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First Citizens Contributes \$20,000 to Agricultural Programs throughout Pennsylvania

(MANSFIELD, PA) First Citizens Community Bank donated \$20,000 to two Pennsylvania programs in December further demonstrating their ongoing commitment to Agriculture.

The two programs include the Center for Dairy Excellence and PA Friends of Agriculture. The Center for Dairy Excellence was created to enhance the profitability and sustainability of the Pennsylvania dairy industry. They fund programs that cultivate the dairy industry through youth development, building customer awareness and providing continuing education in diary-related fields.

The PA Friends of Agriculture has a mission of preserving and promoting Agriculture throughout the state as well. The group organizes a Mobile Ag Lab, which visits schools teaching children about Agriculture. Since its inception, the Mobile Ag Lab has reached over one million students, and has visited 96% of the counties in Pennsylvania. The Mobile Ag Lab's visits are funded by donors like First Citizens.

"Agriculture is one of Pennsylvania's leading industries" stated Randall E. Black, CEO and President of First Citizens. "These organizations share our commitment to ensure Agriculture will succeed for future generations."

In the past five years, First Citizens has donated over \$1.2 million dollars to charity. First Citizens Community Bank is headquartered in Mansfield, Pennsylvania. They currently operate 26 offices throughout Pennsylvania and New York. For more information about First Citizens Community Bank, visit www.firstcitizensbank.com, or find them on Facebook.

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Left to right: Lou Sallie (Administrative Secretary, PA Friends of Ag), Chris Hoffman (First Citizens Agricultural Advisory Board Member) and Blaine Fessler (First Citizens Agricultural Lender).