

## Farms and Plantations

The great majority of free North Carolinians, rich and poor, lived and worked on farms before the Civil War. In this chapter, we'll examine a variety of primary sources — from letters and diaries to recipes and novels — that show what life and work were like for these people.

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Few farms in North Carolina were the great plantations we see in movies, and even plantation life was not always so grand as it may seem.

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