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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004

Commission File No. 0-15950 (First Busey Corporation)

Commission File No. 33-30095 (First Busey Corporation Profit Sharing Plan and Trust)

Commission File No. 33-60402 (First Busey Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust)

A. Full Title of the plans and the address of the plans, if different from that of the issuer named before:

FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST

FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN AND TRUST

B. Name of the issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plans and the address of its principle executive officer:

FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION 201 WEST MAIN STREET URBANA, IL 61801

EXHIBIT 23.1

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in Registration Statement No. 33-60402 on Form S-8 of the First Busey Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan, of our report dated June 24, 2005, appearing in this Annual Report on Form 11-K of the First Busey Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan for the year ended December 31, 2004.

/s/ Crowe Chizek and Company LLC

Oak Brook, Illinois June 24, 2005

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Benefit Committee and Participants First Busey Corporation Employees' Stock Ownership Plan Urbana, Illinois

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the First Busey Corporation Employees' Stock Ownership Plan ("the Plan") as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2004. 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 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. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as 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 net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2004 in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) and schedule of reportable transactions are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is 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. The supplemental schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ CROWE CHIZEK AND COMPANY LLC Crowe Chizek and Company LLC

Oak Brook, Illinois June 24, 2005

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December 31, 2004 and 2003

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		2004		
	Allocated	Unallocated	Total	Allocate
ASSETS				
<pre>Investment in First Busey Corporation   common stock, at fair value (Note 5) Money market fund</pre>	\$24,498,375 528		\$27,597,570 528	
Total investments	24,498,903	3,099,195	27,598,098	20,842,0
RECEIVABLES				
Accrued interest receivable Employer contributions receivable	42 		42 	
	42		42	
Total assets	24,498,945	3,099,195	27,598,140	20,842,0
LIABILITIES  Notes payable (Note 6)		2,455,850	2,455,850 	
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$24,498,945	\$ 643,345	\$25,142,290	\$20,842,0
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION EMPLOYEES' STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS Year ended December 31, 2004

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	Allocated	Unallocated	
ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:			
Investment income:			
Net unrealized appreciation in market			
value of investments	\$ 3,309,356	\$ 489,678	\$

Interest Dividends	211 587 <b>,</b> 422	 88 <b>,</b> 740	
Employer contributions	47,350		
Allocation of 25,500 shares of First Busey Corporation common stock, at market value	532,185		
	4,476,524	976,068	
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:			
Interest expense		79,038	
Administrative expenses	58,612		
Distributions to participants:			
Cash	2,001		
Stock (9,377 shares)	171,693		
Dividend distributions to participants	587 <b>,</b> 320		
Allocation of 25,500 shares of First Busey Corporation			
common stock, at market value		532,185	
	819,626	611,223	
NET INCREASE	3,656,898	364,845	
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:			
Beginning of year	20,842,047	278 <b>,</b> 500	
End of year	\$ 24.498.945	\$ 643,345	\$
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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# FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION EMPLOYEES' STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2004 and 2003

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#### NOTE 1 - PLAN DESCRIPTION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The following brief description of the First Busey Corporation Employees' Stock Ownership Plan (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan Agreement for complete information.

General: First Busey Corporation (the Corporation) established the Plan effective as of January 1, 1984. The Plan operates as a leveraged employee stock ownership plan (ESOP), and is designed to comply with Section 4975(e)(7) and the regulations thereunder of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), and is subject to the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA). The Plan is administered by the Corporation. First Busey Trust & Investment Co., a subsidiary of the Corporation, is the Plan's Trustee.

The Plan purchased Corporation common shares using the proceeds of bank borrowings (see Note 6) guaranteed by the Corporation, and holds the stock in a trust established under the Plan. The borrowings are to be repaid over a five to ten year period by fully deductible Corporation contributions to the trust fund. As the Plan makes each payment of principal, an appropriate percentage of stock will be allocated to eligible employees' accounts in accordance with applicable regulations under the Code.

