

Three seconds separated the winning team from the runner-up team, but in the end the “Senate Super Sippers” beat the “House All Stars” in the 19th Annual Legislative Milk Chugging contest today at the Legislature Building. Teams competed to see who could chug six half pints of milk in the shortest amount of time. Winners earned a donation to the charity of their choice.

The “Senate Super Sippers,” made up of Sen. W. Ted Alexander, Sen. Jim Burgin and Sen. Eddie Gallimore had a time of 1 minute and 6 seconds. They represented the N.C 4-H Foundation. The “House All Stars” team, consisting of Rep. William D. Brisson, Rep. Chris Humphrey and Rep. Larry Strickland clocked a time of 1 minute and 9 seconds. Their charity was the N.C. FFA Foundation.

The event draws attention to the state’s dairy industry during Dairy Month. N.C. dairy farmers care for 44,000 dairy cows across the state. North Carolina leads the Southeast for most milk production per cow and produces more than 108 million gallons of milk annually. North Carolina also produces 14.9 million gallons of ice cream each year.