

YOU KNOW YOU'RE FROM

Carolina country if...

...you know the difference between a

whippin' and a
whoppin'.

From Kim Lynch, Roxboro



From Terra Davis, Connelly Springs

- ... Your favorite part of summer is workin' in the garden with your Grandpaw, then sittin' on the porch in the evening eatin' watermelon.
- ... You tear up when the state paves the dirt road you live on.
- ... You and your friends were a little too country to get on your high school's 2005–2006 homecoming court, so you made your own Red Neck Homecoming Court.
- ... You look for a boyfriend who has Jesus, boots and a good Ford truck.
- ... Your mama has to holler out the kitchen window to “take them nasty boots off!”
- ... Your and your friends have trucks, Red-Man pocketbooks and shot-guns.
- ... Your weekends consist of horse sales, tractor pulls, rodeo, then church.

From David Fulp, Pine Hall

- ... You pretended a tobacco sled was a ship, the tobacco sticks were harpoons and the tobacco barn was a whale.
- ... As a teenager, your favorite magazine was Progressive Farmer.
- ... Fishing was the major activity of any vacation.
- ... A Pulliam's BBQ or hot dog was a real treat.

From Tina Fann, Newton Grove

- ... Your calculator is an adding machine.
- ... You've been out gallivantin'.
- ... You and your friends go gommin'.
- ... Your Paw Paw took you to Martin Brothers in Mocksville to buy hog washers every summer.

From Kim Lynch, Roxboro

- ... As a girl, all the kids you played with were boys.
- ... You fished with a tobacco stick as a pole and your grandma's biscuit as bait.
- ... When you had rotten tomato fights, whoever was dirtiest and smelled bad won.
- ... Your grandma and grandpa had a picture in their room, and everyone swore up and down that the eyes would follow you wherever you went in that room.
- ... You know the difference between a whippin' and a whoppin'.
- ... For breakfast your grandpa gave you some candy for school.
- ... You and your middle sister put frogs in your older sister's room.
- ... At dark you played “There ain't no bogey bears out tonight.”
- ... Your neighbor's name was Dewey, and after he passed away you never heard that name again until you married a man named Dewey.

From Billy Clay Thomas, Fayetteville

- ... You know how far “slap way down yonder” is.
- ... When you went to bed, you turned off the light by pulling a string whose one end was attached to the bed post and the other end to a small chain on the light bulb receptacle.
- ... You know what it means when you hear someone say, “It is so hot you must have cooked it with split wood.”
- ... Your radio antenna was a wire which ran from the back of your radio, out the window, and to the clothes line.
- ... You listened to radio stations WCKY out of Cincinnati, Ohio, and WKBW out of Buffalo, N.Y.
- ... You know what it feels like to get up out of bed in the dark and step on one of your sister's jack rocks, and you can remember what your dad said when he stepped on one.

From Lynn Smothers, Shelby

- ... You can't wear your clothes because they've drawn up.
- ... You eat until you're as full as a tick.
- ... You know what it means to be plumb crazy.
- ... You have heard someone say, “My brother is making me a preacher.”
- ... You have heard someone say, “He paid me no never mind.”

From Darlene & Guy Brittain, Connelly Springs

- ... When you went to bed at dark, Grandmaw said you went to bed with the chickens.
- ... Your cousin rode a whizzer motor bike to school.
- ... Your uncle made five gallons of home brew in your Grandmaw's sauerkraut crock.
- ... Grandmaw and Grandpaw had a spring house.
- ... Your dad dug fresh horseradish and ground it up in the sausage grinder and mixed it with vinegar to eat with a fresh pot of pinto beans and yeast bread.
- ... You still live on a dirt road.
- ... Every day in November you watched for the mailman to bring the Sears, Roebuck and Western Auto Christmas wish catalog.
- ... You knew that when someone was raisin' cane they weren't growing bamboo.

From Dorcas Morris, Stella

- ... Your water heater was the reservoir of your wood-burning cook stove.
- ... You made your spending money mowing your neighbor's lawn with a swinging blade.
- ... Your school bus had one long seat on both sides for the big students and one long seat in the middle for the little ones and lots of bad boys riding. 🚫