

# You know you're from North Carolina

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**From Jessie Brown, Harmony**

- You know that Texas Pete is made in Winston-Salem, not Texas.
- You remember giving nickels and pennies to bring the USS North Carolina home.
- You tell someone you ate soakie for breakfast and they know what you're talking about.
- Your supper is cornbread and a glass of milk.
- You know how many salad greens to cook in order to make a mess of greens.
- You know what sawmill gravy is.
- Opossums and raccoons eat all of the cat food or dog food off of your front porch.

**From Jeannette Williams:**

- You have ridden in the back of a pick-up truck in the cool of the morning to go work in the tobacco fields.
- You get green thumbs every summer from shelling peas and butter beans.
- One of your relatives makes muscadine wine.
- You remember catching June bugs and tying strings to their legs.

**From Mark Scott, Randolph EMC member**

- You know what red horse suckers are and have eaten them. (They are large bottom-feeding fish that migrate into freshwater streams in the spring to spawn.)

**From Rosa Myrick**

- You sit on the pisen instead of the porch.
- You say bed kivers instead of bed covers.
- You sop flour bread with molasses.
- You have eaten battered and fried pig feet.
- You have eaten the seeds inside May Pops.
- You have chewed rabbit tobacco.
- You say 'lasses puddin' rather than gingerbread.

**From Sabrina Lyons, Bostic**

- I can't teach ya, but I'll learn ya quick.
- You ever took a bath in the in the front yard in a tin tub.
- You rolled down a hill in a barrel.

- You blew a tar, or caught somethin' on far.
- You know a cheer ain't something you do, it's something to sit on.

**From Michelle Gryder, Statesville**

- You get a kiss when he's got a little chew.
- You go mud slingin. after a good rain.
- Your first movin. wheels was a lawnmower.
- You'd rather drink out of a mason jar, than a cup.

**From Rick Henson, Cashiers**

- A brown bag is a poke (or, if you're educated, a paper sack).
- The highlight of your Saturday is going to get a dope and a moon pie.
- You would rather cook your potatoes whole unpeeled in the coals of an outside fire.
- You know the exact distance of back yonder and over yonder.
- Your husband's, son's and daughter's birthday or
- Christmas presents are a registered blue tick, black and tan, and plot pup.

**From Joyce Blythe, Waxhaw**

- You know that "3" and Earnhardt are synonymous.
- You meet someone and ask before ending the conversation, "What church do you go to?"

**From Ted Auten, Concord**

- You call a garden-hose a hose-pipe.
- Youens (pronounced "yew-ins") and ya'll have the same meaning.
- Sure and shore are the same word (as in "I shore do miss my dog").
- You have heard of wampus cats.

**From Chris White**

- While growing up, you had Sunday shoes, a Sunday coat and Sunday britches.
- You're a registered Democrat but always vote Republican in November.
- When you went to Greenville or Rocky Mount you thought you were in the big city.
- Parker's Barbecue in Greenville and Wilson was considered fine dining.

- When growing up, Saturday night TV consisted of "Mid-Atlantic Championship Wrestling" followed by the "Porter Waggoner Show" and "Hee-Haw."
- You didn't get spanked, you got whupped.
- You've stayed home from school to watch the ACC basketball tournament.

**From Eugene Dodge, Vale:**

- The ladies figuring your electric bill at the co-op office have to take off their shoes first.
- The co-op's meter reader carries a wad of tobacco in his cheek for protection against vicious dogs, and he can hit either of your dog's eyes with a spit of tobacco from a distance of 10 feet.
- The co-op's district manager asks you how you like his new suit, and he is wearing a pair bib overalls.

**Hope DiStaola, Union Power member**

- The kids have a day off from school because it might snow.
- You go to the 4th of July parade every year to watch tractors and horses, and you know everyone on the tractors and horses.
- You wave at everyone you see when you're driving even if you don't know them.
- You know what a tractor pull is.

**From La Donna Cummings, Pittsboro**

- You put on your shoes for company, and they take theirs off at the door.
- You give good directions using landmarks but can't remember the name of the road.
- Your kids ask Santa for some salt lick and a bow.
- Your sons get a summer haircut so you can see the ticks.
- People are not fat, they're healthy.
- Your husband tries to claim his dogs on his taxes.
- You always say, "Yes, ma'am."
- Squirrels are used for target practice with sling shots loaded with acorns.
- Your dad doesn't like the Internet "cause it's no good for fishing."