

Farm gate prices must keep up with taxes and other costs

Dear Editor,

Would you please tell me what this new stable funding bill will do for the farmers of Ontario? Will it change some of the existing programs or what?

I heard of one program in the agricultural budget where a farmer could get \$6,500 if he were in financial or other trouble.

Part of the money was for hiring an accountant to help with his financial problems, a lawyer to help with his legal problems and a psychiatrist to help with his or her mental problems. This is in the agricultural budget to help farmers.

I suggest to you that if they just give the \$6,500 to the farmer it would help all three problems. After all, who needs the money most?

It reminds me of the story of the farmer who went to the psychiatrist. After a few visits, he couldn't pay the bill. The psychiatrist suggested that if he didn't pay

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soon he would let him go crazy.

Surely, these so-called professionals don't need the money from the agricultural

budget.

The one and only way to help agriculture is for farm gate prices to keep up with taxes and other costs.

As for farmers getting a rebate on these farm taxes, the land shouldn't be taxed for education, culture and recreation in the first place. It is people who demand

these services, they should be taxed; not the land.

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