



**Georgia Chamber
Rural Prosperity Summit
October 3-4, 2023**

Day 1: Full Day

9:30 AM **Registration**

10:00 AM **Call to Order**

Welcome Remarks

Presenting Sponsor Remarks

State of Rural Prosperity

- Part I – Featured Session Speaker
 - **Chris Clark**, President & CEO, Georgia Chamber
- Part II – Audience Q&A

State of Rural Agriculture

- Part I – Featured Session Speaker
 - **Tyler Harper**, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Agriculture
- Part II – Panel Discussion
 - **Laura Perry Johnson**, Associate Dean for Extension, University of Georgia
 - **Arthur Tripp**, State Director, USDA Farm Services Agency
 - Moderated by: **Tyler Harper**, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Agriculture
- Part III – Audience Q&A

12:15 – 12:50 PM **Networking Lunch**

State of Rural Education

- Part I – Featured Session Speaker
 - **Richard Woods**, State School Superintendent, Georgia Department of Education
- Part II – Panel Discussion
 - **Bronwyn Ragan-Martin**, Deputy Superintendent of Rural Education and Innovation, Georgia Department of Education
 - **Richard Smith**, Executive Director, First District RESA
 - Moderated by: **Dana Rickman**, President, Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education
- Part III – Audience Q&A

1:50 – 2:05 PM **NETWORKING BREAK**

BREAKOUT SESSION I

BREAKOUT SESSION II

State of Rural Sustainability

- Part I – Featured Session Speaker
 - To Be Announced
- Part II – Audience Q&A

Closing Remarks

4:30 – 6:00 PM Networking Reception

DAY 2: MORNING

7:30 – 8:00 AM **Breakfast**

8:00 AM **Call to Order**

Welcome Remarks

State of Rural Healthcare

- Part I – Featured Session Speaker
 - To Be Announced
- Part II – Panel Discussion
 - **Billy Hickman**, Georgia State Senator, District 4
 - **Charles Tarbutton**, President and Director, B-H Transfer Co. and Board Member, Georgia HEART Hospital Program
 - **Carlyle Walton**, CEO, Phoebe Sumter Medical Center
 - Moderated by: **Lisa Kelly**, Executive Director, Georgia HEART Hospital Program, LLC Part
- III – Audience Q&A

State of Rural Transportation and Freight

- Part I – Featured Session Speaker
 - **Russell McMurry**, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Transportation
- Part II – Panel Discussion
 - **Paula Dowell**, Vice President of Integrated Planning, HNTB
 - **Sandy Lake**, Director of Logistics, Georgia Center of Innovation
 - **Stacy Watson**, Director of Economic & Industrial Development, Georgia Ports Authority
 - Moderated by: **Seth Millican**, Executive Director, Georgia Transportation Alliance
- Part III – Audience Q&A

10:10 – 10:25 AM NETWORKING BREAK

State of Rural Economic Development

- Part I – Featured Session Speaker
 - **Pat Wilson**, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Economic Development
- Part II – Panel Discussion
 - **Walt Farrell**, Vice President of Community & Economic Development
 - **Daryl Ingram**, Senior Vice President & Chief External Officer, Electric Cities of Georgia
 - **Pat Merritt**, Vice President of Community & Economic Development, Georgia EMC
 - Moderated by: **Grant Cagle**, Executive Director, Georgia Economic Developers Association
- Part III – Audience Q&A

Closing Remarks

11:30 PM Adjourn