

**THE RULES OF RURAL INDIANA ARE AS  
FOLLOWS:**

- 1. Pull your droopy pants up. You look like an idiot.**
- 2. Turn your cap right, your head isn't crooked.**
- 3. Let's get this straight; it's called a 'dirt road.' I drive a pickup truck because I want to. No matter how slow you drive, you're going to get dust on your Lexus. Drive it or get out of the way.**
- 4. They are cattle. They're live steaks. That's why they smell funny to you. But they smell like money to Indiana farmers. Get over it. Don't like it? I-70 goes east and west, I-65 goes north and south. Pick one.**
- 5. So you have a \$60,000 car. We're impressed. Grain farmers have \$350,000 combines that they drive only 3 weeks a year.**
- 6. So every person in rural Indiana waves. It's called being friendly. Try to understand the concept.**
- 7. If that cell phone rings while an 8-point buck and 3 does are coming in, we WILL shoot it out of your hand. You better hope you don't have it up to your ear at the time.**
- 8. Yeah, we eat taters, gravy, beans and cornbread. You really want sushi and caviar? It's available at Jim's bait shop...**
- 9. The 'Opener' refers to the first day of deer season.**

**It's religious holiday held on the 15th of November.**

**10. We open doors for women. That applies to all women, regardless of age.**

**11. No, there's no 'vegetarian special' on the menu. Order steak. Or you can order the Chef's Salad and pick off the 2 pounds of ham & turkey.**

**12. When we fill out a table, there are three main dishes: meats, vegetables, and breads. We use three seasonings - salt, pepper, and ketchup. Oh, yeah....We don't care what you folks in Indianapolis call that stuff you eat... IT AIN'T REAL CHILI!!**

**13. You bring 'coke' into my house, it better be brown, wet and served over ice.**

**14. You bring 'Mary Jane' into my house, she better be homegrown, cute, knows how to shoot, drive a truck, and she better have long hair..**

**15. College and high school football/basketball are as important here as the Colts and the Pacers .... and more fun to watch.**

**16. Yeah, we have golf courses. But don't hit the water hazards -- it spooks the fish.**

**17. Colleges? We have them all. We have State Universities , Community Colleges, and Voc-techs. Folks come outta there with an education plus a love for**

**God and country, and they still wave at everybody when they come for the holidays.**

**18. Turn down that blasted car stereo! That thumpity-thump crap ain't music, anyway.. We don't want to hear it anymore than we want to see your boxers. Refer back to #1.**

**19. Four inches of snow isn't a blizzard - it's a flurry. Drive in it like you got some sense, and DON'T take all our bread, milk, and bleach from the grocery stores. This ain't Alaska . Worst case you may have to live a whole day with out croissants. The pickups with snowplows will have you out the next day.**

**20. By the way... if you want to talk to God in Indiana , it's a local call.**