



## **For Immediate Release**

### **Community Bank & Trust West Georgia Ranked #1 United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Business & Industry Lender in the Nation for 2024**

#### *Empowering Growth for Rural and Underserved Communities Across America*

November 5th, 2024 – Community Bank & Trust West Georgia proudly announces its recognition as the #1 United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Business & Industry Guaranteed Lender in the United States. Established as an independent community bank in 1900, Community Bank & Trust has a long legacy of dedication to its clients and has specialized in helping rural America thrive through USDA loan programs since 1980. This milestone reinforces the bank's commitment to supporting small and mid-sized businesses in the rural and underserved regions that drive our nation's economy.

Community Bank & Trust's position as the leading USDA Business & Industry lender reflects its mission to fuel economic development by providing essential financial resources to communities that are vital yet often under-resourced. By prioritizing rural and underserved areas, Community Bank & Trust offers accessible and flexible financial solutions tailored to meet the unique challenges these businesses face, strengthening local economies in meaningful ways.

"We are deeply committed to reaching and supporting America's heartland and the communities that form its foundation," said Steve Jefferies, President & CEO of Community Bank & Trust. "Being recognized as the top USDA Business and Industry lender speaks to the trust our clients place in us and our shared goal to cultivate prosperity in every corner of our nation. Through our specialized USDA lending programs, we bring critical resources to rural and underserved areas, empowering local businesses to grow, thrive and sustain their communities."

Community Bank & Trust would like to extend its gratitude to its trusted partners—Thomas Financial, Ark-La-Tex and Coleman Publishing—for their role in making this accomplishment possible. Their support and collaboration have been instrumental in delivering impactful, community-focused financial solutions for our clients.

With a team of experienced lenders and support specialists, Community Bank & Trust has developed a reputation for reliable, flexible and accessible Small Business Administration (SBA) & USDA lending. Clients in industries from agriculture to local service providers benefit from the bank's relationship-driven approach, which combines a long-term vision with deep community insight.

As Community Bank & Trust continues its expansion, it remains dedicated to being more than a lender—serving as a true partner in the growth and resilience of rural America. The bank looks forward to making an even greater impact by supporting businesses with customized financial solutions designed for sustainable success.

For more information on Community Bank & Trust's SBA or USDA lending programs, please visit [www.RedAppleBank.com](http://www.RedAppleBank.com).

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### **About Community Bank & Trust**

Community Bank & Trust West Georgia, an independent community bank formed in 1900 and a division of Community Bankshares, Inc., is one of the nation's fastest-growing financial institutions. Since 1980, Community Bank & Trust has provided USDA loans to support small and mid-sized businesses in rural and underserved areas, offering innovative financing solutions that foster growth and sustainability across America.

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