

Correspondence

Dear Deputy Editor, Editorial *Behavioural Psychotherapy* July 1982

(The cabbage is always greener)

I found your analogy between the research conditions prevailing for farmers and behaviour therapists most stimulating. However, it struck me that you might be exaggerating any differences that may exist (green with envy?). In communication with a former agricultural researcher, it was apparent that a number of your farmer's advantages were not necessarily accepted. For example, my source reported sample attrition resulting from "poor establishment, waterlogging, damage due to pests and occasional accidental or malicious loss". It seems clear from this account that we have considerably more in common than you had suggested!

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