

# YOU MIGHT LIVE IN NORTH DAKOTA ...

- if you think it's a sport to gather food by drilling thru 8 inches of ice and sitting there all day waiting for food to swim by.
- if you're proud that your state makes the national news primarily because it houses the coldest spot in the nation.
- if you have ever refused to buy something because it's "too spendy".
- if your local Dairy Queen (the "Poolside") is closed from November through March.
- if someone in a store offers you assistance and they don't work there.
- if your dad's suntan stops at a line curving around the middle of his forehead.
- if you have worn shorts and a parka at the same time.
- if your town has an equal number of bars and churches.
- if parking your car for the night involves an extension cord.
- if you know how to correctly pronounce Medina, Cando, and Hebron.
- if you think that ketchup is a little too spicy.
- if a "vacation" is shopping for the weekend in Grand Forks, Fargo, Minot, or Bismarck (while the kids swim at the motel).
- if you measure distance in hours.
- if your family vehicle is a crew cab pickup.
- if you know several people who have hit deer more than once.
- if you often switch from "heat" to "A/C" in the same day and back again.
- if you can drive 65 mph through 2 feet of snow during a raging blizzard without flinching.
- if you see people wearing hunting clothes at social events.
- if you've installed security lights on your house and garage and leave both unlocked.
- if you think the major food groups are beer, fish, and venison.
- if the largest traffic jam in your town centers around a high school football or basketball game.
- if you carry jumper cables in your car and your girlfriend knows how to use them.
- if there are 7 empty cars running in the parking lot at Wal-Mart at any given time.
- if there are more people at work on Christmas Eve Day than on the Deer-Opener.
- if you design your kid's Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit.
- if driving is better in the winter because the potholes are filled with snow.
- if you know all 4 seasons: almost winter, winter, still winter, and road construction.
- if you can identify a southern or eastern accent.
- if you consider Fargo exotic.
- if your idea of creative landscaping is a statue of a deer next to your cottonwood.
- if the sunbelt to you means Bismarck.
- if a "brat" is something you eat.
- if finding your misplaced car keys involves looking in the ignition.
- if you go out to a fish fry every Friday.
- if you find 0 degrees a little chilly.

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