

# **AGRICULTURE OPERATION SECURITY TIPS**

Agriculture and food are considered a critical infrastructure to the State of New Jersey and the nation. Farm owners and operators are encouraged to practice good bio-security to limit and control the spread of disease in plants and animals as well as ensuring a safe and stable food supply.

Risks include introduction of foreign pest and diseases, contamination of food supply, disruption of food delivery and food systems, theft of agricultural chemicals, and farm equipment.

Farmers and farm employees are encouraged to take simple steps to ensure the farm's safety.

## **BE ALERT**

- Maintain awareness of the location of visitors/vendors
- Notify authorities of people taking unauthorized pictures or asking questions about operations, security, etc (especially if your farm is near other critical infrastructure such as power lines, transfer stations, water supply, etc.)
- Watch for and report (see below) signs of tampering with equipment, feed, product, buildings, water, and utilities

## **BE SECURE**

- Limit access to, and secure entrances when not in use
- Maintain up-to-date inventories, especially on hazardous and perishable materials Investigate discrepancies immediately
- Keep vehicles and equipment locked and keys secured, when not in use.
- Maintain adequate interior/exterior lighting

## **BE CLEAN**

- Limit access to sensitive areas and enforce visitors/vendors to follow posted rules
- Keep chemicals and hazardous materials separate from consumable products. Secure and restrict these areas
- Follow sanitary practices to eliminate the spread of disease. This applies to people as well as vehicles, equipment, and animals

## **NOTIFY/CALL**

IF YOU SUSPECT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY CALL:

- **1-866-4-SAFE-NJ (1-866-472-3365) New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness or 911 in an emergency**

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