

# Darwin Twine Ball Museum

## Ripley's Believe It Or Not - #1



### Minnesota's **silly string**

**How big:** Weighs a whopping 11 tons and is 12 feet 9 inches in diameter.

**How it grew:** It took farmer Francis Johnson almost three decades to twirl that much twine in Darwin, Minn.

**Why he did it:** He grew up in the Depression and was taught to save.

**Quote:** "Without the twine ball, Darwin would be dead," says Hank Quinn, president of the Darwin Community Club.

**Detour worth taking:** The Spam Museum in nearby Austin, Minn.

**What's there:** The Hormel Company's version of the history of meat.