



SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
KEEPING SA SAFE

PREVENTING CRIME

LIVESTOCK AND GRAIN THEFT

Livestock are a valuable commodity which can make livestock theft a lucrative business. Farmers can incur significant losses, financial and future breeding stock and bloodlines.

Remembering some simple prevention tips you can consider to minimise the risk of theft in your community.

LIVESTOCK THEFT

- Regularly check your livestock, particularly around sale days and report all incidents of livestock theft to the police as soon as possible.
- Ensure you have proof of ownership of your livestock.
- Give a copy of your branding to neighbours for quick and easy identification.
- Maintain good livestock records including all sales, births and deaths.
- Keep all fences and gates in good repair and keep all paddock, sheds and stockyard gates closed and secure.
- Use an alarm linked to an electric fence with a sensor that activates a siren or bell in your house if the fence is cut or broken.
- Consider police checks to ensure you hire trustworthy employees as some thefts may be internal.

GRAIN THEFT

- Store your grain in protected and locked locations. Silos and other storage should be located in high visibility areas, well lit, with only one entrance which has a secure gate that can be chained and locked and preferably within sight of the farm house or next door neighbour's house.
- Render loading equipment inoperative when not in use.
- Don't leave trucks with grain standing overnight in paddocks
- Ideally, have a weighbridge on your farm to weigh trucks before they leave your property. Alternatively, arrange with someone who has a weighbridge nearby to use theirs.

For further rural crime prevention information please visit www.police.sa.gov.au or contact your local police station.

South Australia Police (SAPOL) is committed to working in partnership with the community to prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime to ensure that South Australia is a safe place to live, visit and do business.

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