**Inner Coastal Plain Region**

* **Inner Coastal Plain-flat region in North Carolina that has the state’s richest soil; farmers grow tobacco, cotton, corn, etc.—we live here!**
* **Known for its many crossroads hamlets, or very small communities with names like “Ballard’s Crossroads.”**
* **Cities like Goldsboro, Greenville, and Rocky Mount exist because of tobacco (“tobacco towns”)**
* **Longleaf pines grew all over this region, used for tar and lumber; now there are more loblolly pines**
* **Sandhills make up the Southwestern part of this region; since farming doesn’t work, golf courses and Ft. Bragg use the sand**
* **Cape Fear and Neuse rivers also run through this region**
* **Hog and poultry farms have outgrown tobacco farms, but N.C. is still the nation’s top producer of tobacco and sweet potatoes**