

# Homeland Creamery Hayride Tour and Ice Cream Social Activity October 28, 2017 (Joint Activity with TGPAS)

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Saturday, October 28, was a mild, sunny autumn day, which was perfect for a hay ride, tour of Bowman Farm, and enjoyment of good friends and good ice cream. Approximately 30 members, family, and guests of the Piedmont Bird Club and T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon Society visited the farm in Julian, NC, to learn about the vast operations of this renown dairy farm.

The tour included a 30-minute tractor-pulled hayride to view the working farm. Visitors were invited to milk Miss Betty, a simulated cow. All learned about the day-to-day operations of the farm, including sophisticated computerized record-keeping to track the lactation and health of each cow. After the tour, everyone enjoyed homemade ice cream. The group spotted a number of birds, including bluebirds, bluejays, crows, and sparrows, but the highlights of the day were definitely related to the dairy.

Many thanks to Dennis Burnette for organizing this new event for our clubs and providing pictures.