The bank borrowings are collateralized by the unallocated shares of stock and are guaranteed by the Corporation. The lender has no rights against shares once they are allocated under the ESOP. Accordingly, the financial statements of the Plan present separately the assets and liabilities and changes therein pertaining to the accounts of employees with vested rights in allocated stock (Allocated) and stock not yet allocated to employees (Unallocated).

Eligibility: Employees of the Corporation and its participating subsidiaries are generally eligible to participate in the Plan after attaining the minimum age of twenty-one and after one year of service providing they worked at least 1,000 hours during such Plan year. Participants who do not have at least 1,000 hours of service during such Plan year or are not employed on the last working day of a Plan year are generally not eligible for an allocation of Corporation contributions for such year.

Payment of Benefits: No distributions from the Plan will be made until a participant retires, dies (in which case, payment shall be made to his or her beneficiary or, if none, his or her legal representatives), or otherwise terminates employment with the Corporation and its participating subsidiaries. Participants whose vested account balance is less than \$5,000 are paid through a lump sum. Distributions of all other participant balances are made in the form of Corporation common stock plus cash for any fractional share.

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FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION EMPLOYEES' STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 1 - PLAN DESCRIPTION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

Voting Rights: Each participant is entitled to exercise voting rights attributable to the shares allocated to his or her account and is notified by the Trustee prior to the time that such rights are to be exercised. If the Trustee does not timely receive voting directions from a Participant, the Trustee votes in the same proportions as the participants voted the allocated shares. The Trustee is required, however, to vote any unallocated shares on behalf of the collective best interests of Plan participants and beneficiaries.

Termination: The Corporation reserves the right to terminate the Plan at any time, subject to Plan provisions. Upon such termination of the Plan, the interest of each participant in the trust fund will be distributed to such participant or his or her beneficiary at the time prescribed by the Plan, and the Code. Upon termination of the Plan, the Corporation shall direct the Trustee

to pay all liabilities and expenses of the trust fund and to sell shares of financed stock held in the loan suspense account to the extent it determines such sale to be necessary in order to repay the loan. In the event of plan termination, participants would become 100 percent vested in their accounts.

Participants' Accounts: The Plan is a defined contribution plan under which a separate individual account is established for each participant. Each participant's account is credited as of the last day of the Plan year with an allocation of shares of the Corporation's common stock released by the Trustee from the unallocated account and forfeitures of terminated participants' nonvested accounts. Only those participants who are eligible employees of the Corporation as of the last day of the Plan year will receive an allocation. Allocations of common stock are based on the eligible compensation of each participant relative to total eligible compensation.

Vesting: Vesting in the participants' accounts is based on years of service with the Corporation and its subsidiaries. A participant is 100 percent vested after seven years of credited service.

Diversification: Diversification is offered to participants close to retirement age so that they may have the opportunity to move part of the value of their investment in Corporation stock into investments which are more diversified. Participants who are at least age 55 with at least 10 years of participation in the Plan may elect to diversify a portion of their account. Diversification is offered to each eligible participant over a six-year period. In each of the first five years, a participant may diversify up to 25 percent of the number of post-1986 shares allocated to his or her account, less any shares previously diversified. In the sixth year, the percentage changes to 50 percent. Participants who elect to diversify may receive distributions in the form of Corporation common stock plus cash for any fractional share, receive a cash distribution or contribute cash from the sale of Corporation common stock to another qualified defined contribution plan.

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FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION EMPLOYEES' STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### NOTE 1 - PLAN DESCRIPTION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

Dividends: Dividends on common stock allocated to participants' accounts are distributed directly to the participant so that the dividends result in income tax deductions for the Corporation.

Dividends on common stock not allocated to participants' accounts are used by the Plan to pay interest and administrative expenses.

Common Stock Split: All share and per share amounts pertaining to First Busey Corporation common stock reported in the financial statements and footnotes have been restated to reflect the effect of a three-for-two stock split effective August 3, 2004.

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting: The financial statements of the Plan are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

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 the reported amounts and disclosures, and actual results may differ from those estimates. It is at least reasonably possible that a significant change may occur in the near term to the estimates of investment valuation.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition: The common stock of the Corporation is valued at fair value on December 31, 2004 and 2003. The Corporation's common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Exchange. Fair value of the common stock is determined by quoted market prices.

