



# Ag Allies Conference

SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

THE MCKIMMON CENTER  
RALEIGH, NC

AN NC CHAMBER EVENT

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**8:45 a.m.**

**Welcome Remarks**

Gary Salamido, President and CEO, NC Chamber

**9:00 a.m.**

**Opening Keynote: Input Costs**

Cory Rosenbusch, President and CEO, The Fertilizer Institute

**9:30 a.m.**

**Diversity in Ag Panel Discussion**

Dr. Mohamed Ahmedna, Dean, College of Agriculture & Environmental Sciences, North Carolina A&T State University

Steve Evans, Director of Community Development, Smithfield Foods

Dr. Terri Long, Associate Professor, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, North Carolina State University

Moderator: Paul Rea, SVP, Senior Vice Present, Ag Solutions

**10:15 a.m.**

**Networking Break**

**10:45 a.m.**

**Top Legal Issues Affecting the Agriculture Industry**

Marisa N. Bocci, Partner, K&L Gates

Jake Parker, Secretary and General Counsel, NC Farm Bureau

**11:30 a.m.**

**Lunch**

**12:15 p.m.**

**International Food Issues**

Ambassador Kip Tom, former United States Ambassador to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture

Ray Starling, General Counsel and President of the Legal Institute, NC Chamber

**1:00 p.m.**

**Closing Remarks**

Ray Starling, General Counsel and President of the Legal Institute, NC Chamber



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