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Don Clifton is currently serving his second stint as USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director (SED) for Delaware, having served in that position from June, 1993 – February, 2001 and resuming the post in July, 2009. In the interim, he operated the Clifton family farm and Farmers First Services, Inc. (FFS), a risk management consulting company specializing in crop insurance education and outreach.

Among the successful projects with which FFS has been involved includes the Targeted States Crop Insurance Education Program, funded by the USDA Risk Management Agency and coordinated by the Delaware Department of Agriculture. Since the beginning of the program in 2001, crop insurance participation in Delaware has increased by 60% and aggregate coverage has more than tripled. Although no longer involved with FFS, Don Clifton is proud of these accomplishments, especially in light of the increased USDA program focus on risk management.

The Clifton family operates a farm in northeast Sussex County, Delaware, specializing in growing processing vegetables. The business diversified in 2004, constructing a pea and lima bean processing and packaging facility for fresh market distribution. A fourth generation of Cliftons is now integrally engaged in farming.

Don and Ruth Clifton reside near Milford, DE, where they have raised their seven children.