



Livestock theft

5 simple steps to keep your assets safe

Livestock theft is on the rise across Australia.

As Australia's specialist farm insurer, we are committed to reducing risks to help keep farmers farming.

A few simple precautions can reduce the risk of losing your most valuable livelihood assets.

1. Vigilance
2. Lock up
3. In plain sight
4. Keep records
5. Insurance

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5 simple steps to help reduce the risk

1. VIGILANCE

- ▶ Regular stock inspections and head counts.
- ▶ Keep boundary fences and gates in good condition.
 - Make sure gates are mounted on solid posts and can't be lifted from their hinges.
- ▶ Regular fence inspections.
 - Repair damaged fences as soon as possible.
 - Sagging or broken wires may be suspicious. Contact police if fences appear to have been deliberately cut or tampered with.
- ▶ Do not leave stock in yards or holding paddocks unless they are in sight of the homestead.
- ▶ Regularly check stock handling facilities for signs of unexplained activity (damaged gates, fresh manure and hoof marks).
- ▶ Report suspicious behaviour to local police or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.
- ▶ Pre-program telephones with emergency contact numbers.

2. LOCK UP

- ▶ Lock boundary gates, sheds and stock handling facilities when not in use or you are away.
 - Remove the keys and keep in a secure key safe.
 - Consider locks on internal gates as well.
- ▶ Keep keys in a hidden key safe on vehicles – not under mats, visors or in the glove box.

3. IN PLAIN SIGHT

- ▶ Automatic sensor lights around the house, sheds and stock facilities.
- ▶ Surveillance cameras and alarms linked back to a security company, smartphone or computer.
- ▶ Warning signs displayed on boundary and internal fences and gates, and on sheds.
 - Signs such as "Private Property, No Trespassing", "Please Shut the Gate, No Trespassing", "No Hunting Without Permission", may assist with prosecuting trespassers.
 - Ensure signs such as "Beware of the Dog" and "Monitored by Security Alarms/ Cameras" are backed up with a genuine security response, as thieves often look for cues to check.
- ▶ Ensure your RMB number or RPA and property are clearly visible from the road.
- ▶ Trim trees and bushes around sheds, stock facilities and the house to reduce concealment.

4. KEEP RECORDS

- ▶ Mark all livestock with an approved permanent identifier, such as earmarks, tattoos, brands and NLIS devices on receipt or as soon after birth as possible.
 - Register the identifiers with the appropriate local authority.
 - Valuable stock should be photographed and/or videoed.
 - Identification devices (including tags, pliers and branding irons) should be securely locked away when not in use.
 - Report missing NLIS devices to police as soon as possible.
- ▶ Maintain accurate records of livestock, including sales, purchases, deaths and rations.
 - Keep receipts and other paperwork regarding livestock sales and purchases.
 - Computerised inventories should be backed up and a hard copy kept in case the computer is damaged, lost or stolen.
 - The inventory, photographs and other documentation should be securely stored in a safe or safety deposit box.
 - Relevant information about livestock movements must be recorded and retained for seven years by the person who consigned the stock and the buyer or receiver.
 - Cattle, sheep, goats and horses must be accompanied by an approved movement document, generally a Livestock Production Assurance National Vendor Declaration and Waybill (LPA NVD/Waybill), when transported by road, rail, water or air.
- ▶ Microchip your dogs.

5. INSURANCE

- ▶ Adequately insure your livestock as well as personal, household and farm items.

Why more farmers are switching to Achmea

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We believe the better we get to know your farm, the better we can support you to protect it.

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