</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statements of Changes in Assets Available for Benefits

Years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Additions:		
Investment Income:		
Dividends	\$ 2,157,065	\$ 1,817,582
Interest	347,090	70,819
Net appreciation (realized and unrealized) in fair value of investments	<u>2,015,191</u>	<u>7,722,602</u>
Total investment income	<u>4,519,346</u>	<u>9,611,003</u>
Contributions:		
Employer	4,202,106	4,145,602
Participants	<u>5,150,467</u>	<u>4,052,725</u>
Total contributions	<u>9,352,573</u>	<u>8,198,327</u>
Total additions	<u>13,871,919</u>	<u>17,809,330</u>
Reductions:		
Benefits and distributions to participants	7,504,791	8,223,573
Other payments	<u>4,400</u>	<u>7,600</u>
Total reductions	<u>7,509,191</u>	<u>8,231,173</u>
Change in assets	6,362,728	9,578,157
Assets available for benefits, beginning of year	<u>134,329,339</u>	<u>124,751,182</u>
Assets available for benefits, end of year	<u>\$ 140,692,067</u>	<u>\$ 134,329,339</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

1. Description of the Plan

The following brief description of the First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Savings and Profit Sharing Plan ("Plan") is provided for general information purposes. The Plan document provides more complete information about the Plan.

Background

First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. ("Company") established the Plan effective December 31, 1984. The Plan is a defined-contribution benefit plan covering substantially all full-time and part-time Company employees meeting certain age and length-of-service criteria.

Contributions and Benefit Payments

The Company's contribution to the Plan during 2005 and 2004 included a matching contribution of \$2.00 for each \$1.00 of the first 1% of eligible participant compensation and an annual discretionary contribution of up to an additional 15% of eligible participant compensation. Matching contributions are made quarterly to participants employed on the last day of the quarter. Discretionary contributions are made only to those employed on the last day of the Plan year. Company discretionary contributions are based upon performance of all subsidiaries and the overall consolidated performance of the Company. Participants are fully vested in Company matching contributions and participants become vested in Company discretionary contributions over a period of seven years.

Contributions by participants of up to 15% of eligible compensation are allowed on a tax-deferred basis under the provisions of Internal Revenue Code (the Code) Section 401(k), subject to certain limitations. Participant contributions (and earnings thereon) are fully vested.

Participants may direct their contributions as well as Company matching contributions and Company discretionary contributions to any of the investment options offered by the Plan, except the ESOP Fund. Employees may not direct contributions nor make transfers into the ESOP Fund. The Company may make discretionary contributions into the ESOP Fund. Participants may elect to transfer all or a portion of their ESOP Fund account balance to other investment options offered by the Plan. Participants may elect to have any cash dividends paid on the Company common stock held in the ESOP Fund paid in cash to the participant or reinvested in shares of Company common stock held in the ESOP Fund.

All funds in the Plan, except for the FMBI Stock Fund and ESOP Fund, are maintained in the Daily Valuation Fund ("Daily Fund"). The funds in the Plan are valued on a daily basis. Retirement Direct, LLC manages and maintains the record keeping for the Daily Fund. The Daily Fund enables participants to make changes to their account within the Plan on a daily basis (including the FMBI Stock Fund and ESOP Fund). The Daily Fund is held in the trust fund managed by First Midwest Bank ("Bank"). The Bank continues to manage the FMBI Stock Fund and ESOP Fund.

Company contributions are reduced by any forfeitures during the year.



Investment of Plan Assets

A trust fund was established for the purpose of holding and investing Plan assets in accordance with the terms of the Trust Agreement between the Company and the Trustee, First Midwest Bank, ("Trustee"), a subsidiary of the Company and a party-in-interest.

Participant Loans

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Loan terms range from 0-60 months. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a rate commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined quarterly by the plan administrator. Principal and interest are paid ratably through monthly payroll deductions.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements are prepared under the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value, which, except for common trust funds, short-term investments and loans to participants, is determined using quoted market prices. Common trust funds are valued based on redemption value. Short-term investments and loans to participants are reported at cost and unpaid principal balance, respectively, which approximates market.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis and are accounted for using the specific identification method. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments includes realized and unrealized investment gains and losses.

