

## **Local Ag Professional Recognized For Long Time Membership**

**GLENDALE, CO-March 13, 2018 - Joseph E. Harris II, AFM with First Bankers Trust Services, Inc. in Quincy, IL**, was recently recognized by the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (ASFMRA) for 30 years of Membership within the Organization. Harris is an agricultural professional who provides services for clients which may include farm and ranch management, rural appraisal, and/or agricultural consulting.

Harris has been affiliated with ASFMRA, the largest and oldest professional association that provides opportunities for development through the highest quality educational and meeting offerings, and a strict standard of code of conduct and ethics to its members, for 30 years.

The ASFMRA represents nearly 2,000 agribusiness professionals across the U.S. and Canada, who provide farm or ranch management, rural appraisal and appraisal review or agricultural consulting services. Professional managers represent owners of over 25 million acres of U.S. farmland and provide the direct management of these operations. Professional rural appraisers provide valuation estimates on over 50 million acres of farm, ranch, and natural resource lands each year.

The ASFMRA, founded in 1929, is the pioneer organization in rural property issues and education. Its focus is to create and maintain a professionally trained group of AFMs (Accredited Farm Managers), ARAs (Accredited Rural Appraisers), RPRAs (Real Property Review Appraisers), and AACs (Accredited Agricultural Consultants) who are capable of providing expert guidance and assistance to people who own and/or operate agricultural lands and rural resource properties.

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Joe is the Senior Vice President of the Farm Services Group with First Bankers. Joe is an Accredited Farm Manager, a State Certified General Real Estate Appraiser in both Illinois and Missouri, and holds his Real Estate Managing Broker's license in Illinois and his Real Estate Broker's license in Missouri. With over 30 years of farm management experience, Joe confidently meets the needs of his farm clients. Joe holds a bachelor degree in agribusiness economics from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and achieved his Accredited Farm Manager Designation from the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers.

Joe enjoys being outside on the farm, raising crops and livestock, hunting and attending sporting events. He is a member of the John Wood Agricultural Alumni Association and Tri-State Christian Youth Camp.

Joe lives on a farm in Southeast Adams County with his wife, Kim. Joe and Kim have seven children and five grandchildren.



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Rick is the Vice President of the Farm Services Group with First Bankers. He is an Accredited Farm Manager and an Illinois State Certified General Appraiser. With over 35 years of agricultural education and farm management, Rick provides his clients with a high level of expertise. Rick is a graduate of the University of Illinois with a bachelor's degree in agriculture and Masters of Education degree.

Rick is the dairy superintendent for the Adams County Fair. He serves as President of the Adams County Farm Bureau Board of Directors. Farm toy collecting and rooting for the Illini are a few of Rick's hobbies.

Rick lives and farms in the Payson, Illinois area with his wife, Mary. Rick and Mary have four daughters and four grandchildren.