Dividend income is accrued on the ex-dividend date.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a settlement-date basis. Realized gains and losses from security transactions are reported on the specific identification cost method.

Risks and Uncertainties: The Plan invests in common stock of the Corporation. These securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with investment securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in risks in the near term could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

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FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION EMPLOYEES' STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 3 - CONTRIBUTIONS

The Corporation is obligated to make contributions in cash to the Plan which, when aggregated with the Plan's dividends and interest earnings, are equal to the amount necessary to enable the Plan to make its regularly scheduled payments of principal and interest due on its term loans.

The Corporation may also make discretionary contributions in cash to the Plan. The Corporation made discretionary contributions of \$47,350 for the Plan year ended December 31, 2004. Participant contributions to the Plan are not permitted under the terms of the Plan.

NOTE 4 - ADMINISTRATION OF PLAN ASSETS

The Plan's assets, which consist principally of First Busey Corporation common stock, are held by the Trustee of the Plan.

Company contributions are held and managed by the Trustee, which invests cash received, interest, and dividend income and makes distributions to participants. The Trustee also administers the payment of interest and principal on the loans, which are reimbursed to the Trustee through contributions as determined by the Corporation.

Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Corporation or its subsidiaries. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan. Administrative expenses for the Trustee's fees are paid directly by the Plan.

### NOTE 5 - INVESTMENTS

The Plan's investments consist solely of First Busey Corporation common stock as follows:

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	Allocated		Allocated	Unallocated	
Number of shares	1,173,856	148,500	1,157,733*	174,000*	
Cost	\$ 4,521,839	\$ 2,070,350	\$ 4,221,693	\$ 2,381,900	
Fair value	\$ 24,498,375	\$ 3,099,195	\$ 20,839,194	\$ 3,132,000	

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star}$  As restated for three-for-two stock split effected in the form of a 50% stock dividend issued on August 3, 2004.

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FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION EMPLOYEES' STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 6 - NOTES PAYABLE

Notes payable consist of:

		2004	
Bank One, principal payment of \$25,000 due annually on December 15, final payment due December 15, 2006.	\$	50,000	\$
Bank One, principal payment of \$237,000 due annually on December 15, final payment due December 15, 2009.		1,185,000	
Bank One, principal payment of \$135,650 due annually on December 31, beginning in 2004, final payment due December 15, 2013.		1,220,850	
	\$	2,455,850	\$ ===
Shares of First Busey Corporation common stock secured as collateral.	===	148,500	===

As of December 31, 2004, the interest rates on the above notes payable are at one year LIBOR plus 1.4%. The effective rate was 2.75% at December 31, 2004 and 2.85% at December 31, 2003. Interest on the above notes is paid quarterly.

As of December 31, 2004, the scheduled maturities of the notes payable are as follows:

2005	\$ 397,650
2006	397,650
2007	372,650
2008	372,650
2009	372,650
Thereafter	542,600
	\$ 2,455,850

### NOTE 7 - TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed First Busey Corporation by a letter dated May 15, 2003, that the Plan is qualified and the trust established under the Plan is tax-exempt, under the appropriate sections of the Code. The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code. Therefore, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan was qualified and the related trust was tax-exempt as of the financial statement date.

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#### NOTE 8 - PARTY IN INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Parties-in-interest are defined under Department of Labor's regulations as any fiduciary of the plan, any party rendering service to the plan, the Corporation and certain others. The Plan holds Corporation stock as assets, which qualifies as a party-in-interest investment.

