

Franklin County Man to Head N.E. ASCS Region

WASHINGTON — U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yeutter has appointed C. Eugene Wingert, of St. Thomas, as director of the Northeast Area Office for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS).

ASCS administers federal farm programs including commodity loans, cropland diversions and soil conservation. As director of NEA, Wingert will be responsible for providing program direction and coordination to ASCS state and county committees and to office staffs in Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and West Virginia.

A lifelong resident of Franklin County, Wingert served eight years as regional director for the

Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and at the same time served one year as director for the PDA Bureau of Planning and Research, now known as the Bureau of Economic Development.

He has served on many agricultural councils and associations such as director of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association; first

chairman of the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council; member of the executive committee or the National Pork Producers Council Board of Directors; member of the government relations committee, NPPC; president of the Franklin County Extension Service; vice president of the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association, Franklin County Fair, and Frank-

lin County Farmers Association.

He is actively involved in the community and has served 14 years on the council of the Williamson-Upton Lutheran Parish. A member and past president of both the Volunteer Fire Company and Lions Club, Wingert also belongs to various Masonic and fraternal organizations.

Wingert is an agri-business man

and the third generation to operate the family farm. Since 1953 he has been sole owner and operator of a 500-acre crop and livestock farm. He has received various outstanding service and special recognition awards from the FFA; the Chambersburg Kiwanis Club; Pennsylvania Farmers Association and the Pennsylvania Pork All-American Award from the NPPC.



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