

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

North Carolina ranks third in the nation in agricultural diversity, but when it comes to diversity in agricultural commissioners, not so much. Steve Troxler has been North Carolina's commissioner of agriculture since 2005. Now the Republican is seeking a fifth term.

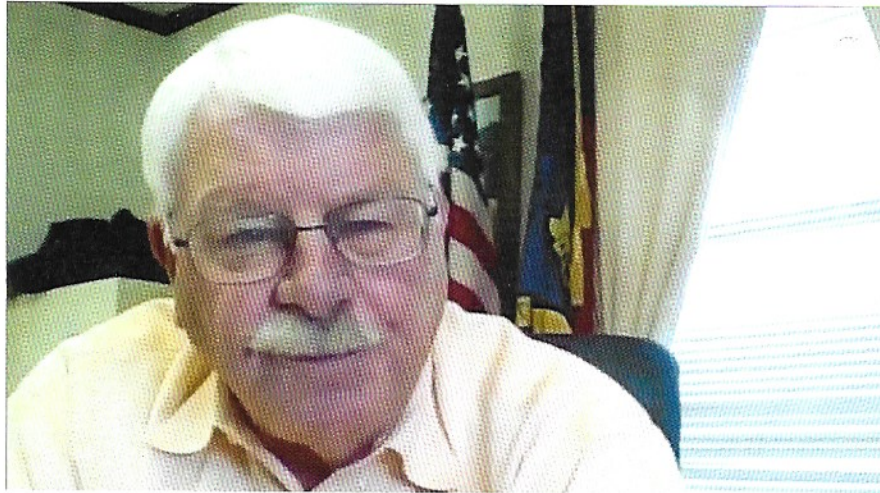
This time he's facing an energetic challenge from Democrat Jena Wadsworth, a supervisor with the Wake County Soil and Water Conservation District. She's brimming with ideas about helping migrant workers, reducing food insecurity and responding to global warming.

Troxler would do well to listen to Wadsworth on issues he has neglected or denied, but his long tenure speaks to his rapport with farmers and his success with promoting agriculture, one of North Carolina's largest industries. We recommend **Steve Troxler**, but we hope Wadsworth will continue to press for change.



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COMMISSIONER OF LABOR

It would seem that the elected head of the Department of Labor would focus on the safety and welfare of workers. Commissioner of Labor Cherie Berry, a Republican, didn't see it that way. Now she's stepping down. Her successor needs to make the department live up to its name.