The Plan paid fees to the following parties-in-interest for the years ended December 31, 2004:

First Busey Trust & Investment Co.
Benefit Planning Consultants, Inc.
McGladrey & Pullen, LLP
Crowe Chizek and Company LLC

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#### SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION EMPLOYEES' STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4(i) - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
December 31, 2004

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Name of Plan Sponsor: First Busey Corporation

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Trustee

Auditor

Auditor

Recordkeeper

Employer Identification Number: 37-1078406

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Three-Digit Plan Number: 001

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/s/ Crowe Chizek and Company LLC

Oak Brook, Illinois June 24, 2005

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Benefit Committee and Participants First Busey Corporation Profit Sharing Plan and Trust Urbana, Illinois

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/s/ CROWE CHIZEK AND COMPANY LLC Crowe Chizek and Company LLC

Oak Brook, Illinois June 24, 2005

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# FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS December 31, 2004 and 2003

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	2004	2003
ASSETS Investments (Note 3)	\$37,021,946	\$31,683,937
Receivables Accrued interest and dividends Participants' contributions	84,308 42,083	28,216 45,877
	126,391 	74,093
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$37,148,337 =======	\$31,758,030 ======

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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS Year ended December 31, 2004

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672 <b>,</b> 490
 4,287,952

# Contributions:

Employers	855,000
Participants	1,284,397
Participants' rollovers	31,938

	2,171,335
Total additions	6,459,287
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:  Benefits paid to participants  Administrative expenses	901,581 167,399
Total deductions	1,068,980
NET INCREASE	5,390,307
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  Beginning of year	31,758,030
End of year	\$37,148,337 =======

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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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# FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2004 and 2003

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#### NOTE 1 - PLAN DESCRIPTION

The following description of the First Busey Corporation Profit Sharing Plan and Trust ("the Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General: The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of First Busey Corporation and its subsidiaries ("the Employers") who have attained the minimum age of twenty-one, and have completed one year of service. It is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

Contributions: Each year, participants may contribute a percentage of their pretax annual compensation, as defined in the plan, subject to limitations of the Internal Revenue Code. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans. Eligible participants may also make catch-up contributions to the Plan.

The Employers' contributions to the Plan are determined annually by the Board of Directors. The Employers may make matching contributions to the Plan equal to a percentage of the first 6% of total compensation that a participant contributes to the Plan. The Employers may also make profit sharing contributions as determined by the Board of Directors each year. Contributions are subject to

certain limitations.

Participants direct the investment of the contributions into their account into the various investment options offered by the Plan, including First Busey Corporation common stock.

Participant Accounts: Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and an allocation of the Employers' contributions and the Plan's earnings and is charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings, participant contributions, or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting: Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions, the Employers' matching contributions, and the respective plan earnings on those contributions.

Vesting in the Employers' profit sharing contributions portion of their accounts is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100% vested after seven years of credited service.

A participant is 100% vested upon reaching retirement age, death, or disability regardless of years of service.

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FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### NOTE 1 - PLAN DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Participant Loans: Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance, whichever is less. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at the prime rate. Interest rates are fixed over the term of the loan. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits: Upon termination of service, a participant is entitled to receive an amount representing the vested interest in his or her account. Participants whose vested balance is under \$5,000 are paid through a lump sum. Participants whose vested account balance is over \$5,000 may elect to receive their payment either as a lump-sum amount or as installments over a period not longer than the life expectancy of the participant.

## NOTE 2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting: The financial statements of the Plan have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

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 the reported amounts and disclosures, and actual results may differ from those estimates. It is at least reasonably possible that a significant change may occur in the near term for the estimates of investment valuation.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition: The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Securities traded on any recognized stock exchange are valued at the last reported sales price at the valuation date. Securities not listed on an exchange and securities for which no sale has been reported on that day are valued at the closing bid price or at fair value as determined by the custodian. Certificates of deposit and participant loans are valued at cost, which approximates fair value.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a settlement-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Payment of Benefits: Benefits are recorded when paid.

Concentration of Credit Risk: At December 31, 2004 and 2003, approximately 37% and 34%, respectively, of the Plan's investment assets were invested in First Busey Corporation common stock. Additionally, at December 31, 2004, the Plan held a certificate of deposit with Busey Bank valued at \$1,666,513.

