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First Citizens Establishes Agricultural Advisory Board in South Central Pennsylvania

MANSFIELD, PA (February 2017)—First Citizens Community Bank has a long history of supporting the growth and success of their Agricultural neighbors. They rely on Agricultural Advisory boards, composed of farmers and other industry leaders, to assist them in connecting with the needs, opportunities and challenges of farmers. The Bank recently established a South Central, PA Ag Advisory Board, consisting of six individuals with diverse backgrounds in dairy, swine, poultry, and crops.

Chris Hoffman owns and operates a variety of organizations, including Lazy Hog Farms, a 1,400-sow farrow-to-wean operation, a 4,800-head nursery barn and 4,400-head finishing barn located in Juanita County. He also operates Lazy Chick Farms, raising 250,000 chickens annually. Chris has a long history of leadership, serving as Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's Vice President. He also chairs the Pennsylvania's Nutrient Management Advisory Board and is a member of the PA Pork Producers Council and the Penn Ag Industries Association.

B. Robert Kreider was raised on a poultry farm and has more than 35 years of poultry experience. Bob spearheaded the construction of a \$7 million, state of the art, hatchery center in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania and in 2001, he accepted the position as President of Hy-Line's North America operations. He later started his own business, Embrovac, LLC. Bob is a board member for numerous entities related to scientific research, governmental affairs, poultry representation and the promotion of the egg industry.

Chris Pierce is President of Heritage Poultry Management Services, Inc. He has worked with local businesses and the Pennsylvania egg industry for over 30 years. Chris's company is focused on supporting the needs of all types of egg production, both traditional and non-cage egg production. He is committed to ensuring the egg industry provides for the care and well-being of egg-laying hens.

Delvin Martin is co-owner and President of Stevens Feed Mill, Inc. He began his career at the mill as a teenager, and in 2013 he invested in the company. He has been involved in agriculture his entire life and currently runs a farm in Lancaster County, primarily raising swine.

Brent Copenhaver graduated from Ohio State with a degree in Dairy Cattle Production and Management. He worked as an assistant herdsman for Caristone Farm, LLC. Brent has managed and custom-raised hundreds of heifers for other dairymen. In 2007 he invested in Villa Dale Farm, LLC. There, he helps manage a herd size of 260 cows and 245 heifers, while cropping 240 acres.

Peter J. Hughes grew up on a 2,500-acre wheat farm in Washington state. After graduating with a degree in Natural Resource Science and Biology, Peter moved to Australia, where he worked on a 25,000-acre crop and sheep farm. In 2000, Peter joined Brubaker Consulting Group in Ephrata Pennsylvania as project leader. He also served as the manager

of the company's geographical information system and nutrient management division. In 2001, Peter and his wife formed Red Barn Consulting, an agricultural consulting and engineering firm based in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Their company assists over 1,200 farmers to exceed water quality standards through on-farm nutrient control.

"Our talented and well- respected Agricultural Advisory Boards give First Citizens a competitive advantage in our markets," stated Randall E. Black, CEO and President of First Citizens. "They are experienced and committed to agriculture, and each understands the challenges and opportunities in their respective fields. Having access to such a wealth of knowledge is invaluable to our operation."

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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