



Farmers sometimes have a hard time making ends meet, what with local, provincial and federal regulations; local, provincial and federal tax payments; environmental inspectors, high fuel costs with added carbon taxes and other service fees; and increases in the cost of fertilizer, feed, seed, equipment and machinery repairs and replacement. It's a tough load to carry for anyone. To top it off, indiscriminate slaughter of livestock adds to the farmers' burden which leads into the following story about . . .

## **Farmer Intervention**

Farmer Jack lived on a quiet rural highway, but as time went by, the traffic slowly built up and eventually got so heavy and so fast that his free-range chickens were being run over at a rate of three to six a week.

So, Farmer Jack called the local police station to complain. "You've got to do something about all these people driving so fast and killing my chickens," he said to the local police officer. "What do you want me to do?" asked the policeman. "I don't care, just do something about those crazy

drivers!" So, the next day the policeman had the local council erect a sign that read:



Three days later Farmer Jack called the policeman and said, "You've still got to do something about these drivers. The School Crossing sign seems to make them go even faster!" So again, the council put up a new sign which read:



That really sped the drivers up. So, Farmer Jack called and said, "Your signs are no good. Can I put up my own sign?" To get Farmer Jack off his back the policeman said, "Sure, put up your own sign."

The phone calls from Farmer Jack to the police station stopped. Curiosity got the better of the policeman, so he called

Farmer Jack. "How is the problem with the speeding drivers? Did you put up your sign?" "Oh, I sure did and not one chicken has been run over."

The policeman was curious and thought he'd better go out and take a look at the sign. He also thought the sign may be something the police could use elsewhere to slow drivers down. So, he drove out to Farmer Jack's house. His jaw dropped the moment he saw the sign, it read:

