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## **First Citizens Community Bank Strengthens Commercial and Agricultural Team**

(MANSFIELD PA – May 2016) First Citizens Community Bank, one of the top performing community banks in the Nation, is a leader in Agriculture in northern Pennsylvania and southern New York. Ag lending is one of the bank's core competencies and has always played a significant role in their geographic expansion strategies. In December of last year, First Citizens acquired The First National Bank of Fredericksburg extending their presence into the Lebanon Valley which is rich in agriculture.

Dwight Rohrer was recently hired as Vice President and Senior Lending Officer to lead First Citizens commercial banking division in the Lebanon and Lancaster markets. Rohrer, who brings proven leadership and strong agricultural experience to the organization, will supervise the agricultural and commercial lenders in the bank's South Central Region which currently serves Lebanon, Lancaster, Schuylkill and Berks counties.

Rohrer has been serving the business and agricultural community in Lancaster since 2003, most recently as Vice President and Ag Team leader for National Penn Bank in Lancaster where he managed a \$75 million loan portfolio. Rohrer's experience leading successful business teams is key for his new role at First Citizens. Prior to joining National Penn Bank, Rohrer served the Ag and Business community at MidAtlantic Farm Credit and Mennonite Financial Federal Credit Union.

"Dwight's strength in agricultural lending and leadership will help fuel our expansion into the Lebanon and Lancaster markets", stated Chris Landis, SVP and Senior Lending Officer who leads the bank's Agricultural efforts. "His commitment and passion for helping farmers achieve success is well known in the area which makes him a valuable asset to our growing team."

Rohrer is Vice Chairman of the East Hempfield Township Planning Commission and works with the Eastern Mennonite Missions Investment Committee. In addition to his strength in agricultural lending, Rohrer has another quality the bank looks for in their Ag Bankers, he's been farming for over 30 years.

"Agricultural is in our blood, as is evident by our ongoing commitment to our Ag customers and the industry as a whole through the good times and the bad," stated Randall E. Black, CEO and President. "Our consistently strong financial performance provides us the opportunity to deliver our Ag commitment and expertise to new markets. Choosing Dwight Rohrer to lead our South Central Business and Ag team will provide immediate benefits to farmers in the Lancaster and Lebanon markets and tremendous growth potential for our organization."

This announcement follows First Citizens recent opening of an Agricultural Lending Office in Winfield PA to serve farmers throughout central Pennsylvania. Blaine Fessler, a former Vice President of Agricultural Lending with Susquehanna Bank leads this new team.

First Citizens provides more loans to farmers in Tioga, Bradford and Potter counties than any of the other local, regional and national banks in those markets. But their focus on Agriculture goes much deeper. The bank utilizes an Ag Advisory Board with representatives from all areas of agriculture to stay informed about what's going on in the industry. The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual First Citizens Ag Forum was held in March in Troy PA. Those attending heard from experts in the agricultural field as well as success stories from young beginner producers in swine, dairy and poultry. The bank also offers an Ag Scholarship as part of their goal to ensure the next generation has the opportunity to make a difference and help keep the Ag industry strong. Applications can be found on the bank's website at [www.firstcitizensbank.com](http://www.firstcitizensbank.com).

First Citizens Community Bank currently operates 24 offices in Tioga, Bradford, Potter, Clinton, Lebanon, Berks, and Schuylkill Counties in PA, and Alleghany County, NY, and an agricultural loan processing office in Winfield, PA. For more information on First Citizens Community Bank, visit [www.firstcitizensbank.com](http://www.firstcitizensbank.com) or find them on Facebook.

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