

## Don't Miss Farm Tour 2016

This year, the association has selected three family farm operations that will share years of experience and insight with tour participants. These growers are veterans not only in strawberry production, but farm diversification, marketing, and agritourism. The buses will depart from the Hilton North Raleigh at 10am on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and will return to the hotel that evening at approximately 8pm (cost is \$85 per person, lunch & dinner is included if you ride the bus). With three stops this year, there will be plenty of time for in-depth tours of each location as well as question and answer sessions. We are so pleased that the Whitaker family at Whitaker Farms, the Kenan's of Bernie's Berries and the Rudd's of Rudd Farm will be graciously hosting us this year! We end our tour with a catered dinner at The Hayloft.

### Whitaker Farms

Climax, NC



Whitaker Farms has so much to offer...fresh, local produce, including our strawberries and tomatoes, gorgeous hanging baskets and an assortment of other annuals, perennial, trees, and shrubs. Whitaker Farms has three locations.

The main farm is in Climax where all of our produce and flowers are grown. In addition to the greenhouses, this location offers scheduled school tours, pick-your own strawberries, a pumpkin patch, and seasonal festivals. You are welcome to come relax by the pond and enjoy a picnic as well! Whitaker's has a retail garden center on Highway 64 in Franklinville, between Asheboro and Ramseur. Not only can you buy their produce and flowers at this location, but they have ice cream too. You can also visit them at the Piedmont Triad Farmer's Market in Greensboro. For more information on Whitaker Farms, visit [www.whitakerfarm.com](http://www.whitakerfarm.com).

### Bernie's Berries

Greensboro, NC



The Kenan Farm, a block of farmland that sits just off Groometown Road in Guilford County a few miles outside Greensboro, NC, has been in our family for nearly 60 years and for most all of those years, that land has harvested a variety of crops every spring, summer and fall.

A beautiful real working farm where you can bring the family and come pick your own strawberries or drive right up and buy off the table. We also have farm fresh produce including peaches, blueberries, tomatoes, leaf lettuce, squash, beets, collards, corn, and much much more. Enjoy the gorgeous landscape of 12 acres of rolling hills of strawberry and produce fields nestled in southwest Greensboro. For more information on Bernie's Berries, visit [www.berniesberries.com](http://www.berniesberries.com).

## **Rudd Farm**

Greensboro, NC



The Rudd Farm is a fourth generation family farm, which is located in Guilford County near Greensboro, NC. The farm was started as a tobacco farm by Kenneth's grandfather in the early 1900's. From that time until 2000, tobacco and wheat were the main crops grown on the farm. In 2000, the family decided to diversify, and planted their first strawberry crop. The first harvest of strawberries (1-1/3 acres) was in May, 2001.

The family stopped growing tobacco in 2004 so they could concentrate on growing their strawberry and produce business. In 2005, the family began growing greenhouse tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers. Kenneth's wife, Joan retired from public work in 2006, to become a full time farm lady. The on farm produce stand is now open about 6 to 7 months a year during the spring, summer, and fall growing seasons. For more information on Rudd Farm, visit [www.ruddfarm.com](http://www.ruddfarm.com).

## **The Hayloft – dinner venue**

McLeansville, NC

