

## Steve Troxler



Elected Agriculture Commissioner in 2005

Statutory Appointment for Term of Office

Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler was raised in Browns Summit, Guilford County, and has spent his career in agriculture as founder, owner and operator of Troxler Farms.

He is past president of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, a former chairman of NASDA's Food Regulation and Nutrition Committee, and served as president of the Southern Association of State Department of Agriculture in 2010 – 2011. He also serves on the boards of the N. C. Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation, the Rural Economic Development Center and the N. C. biotechnology Center. He is a member of numerous organizations, including the N. C. Tobacco Research Commission and the Southern United States Trade Association.

Troxler has been recognized with the 2013 Forest Conservationist of the Year Award from the N. C. Wildlife Federation. Other recent awards include the 2012 Meritorious Service award from the N. C. Soybean Producers Association, the 2011 Elliot O. Grosvenor Food Safety Award, the Distinguished Service Award from the N. C. Agricultural Foundation, and a leadership award from the Western North Carolina Livestock Center and WNC communities.

Troxler has held leadership positions in numerous agricultural and community organizations. His service includes the Board of Directors of North Central Farm Credit Association; the Board of Supervisors of the Guilford County Soil and Water Conservation District; board member and vice president of the Guilford County Farmers Organization; the Guilford County Extension Advisory Board; the State Extension Advisory Council at N. C. State University and N. C. A&T State University; and the boards of the North Carolina Tobacco Settlement Phase II Entity and the Guilford Farm Bureau. In addition, he was a century member, director and secretary of the Tobacco Growers Association of North Carolina and was also a spokesman for the group on local, national and international television.

Troxler graduated from N. C. State University in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science degree in conservation, with a concentration in environmental studies. He and his wife, Sharon, have two grown sons, two daughters-in-law and four grandchildren.