



## Consider using these simple strategies to avoid becoming a victim of stock theft:

- Regularly check your stock, paddock and fences but avoid establishing a routine time to make checks
- Use strong chains and locks on all gates across access routes and on loading ramps
- Ensure your fences and gates are kept in good repair
- Consider the use of ditches as a natural barrier
- Ask shooters who request access to your property for a reference from a farmer in your district, request to sight their firearms licence and record the name and number from the licence.
- Have a plan of your property indicating when and where things happen and where stock and equipment are located
- Be aware of strangers or unfamiliar vehicles in your area. Write down their registration number and all other relevant information and pass it onto your local police
- Alert your neighbours if you see anything suspicious
- Consider limiting access routes to your property
- If leaving the property for an extended period of time, liaise with your trusted neighbours. Tell them of your plans and where you can be contacted.
- The National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) involves stock being identified by an electronic ear tag device or a bolus device which is inserted down the throat of the animal where it remains lodged in the rumen of the animal for its lifetime.
- Consider installing security cameras to monitor entrance points to paddocks. Some cameras can send photos direct to smart phones
- Ensure all animals are marked for identification (including the family dog). Livestock identification can be ear tags, earmarks, tattooing, branding & microchips
- Take photographs or videos of valuable animals with the brand or ear tags clearly visible. It is a good idea to have some identifying aspect of your property in the background such as your house or shed
- Maintain accurate stock records. Ensure you record all details of stock with id numbers
- Make a copy of your ear mark, brand or other ID marks.
- Ensure you hire trustworthy employees
- Consider a self audit checklist that will highlight areas that need to be improved to help prevent loss of livestock

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