



# You know you're from North Carolina if ...

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### **From Dale Whitfield, Wake Forest**

- You know the difference between a hissie fit and a conniption, and that you don't "have" them, you "pitch" them.
- If someone says he'll "be back directly," you know exactly how long it will be before he's back.
- You know "gimme some sugar" is not a request for the white, granular sweet substance that sits in a pretty little bowl on the middle of the table.
- You know instinctively that the best way to comfort a neighbor who's got trouble is to give a plate of hot fried chicken and a big bowl of cold potato salad. If the neighbor's trouble is a real crisis, you know to add a large banana puddin'.
- You know the difference between a right near and a right far place.
- A booger can be a resident of the nose, a descriptive as in "that ol' booger," a first name, or something that jumps out at you in the dark and scares you.
- You make friends while standing in lines.
- You have caught yourself lookin'.
- You don't scream obscenities at little old ladies who drive slowly on the freeway. You just say, "Bless her heart" and go your own way.



### **From Julie Fair, a native Charlottean**

- "I use ta could" is a sentence you can understand.
- You know that those brown and black furry cater pillars are called woolly worms.
- You know the historical reason for the name Charlotte Hornets.
- You know that all of those bad drivers in Charlotte aren't from here.
- You know that a double-wide is just like a house.
- You learned square dancing in school as a form of PE.

### **From Vickie Cruthis, Darlene Wagoner and Marlene Hedrick, all members of EnergyUnited**

- You have used kerosene or turpentine for medicinal purposes.
- You have worn ear bobs or a head rag.
- You know how to recycle a Sears catalog.
- You know that you keep your cows in a born.
- You know what window lights are, and you have washed them every spring.
- You know what it means when your momma says to "warp him one." (Our momma had a dog that would jump up on visitors, and she would say, "Roll up that newspaper and warp him one.")

### **From Becky Willard, Mocksville, Energy United member**

- You've gone sledding on an old car hood.
- You know how to make your own livermush and chow chow.

### **From Crystal Hopkins, Washington**

- You are at work and it starts to rain, but you know the neighbors will get your clothes off the line.
- You know Monday is wash day.
- You take your shoes off to walk through mud puddles.

### **From Sammy Bailey, Wingate**

- You know what hose pipes and drop cords are.

### **From Kimberly Shoffner, Seagrove**

- Before using anything that runs on an engine, you have to work at least an hour on it.
- Your grandparents ask, "How do ya like them apples?"

### **From Lisa Brown, Siloam**

- You know that salet is just another name for turnip greens.
- Receipts mean recipes.
- You know what a horse egg is.
- You've played see-saw on a tobacco trailer.
- You know what the lights in a hog are. (For example, at hog-killing time, someone might say, "I want the lights out of the hog if don't nobody want 'em.")
- Snuff from your grandpa's mouth soothed a bee sting.

### **From Tian Rodriguez**

- You love pimento cheese sandwiches.
- You mow out back and find the car you drove in high school.
- You can describe the taste of souse meat.
- A vacation is a road trip on which you look at as many old log buildings as you can fit in a two-and-a-half day schedule.