Small Farm Security

**You are the key.**
Farm families can help protect themselves and the community from criminals and terrorists.

**How secure is your farm?**
Here’s a checklist to help you evaluate:

___ 1) Do you have insurance coverage that protects against theft, vandalism, pesticide spills, and/or terrorist attacks on your farm? Ask your insurance agent to walk your farm and assess your risks and review your coverage.

___ 2) Is your 911 emergency address posted in 3-inch reflective numerals on your mailbox or a post on the county road?

___ 3) Do you have a permanently installed, well-hidden mailbox or lockbox that serves as an emergency information box for emergency personnel? Do they know where it is located?

___ 4) Are pesticides and farm chemicals stored in one location? Are they secure? Do you have an inventory?

___ 5) Have you approached your local fire department about visiting your farm for a safety and security check?

___ 6) Have you asked a professional law enforcement officer to help identify security issues?

___ 7) Do you have a farm map with the contents of each building listed?

___ 8) Have you identified vulnerable areas on the map – ask yourself “What would someone want to steal, damage, or contaminate?”
9) Do you have appropriate areas locked and/or gated? Are the locks, fences and gates in good condition? Do you check for tampering regularly? Are keys well controlled?

10) Do you have lighting in the right places?

11) Do you have a prioritized list of contact names and numbers, in case you are away from the farm or incapacitated during an emergency? Does your family and workers have the list?

12) Do your family members and employees know what to look for and what to report to the authorities to ensure farm security?

13) Have you taken appropriate biosecurity measures to protect animals and crops? Do you have an inventory of your animals? Can you identify them?

14) Do you always lock/secure your vehicles and equipment (sprayers, etc.) on and off the farm?

15) Are your farm records complete, up-to-date and secure? Are your computers properly maintained and secured? Do you have the current computer virus updates?

16) Do you have a well-stocked first aid kit and does everyone know how to use it? When was your last first aid/ CPR class?

17) Do you have fire extinguishers? Are they regularly maintained?

18) Do you have alarms, electronic security or video surveillance cameras, as appropriate?

19) Do you hire employees with security in mind? Do you do background checks?

20) Do you have a farm security plan?

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