
**For Immediate Release
PRESS RELEASE****Ag Lenders Receive Specialized Training**

FCS Financial employees (from left) Matt Boatright, Vice President in Sedalia; Sam Scheulen, Financial Services Representative in Sedalia; Lyndsey Trinklein, Business Analyst in Jefferson City and Michelle Luebbering, Lending Support Specialist receive certificates from Joe Horner, extension economist at the University of Missouri for completing the 10th annual Agricultural Lenders School. The goal of the intensive five-day program was to aid the participants in analyzing agricultural credit and helping clients build profitable businesses in the changing agricultural environment. Nationally recognized experts serve as faculty in a hands-on teaching approach to learn the business of making agricultural loans. Dr. Freddie Barnard, from Purdue University, led the training in analyzing real-life farm financial statements for the first three days and other agricultural experts taught the rest of week. The FCS Financial employees were among 16 agricultural lenders who attended the school held at the University of Missouri-Columbia on June 1 through 5.

FCS Financial is a member of the Farm Credit System. The system is a nationwide network of cooperative lending institutions that provides credit and financial services to farmers, ranchers, rural residents and agribusinesses. FCS Financial provides services to 102 counties in Missouri through a network of 30 offices. With 90 years of agricultural lending experience, the Farm Credit System is the largest single provider of agricultural credit in the United States.