

Old Fashioned Farmers Day - Labor Day Weekend in Chatham County, NC!

The **Old Fashioned Farmers Day** event can actually be a bit misleading - this country festival actually runs across 3 days, and offers lots of home-grown farm fun just 45 minutes from Raleigh.

If you love going to the State Fair, but long for the simpler days, this festival is bound to be lots of fun.

View Local Crafts and Products

Over 200 vendors came to hawk their wares for the 2007 event, and participation should be close this year! Visitors can look at homemade jams and jellies, clothing, wood crafts, metal crafts, pottery, and more. Not only that, but there's a huge **antique area** with a great "flea market" feel to the presentations.



Eat Great Food

You'll find **southern BBQ** plates, hot dogs, chicken, and more - and that's just the main event! Snack on cotton candy, baked potatoes, **corn on the cob**, funnel cakes and more.



Try Some Southern Homemade Ice Cream

This ice cream is so good, **over 7000 cups were served last year!** An antique steam engine will churn away throughout the day, serving homemade ice cream. You'll want to come back for seconds!

Listen to some Great Bluegrass Music

Concerts are held both Saturday and Sunday, and midday and at 7pm. Come for some great gospel and bluegrass music.

Here's a brief schedule of events for **Old Fashioned Farmers Day in Chatham County:**

Friday August 29th

- **6pm** - Gates Open
- **7pm** - Tractor Pull

Saturday August 30th

- **9am** - **Grand Opening Session**, Raising of the Flag by Boy Scout Troop 911.



- 9:15am - Saw Milling
- 9:30am - Shingle Milling
- 10:15am - Rock Crushing
- 10:30am - Junior Dairy Show - Showmanship and Fitting
- 11:00am - Threshing, Baling and Corn Shredding
- **Noon - Whistle Blow and Lunch Break** (home cooked pintos, fried chicken tenders, pork barbecue, homemade ice cream!)
- **12:30pm - Outdoor Music Begins!**
- 1:00pm - Shingle Milling
- 1:00pm - Junior Dairy Show - Type Classes
- 1:30pm - Saw Milling
- 1:30pm - Kids Games, Kiddie Tractor Pull
- 4:30pm - Threshing and Baling
- **6:00pm - Supper** (home cooked pintos, fried chicken tenders, pork barbecue, homemade ice cream!)
- **7:30-10:30pm - Evening Music on the outdoor stage**

Sunday August 31st

Sunday the 31st has a similar schedule, with a raffle drawing schedule for 7 pm.

Music will be offered by:

- [The Rocky River Ramblers](#) - Originally a father/son group, the Rocky River Ramblers are based in Siler City and play bluegrass with a touch of gospel.
- A Touch of Blue - Bluegrass band
- [Nu-Blu](#) - Mixture of traditional and contemporary bluegrass
- The Circuit
- [The Harvesters](#) - The Harvesters Quartet has been performing gospel music since 1954, and is well known in the gospel circuit. Will perform on Sunday.
- The Blackwelders



Admission:

General Admission is **\$5.00 per day per person**, children under 6 FREE.

Parking is free.

Directions:

Old Fashioned Farmers Day is held **just northwest of Pittsboro**, in the Silk Hope area. About **25 minutes from Chapel Hill** by the back roads, or about 40 minutes on the highway, Silk Hope consists of beautiful, rolling wooded countryside, dotted by family farms.

Located between Siler City and Pittsboro, on Silk Hope Gum Springs Road at the intersection of Silk Hope Lindley Mills Road. **From the Raleigh area, take 64W to Pittsboro, then right on 87N (exit 381), travel 2 miles. Left on Silk Hope Gum Springs Road, travel 7 miles.**

Head on out for some Old Fashioned Family Fun!! Just another example of the wide variety of activities - and the heritage - of the Raleigh area!

Sponsored by [Silk Hope Ruritan Club](#). Proceeds used in support of Community Service Activities. General Information Contact: Buddy Lemons at Baker Limestone (OFFD Chairman) 919/742-4881 Vendors: Ned Gaudette 919/ 542-2224 Campers: Harold Rogers 919/ 742-4406 David Hobson, for the Publicity Committee Email: silkhoperuritan@yahoo.com

