

The 15th Annual Ag Development Forum will be held Thursday, Feb. 6, in the Holshouser Building, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh. Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler will make his annual State of Agriculture address and present the Exporter of the Year Award.

Other program topics include an economic outlook, a discussion about North Carolina's changing population and demographics as it pertains to rural areas, and the need for broadband access in rural North Carolina.

Featured speakers include: Dr. Michael L. Walden, William Neal Reynolds Distinguished Professor, N.C. State University; Dr. Blake Brown, Hugh C. Kiger Professor, Agriculture and Resource Economics, N.C. State University; Secretary James H. Trogdon, III, N.C. Department of Transportation; and Dr. Michael Cline, State Demographer, N.C. Office of State Budget and Management.

To register, go to <http://www.ncagr.gov/agforum/> and click on the registration link, or contact Chrissy Waggett at 919-707-3008.