

Farmstead Security Audit Form

Directions: This audit form has been developed for the purpose of evaluating the level of security on farms and farmsteads. It enables farm owners to determine those areas on their farms that could be more secure in order to prevent vandalism, theft, and terrorist-related activities. While the emphasis is on security, safety of the farm family, workers and visitors is also a primary concern.

Building/Facilities

Agri-chemical (Pesticide) storage buildings and cabinets

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|--|---------|--------|--------|
| 1. Are pesticide storage areas locked when not in use? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 2. Do pesticide storage areas have proper signage? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 3. Do pesticide storage areas have proper ventilation? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 4. Are all pesticides stored in their original containers? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 5. Is there adequate lighting in the pesticide storage area? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 6. Is there an emergency plan in effect? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 7. Is there proper personal protective gear available? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 8. Is the floor in the pesticide area impermeable? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |

Fuel storage and dispensing station

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| 1. Is fuel-dispensing equipment kept locked at all times? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 2. Does the fuel storage area have proper signage? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 3. Is there adequate lighting in the fuel storage area? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 4. Does the fuel storage area have impact protection? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 5. Is appropriate fire suppression equipment available? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |

Propane storage area

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|---|---------|--------|--------|
| 1. Does the propane storage area meet state fire codes? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 2. Does the propane area have proper signage? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 3. Does the propane area have adequate impact protection? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |

Livestock housing areas

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|--|---------|--------|--------|
| 1. Is the milk bulk tank area properly secured? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 2. Is the livestock housing area properly ventilated? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 3. Is the ventilation system linked to a central alarm? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 4. Does the livestock area have proper fire protection? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 5. Are smoke detectors located in the livestock housing? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 6. Are smoke detectors connected to a central alarm? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 7. Are manure storage areas properly gated? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 8. Is proper warning signage installed at manure pits? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 9. Are access ladders to confined spaces locked out? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 10. Is rescue equipment available at manure storage areas? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 11. Are proper silo gas warnings attached to silos? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 12. Are livestock areas properly gated? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 13. Are animal health products kept in locked storage? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |

Anhydrous ammonia storage

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|--|---------|--------|--------|
| 1. Are anhydrous storage tanks properly labeled? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 2. Do anhydrous nurse tanks have SMVs? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 3. Are anhydrous tanks kept in a secure location (i.e. locked)? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 4. Is the area well lit? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 5. Do anhydrous tanks have emergency water containers? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 6. Is personal protective equipment readily available (i.e. goggles and gloves)? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 7. Does the farm operator have meth awareness? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |

Farm shop and maintenance areas

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| 1. Are fire extinguishers charged and visually mounted? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 2. Are combustible materials properly stored? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 3. Do grinders and welders have proper spark protection? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 4. Are shops properly secured and/or locked? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 5. Do shop work areas have proper lighting? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |

Farm machinery

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| 1. Are tractor and machinery keys properly stored? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 2. Are combines cabs locked when not in use? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 3. Are machine storage sheds properly lighted? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 4. Are fire extinguishers charged and properly located? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 5. Are proper fire extinguishers located on machinery? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 6. Are outside-stored machines within eyesight of farm? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |

Miscellaneous

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|---|---------|--------|--------|
| 1. Are weapons (guns, knives, etc.) kept properly stored? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |
| 2. Are local EMS and fire personnel aware of dangers? | Yes ___ | No ___ | NA ___ |

NA – Not Applicable or does not apply to your farming operation.

Security Scoring: Use this rating system to determine the existing level of security on your farm. To rate your farm, divide the total number of responses that applied to your operation by the number of yes responses to see how your farm scored. (For example, out of 39 questions that applied to your operation, you answered yes to 30. 30 divided by 39 equals a score of 77%.

Yes responses	Farm security level
0-25%	Security needs attention
26-50%	Average security level
51-75%	Above average security level
76-100%	High security level