Administrative Expense

Administrative expenses of the Plan are paid from the trust fund, to the extent they are not paid by the Company. Administrative expenses relating to participant loans totaling \$4,400 and \$7,600 were paid by the Plan's loan account for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U. S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

**3. Investments**

During 2005 and 2004, the Plan's investments (including investments bought, sold, and held during the year) appreciated (depreciated) in fair value by:

	Net Appreciation (Depreciation) in Fair Value During the Year Ended December 31,	
	2005	2004
Fair value as determined by quoted market price:		
Common stocks	\$ (2,611,727)	\$ 1,606,342
Mutual funds	1,763,211	2,004,172
Common trust funds	2,863,707	4,112,088
	<u>\$ 2,015,191</u>	<u>\$ 7,722,602</u>

Dividends received by the Plan on First Midwest common stock during 2005 and 2004 amounted to \$1,816,642 and \$1,592,008, respectively. Net appreciation on First Midwest Common Trust Funds amounted to \$2,863,707 and \$4,112,088 for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

As of December 31, 2005 and 2004, the Plan held the following investments that comprised 5% or more of the Plan's net assets:

	Fair Value at December 31,	
	2005	2004
Goldman Sachs Financial Square Prime #462	\$ 9,916,355	\$ 9,874,707
First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Common Stock: (1,832,313 shares at December 31, 2005 and 1,784,808 shares at December 31, 2004)	\$ 62,551,027	\$ 63,412,087
First Midwest Employee Benefit Large Cap Equity Fund: (1,064,507 units at December 31, 2005 and 1,154,860 units at December 31, 2004)	\$ 28,029,721	\$ 27,852,150
First Midwest Employee Benefit Fixed Income Fund: (598,603 units at December 31, 2005 and 642,952 units at December 31, 2004)	\$ 11,239,993	\$ 11,846,773

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**FIRST MIDWEST BANCORP, INC. SAVINGS AND PROFIT SHARING PLAN**

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

**4. Income Taxes**

The Plan has received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service, dated January 14, 2003, stating that the Plan is qualified under the Code, as amended and, therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. Subsequent to this determination by the Internal Revenue Service, the Plan was amended. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its qualification. Management believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code, and therefore, believes that the Plan, as amended, is qualified and the related trust is tax exempt.

The Company is not aware of any activity or transactions that may adversely affect the qualified status of the Plan.

**5. Plan Termination**

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right to terminate the Plan at any time. In the event of Plan termination, participants become fully vested in Company contributions.

**6. Reconciliation to Form 5500**

The financial information provided in the Plan's Form 5500 includes an accrual for benefits that are payable to participants but have not been paid to them at the Plan year end. This amount was \$2,234,888 for 2005 and \$3,681,467 for 2004. In accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, this liability is not recognized in the accompanying financial statements.

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**FIRST MIDWEST BANCORP, INC. SAVINGS AND PROFIT SHARING PLAN**  
 (Plan 002: 36-3161078)

Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held At End of Year)

December 31, 2005

a. (Note)	b. Identity of Issue	c. Description			d. Cost	e. Current Value
		Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Par Value/ Number of Shares		
<b>SHORT-TERM INVESTMENT</b>						
	Short-Term Investment Fund:					
	Goldman Sachs Financial Square		4.17 %		\$ 9,916,355	\$ 9,916,355

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Prime Fund #462

COMMON STOCK

	First Midwest Bancorp, * Inc.	1,832,313	<u>22,783,231</u>	<u>62,551,027</u>
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COMMON TRUST FUNDS

	First Midwest Employee * Benefit Large Cap Equity Fund	1,064,507	20,356,500	28,029,721
	First Midwest Employee * Benefit Fixed Income Fund	598,603	9,615,835	11,239,993
	First Midwest Employee * Benefit Mid Cap Equity Fund	120,799	<u>1,781,190</u>	<u>2,093,996</u>
			<u>31,753,525</u>	<u>41,363,710</u>

MUTUAL FUNDS

	Vanguard Total Index Admiral Fund	158,857	4,164,025	4,765,717
	Vanguard Small Cap Admiral Fund	118,017	2,668,857	3,367,034
	Fidelity Advisor Diversified International Fund	220,667	3,728,834	4,715,664
	Pimco Low Duration II Fund	95,654	939,244	923,061
	Pimco High Yield Inst Fund	113,704	1,093,310	1,105,200
	Columbia Acorn Fund	120,211	2,955,827	3,386,330
	Vanguard Index Mid Cap Stock Investors Fund	208,863	3,012,620	3,682,262
	Vanguard Portfolio 36 - GNMA	84,589	<u>883,517</u>	<u>871,267</u>
			<u>19,446,234</u>	<u>22,816,535</u>

LOANS TO PARTICIPANTS

	Participants Loans	Various	7% - 11%	-	<u>1,572,205</u>
				<u>\$83,899,345</u>	<u>\$138,219,832</u>

NOTE: An asterisk in column a. denotes an investment in an entity, which is a "party-in-interest" as defined by ERISA.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Plan Committee of the First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Savings and Profit Sharing Plan has caused this annual report to be signed by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

First Midwest Bancorp, Inc.  
SAVINGS AND PROFIT SHARING PLAN

Date: June 16, 2006

**/s/ Michael L. Scudder**

Michael L. Scudder

Member, Plan Committee and Principal Financial and  
Accounting Officer of First Midwest Bancorp, Inc.