Measuring the windspeed of tornados is non-trivial. However, the following law has been experimentally observed:



Hence: Use cannons to shoot chicken into tornados. The more feathers they loose, the faster the wind!

However ...

... this is bad physics. The method only works for *stationary* chicken!

Conclusion: Chicken are good for laying eggs (but not measuring tornado speeds).

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