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FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### NOTE 2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Risks and Uncertainties: The Plan provides for various investment options. The underlying investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in risks in the near term could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

NOTE 3 - INVESTMENTS

The following investments represent 5% or more of the Plan's net assets at December 31:

2004 2003

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INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE AS DETERMINED BY QUOTED MARKET PRICE

Common stock:

First Busey Corporation common stock \$13,552,394 \$10,687,680

Shares of mutual funds:		
Northern Institutional Small Company Index A	3,293,121	2,621,782
Vanguard Index 500 Admiral Shares	4,550,914	3,628,809
INVESTMENTS AT ESTIMATED FAIR VALUE		
Short-term investments: Certificate of deposit, Busey Bank	1,666,513	2,062,369

During 2004, the Plan's investments (including investments bought, sold and held during the year) appreciated/(depreciated) in value by \$3,615,462 as follows:

Common stocks Shares of mutual funds Corporate bonds, notes, and commercial paper	\$ 1,966,548 1,683,356 (34,442)
	\$ 3,615,462
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#### NOTE 4 - SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS

Short-term investments at December 31, 2004 and 2003 include certificates of deposit at Busey Bank, a subsidiary of First Busey Corporation, with an interest rate of 1.75% and 1.5%, respectively, and a three-month maturity. These deposits include approximately \$1,567,000\$ and \$1,962,000\$, respectively, which are in excess of federally insured limits.

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# FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2004 and 2003

### NOTE 5 - PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Parties-in-interest are defined under Department of Labor's regulations as any fiduciary of the plan, any party rendering service to the plan, the employer and certain others.

The Plan paid fees to the following parties-in-interest for the year ended December 31, 2004:

First Busey Trust & Investment Co.	Trustee	\$ 118,589
Benefit Planning Consultants, Inc.	Recordkeeper	39,910
Crowe Chizek and Company LLC	Auditor	8,500
McGladrey & Pullen, LLP	Auditor	400

The Plan held the following investments with parties-in-interest at December 31:

		2004	2003
First Busey Corporation	Certificate of deposit	\$ 1,666,513	\$ 2,062,369
First Busey Corporation	Common stock	13,552,394	10,687,680
Participants	Participant loans	319,610	239,352

Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Employers. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan.

#### NOTE 6 - INCOME TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed First Busey Corporation by a letter dated August 30, 2001 that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

#### NOTE 7 - PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Employers have the right under the Plan to discontinue their contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of the Plan's termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

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### SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

December 31, 2004

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Name of Plan Sponsor: First Busey Corporation Employer Identification Number: 37-1078406

Three-digit Plan Number: 002

	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor,	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral,	(4)
(a)	or Similar Party	Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost
	<del>-</del> <del>-</del>	COMMON STOCK	
	Abbott Laboratories	Common stock	#
	Alcoa, Inc.	Common stock	#
	American International Group	Common stock	#
	Analog Devices, Inc.	Common stock	#
	Bank of America Corp.	Common stock	#
	Bellsouth Corp.	Common stock	#
	BP PLC Sponsored ADR	Common stock	#
	Bristol Myers Squibb Co.	Common stock	#
	Burlington Resources	Common stock	#
	Century Tel, Inc.	Common stock	#
	Cisco Systems, Inc.	Common stock	#
	Citigroup, Inc.	Common stock	#
	Colgate-Palmolive Co.	Common stock	#
	Darden Restaurants	Common stock	#
	Dentsply Int'l, Inc.	Common stock	#
	Disney	Common stock	#
	DuPont (E.I.) deNemours & Co.	Common stock	#
	Expeditors International of Wash.	Common stock	#
	Exxon Mobil Corp	Common stock	#
	Federal National Mortgage Association	Common stock	#
*	First Busey Corporation	Common stock	#
	First Data Corp.	Common stock	#
	General Dynamics Corp.	Common stock	#
	General Electric Co.	Common stock	#
	Home Depot Inc.	Common stock	#
	Hospira, Inc.	Common stock	#
	International Business Machines	Common stock	#

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FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

