

First Citizens Community Bank is the Number Two Agricultural Lender Headquartered in Pennsylvania

MANSFIELD, PA (April 2019) When the *American Bankers Association* recently announced the top Agricultural Lending Banks in the Nation for 2018, First Citizens Community Bank ranked the number two agricultural lender headquartered in Pennsylvania. The Bank ranked 68th in the Nation, up thirteen places when compared to their 2017 end of year ranking.

First Citizens has always had a strong partnership with farmers and consistently ranks as the number one lender to small business and agriculture in Tioga, Bradford and Potter counties according to the Federal Financial Institution Examination Council (FFIEC) who reports on lending activity each year. But the bank has witnessed significant growth since their transition into the Central and South Central Pennsylvania markets. This expansion has allowed for greater diversification into other areas of agriculture and agri-business.

"Agricultural Lending is one of our core strengths," commented Randall E. Black, CEO and President. "We have a solid team of Ag Bankers who have over 350 years' combined experience in Farming and Ag Banking which makes a real difference to our customers. It's rewarding to see their dedication to the farming community receive recognition with this ranking."

First Citizens, headquartered in Mansfield, PA, began their expansion South with the acquisition of The First National Bank of Fredericksburg. In 2016, they opened a loan production office in Winfield, Union County, followed by a full-service branch in Mount Joy, Lancaster County. In February, the Bank opened their second Lancaster County full-service branch in Fivepointville, inside the popular Weaver's Store location.

First Citizens Community Bank currently operates 28 offices throughout Tioga, Bradford, Potter, Clinton, Union, Centre, Lebanon, Lancaster, Schuylkill and Berks counties in Pennsylvania and Allegany County New York. For more information about First Citizens, visit <u>FirstCitizensBank.com</u>, or find them on Facebook.

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