

The War Against Terror is Everyone's Responsibility and U.S. Agriculture can do its Part to Keep America Secure*

America's Farmers have a vital role to play in protecting their communities and our nation's agriculture from terrorist or criminal acts. **A secure America begins with reporting any suspected theft of crop protection chemicals, fuels, or fertilizer to local law enforcement.**

Here's what farmers can do to secure chemicals on-farm:

Do:

- Store all agricultural chemicals, e.g. bulk, bagged, in a secured area.
- Protect secured chemical storage areas where appropriate and consider using lighting, locks, alarms and physical barriers.
- Take delivery of fertilizers such as ammonium nitrate and bulk urea, as close to time of application as possible and return tanks immediately after use.
- Introduce workers to ag retailers that will pick up empty tanks and other chemicals.
- Know your workers and their backgrounds.

Don't:

- Take delivery of chemicals at unattended locations.
- Leave chemicals or fuel unattended during transport.

Do:

- Be aware of and maintain inventory control.
- Be aware of signs of theft of anhydrous ammonia, ammonium nitrate or bulk urea.
- Immediately report thefts or unusual or suspicious persons, vehicles or activity to local law enforcement.

Do:

- Lock any containers, equipment, hoppers, tanks and vessels containing agricultural chemicals whenever possible.
- Position tanks in areas that are open and visible for your monitoring.

Don't:

- Store tanks near the farm house or livestock confinement houses.



Under Department of Transportation regulation, FARMERS NEED A SECURITY PLAN ...if transporting on public roads fertilizers, pesticides, gasoline, diesel fuel, or propane in packages or containers that are larger than 119 gallons or the total quantity you transport at any one time is more than 1,000 pounds. Your ag retailer and local law enforcement can help you conduct an assessment and develop a plan.

*These security guidelines are provided by the Department of Homeland Security, Agricultural Retailers Association, CropLife America and The Fertilizer Institute. The federal government and these trade associations have partnered to address security concerns about agricultural chemicals.