December 31, 2004

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	COMMON	STOCK			
Intuit, Inc	Common	stock	#	\$	36,9
ITT Industries	Common	stock	#		66,6
Kohl's Corp.	Common	stock	#		63,1
Lilly (Eli) & Co.	Common	stock	#		19,1
McDonald's Corp.	Common	stock	#		67,0
Microsoft Corporation	Common	stock	#		47,0
Nike Inc. C1 'B'	Common	stock	#		56,1
Pepsico	Common	stock	#		60,5
Pfizer, Inc.	Common	stock	#		29,5
Procter & Gamble	Common	stock	#		75 <b>,</b> 3
Royal Dutch Petroleum					
1.25 Guilder Shares	Common	stock	#		55 <b>,</b> 0
Sara Lee Corp	Common	stock	#		57,4
State Street Corp.	Common	stock	#		54,3
Teva Pharmaceutical Ind Ltd ADR	Common	stock	#		59,7
United Technologies Corp.	Common	stock	#		75,6
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	Common	stock	#		47,8
Wells Fargo & Co New	Common	stock	#		66,1
Westwood One, Inc.	Common	stock	#		26,9
Wyeth Common stock	Common	stock	#		16,0
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FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

December 31, 2004

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	MUTUAL FUNDS		
ABN AMRO Asset			
Management	ABN AMRO/Montag & Caldwell		
	Growth Fund (N)	#	\$
American Century	American Century International		
	Growth Investors Fund	#	
Acadian	Emerging Markets Fund	#	
Dodge & Cox	Dodge & Cox Stock Fund	#	
Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Advisor Equity Growth		
	Fund (Class I)	#	
Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Advisor Small Cap Fund		
	(Class I)	#	
Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Diversified International		
-	Fund	#	
Franklin Templeton			
Investments	Mutual Shares Fund (Class Z)	#	1,
Northern Trust	Northern Institutional		
	Intermediate Bond Fund (A)	#	
Northern Trust	Northern Institutional Small		
	Company Index Fund (A)	#	3
Rainier Investment			
Management	Rainier Core Equity Portfolio	#	
Pimco	GNMA Inst'l Fund	#	
T. Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap		
	Growth Fund	#	1
Vanguard	Vanguard Index 500 Admiral		
3	Shares Fund	#	4
Vanguard	Vanguard Inflation Protected Secs	**	
5	Securities Fund	#	
			\$ 17

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FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

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		CORPORATE BONDS, NOTES,	
		AND COMMERCIAL PAPER	
	Abbey National PLC Medium Term	\$50,000, 6.690%, due 10/17/05	#
	AIG SunAmerica Global Finance	\$50,000, 5.850%, due 08/01/08	#
	Bank One Corp. Notes	\$50,000, 6.875%, due 08/01/06	#
	Chemical Bank	\$50,000, 6.625%, due 08/15/05	#
	Federal Home Loan Banks	\$50,000, 3.250%, due 08/15/05	#
	Ford Motor Credit Corp.	\$50,000, 6.125%, due 01/09/06	#
	Goldman Sachs Group Inc.	\$50,000, 7.625%, due 08/17/05	#
	Household Finance Corp.	\$50,000, 4.750%, due 05/15/09	#
	Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc.	\$50,000, 4.375%, due 11/30/10	#
	Loews Corp.	\$150,000, 6.750%, due 12/15/06	#
	Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc.	\$50,000, 6.000%, due 07/15/05	#
	Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	\$50,000, 6.875%, due 03/01/07	#
	NationsBank Corp.	\$75,000, 6.375%, due 02/15/08	#
	SBC Communications, Inc.	\$50,000, 4.125%, due 09/15/09	#
	United Health Group, Inc.	\$50,000, 3.375%, due 08/15/07	#
		SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS	
*	Busey Bank	Certificate of Deposit, 1.5%,	
		due March 31, 2005	#
	Northern Trust	Northern Institutional	
		Governmental Portfolio	#
		NOTES RECEIVABLE PARTICIPANTS	
*	Participant Loans	Interest rates ranging from	
		4.000% to 9.500%	
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#### SIGNATURES

The Plan, pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

/Jama Grotelueschen/
-----First Busey Corporation Profit Sharing
Plan and Trust

The Plan, pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

/Jama Grotelueschen/

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First Busey Corporation Employee Stock
Ownership Plan