

## Leaders to Discuss Equine Economics

**Equestrian community leaders from across the nation will gather to discuss important issues in the equine industry.**

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To begin a national dialog on the future of American equine communities, the first National Equine Economic Development Summit has been scheduled April 19 – 21 in Tryon, N.C.

The summit is designed to bring together leaders and opinion makers from major equestrian communities around the country to discuss economic development issues critical to the horse industry. Equine business development specialist Kimberly Brown of Lexington, Ky., will be the keynote speaker. Topics to be discussed include the role of equine communities in 21st century agriculture, best practices and contemporary equine economic development.

“We are seeing more and more communities with equine interests being challenged by creeping urbanization and other common issues,” says Libbie Johnson, an organizer for the event. “The time was right to bring these issues to the table and give area economic developers, planners and those relying on the horse economy some tools for moving forward.”

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