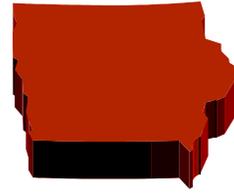


You Grew Up In Rural Iowa If . . .



You know what knee-high by the Fourth of July means.

You know it is traditional for the bride and groom to go bar hopping between the reception and wedding dance.

You know the difference between "Green" and "Red" farm machinery, and would fight with your friends on the playground over which was better!

You buy Christmas presents at Farm Fleet.

More is spent on beer & liquor than food at weddings.

You or someone you know was a "Pork Queen" at the county fair.

You know that "combine" is a noun AND a verb.

You let your older siblings talk you into putting your tongue on a steel post in the middle of winter.

You think Lutheran and Catholic are THE major religions.

You know that "creek" rhymes with "pick".

Football schedules, hunting season and harvest are all taken into consideration before wedding dates are set.

A Friday night date is getting a six-pack and taking your girlfriend shining for deer. Also, called gravel jamm'in.

Saturday you go to your local bowling alley.

There was at least one kid in your class who had to help milk cows or goats in the morning...pew!

You have driven your car on the lake.

Every wedding dance you have ever been to has the hokey pokey and the chicken dance.

Your definition of a small town is one that only has one bar.

The local gas station sells live bait.

At least twice a year some part of your home doubles as a meat processing plant.

You think that the start of deer season is a national holiday.

Pop is the only name for soda.

You don't need to use your turn signals because everyone already knows where you are going.

You know what "party at the field" means: Someone has acquired a keg and is having a party in the middle of a corn field in the middle of nowhere -- everyone knows exactly how to get there. (Corn field serves as cover in case the party is busted)

When you lose control of your vehicle and go into the ditch, the news will get back to town before you do!!!!

You actually understand these jokes and will forward them to all your Iowa friends!!!!