THE CHICKEN FARMER

If you are from the country, or have spent any time on a farm, this story should grab your attention.

A man became disenchanted with the city life he was living. He decided to move to the country and start a chicken farm.

He bought a farmhouse with some land around it, and, after he had moved in, he bought 200 baby chicks. But they all quickly died. He bought 200 more baby chicks, but, again, they all died a short time later.

Puzzled and distressed, the man wrote to the county agricultural agent and described everything that had happened. He concluded his letter: "I want very much to be a successful chicken farmer. Therefore, can you tell me: Have I been planting the chicks too close together or too deep?"

Whereupon the county agent wrote back and said, "I can't answer your question until you send me a soil sample."

The conclusion from the story – while we chuckle at it – is that some folks are just not cut out for the work they find themselves in.

When that becomes clear, admit it and move on to discover what your true gifts are.

- Beecher Hunter