



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.

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 petrol fuel tanks, consider the use of a colour coded system to identify contents rather than labelling the tanks.

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.

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.
- 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.

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