

Trespassing

Trespassers who enter private rural land are a constant concern for landholders. Many of these trespassers unlawfully enter properties to hunt illegally. As well as committing offences of hunting animals without the landholder's permission, trespassers have been linked to other offences such as leaving gates open, killing livestock and stealing fuel.

- Lock boundary gates.
- Consider installing security cameras to monitor entrance points and homestead areas.
- Keep a record of equipment stored on the property and secure valuable items in a lockable shed.
- Keep a daily diary of all activities on the property.
- Keep a record of anyone who has permission to be on the property and require them to notify the property manager every time they come onto the property.
- If trespassers are sighted, make a note of the time, date and a description of the people and vehicles. A simple digital camera is also a good tool for taking photos that can be used by police to prosecute offenders.
- Always ensure that you know where your equipment is located on the farm.



FUEL TANK SECURITY




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The image shows three fuel tanks of varying sizes and colors (two rusted, one green) mounted on metal stands in a rural setting. The sky is filled with dramatic, colorful clouds from a sunset or sunrise. The tanks are arranged in a line, with the largest one on the right. The ground is dirt and there are some trees in the background.

Fuel theft is one of the most common types of theft on farms. The financial consequences can be avoided by using some simple preventative strategies.

Lock tanks

- The first step in preventing fuel theft is to lock your fuel tank. While a determined thief can use bolt cutters, a good strong padlock and chain can be a deterrent.
- If there is an electrically controlled pump on the tank, ensure that the control switch is located in a locked building or house and that the electricity is turned off when the fuel tank is not in use.

Location of fuel tanks

- Ensure storage tanks are located away from the road, in a safe location. The further the tank is located from the road, the better.

Maintain visibility

- Keep the area around the pumps or tanks clear of equipment and other obstructions.
- If there is more than one tank consider placing them in one area as it will be simpler to monitor.
- Should you have both diesel and fuel tanks, consider the use of a colour coded system to identify contents rather than labelling the tanks.

Security

- Close and lock the valves on all tanks including overhead tanks when not in use.
- Turn off the power to the pumps.
- Keep track of fuel purchases. If possible, dip tanks daily and monitor your fuel usage so that you know if there is an unexplained loss of fuel
- If possible, keep a book at the tank for each user to record fuel usage for various vehicles and machinery.
- A good watch dog confined (but not chained) to a house and yard area can be a good security measure.
- Ask your fuel agent to notify you when the tanks are being refilled.
- Consider installing security cameras to monitor the use of the fuel tanks. Some cameras can send photos direct to smartphones.