

State of Alabama's Agriculture & Rural Crime Unit



ARCU History

- The unit was formed in June 2013 with Governor Bentley making a formal announcement on July 11, 2013.
- The unit was created under the State Law Enforcement Act which was passed during the 2013 Legislation Session.
- The Special Agents are from various State L E Agencies
- The unit currently consists of one Supervisory Special Agents and ten Special Agents

ARCU Mission

- The units primary mission is to prevent, deter, investigate and assist in agriculture related criminal investigations throughout the State of Alabama.
- Since the unit's inception there has been over 3 million dollars of equipment recovered and more than 50 arrests made throughout the state.

ARCU

- ARCU does not take the place of 911
- You should continue contacting your local Sheriff's Office or Police Department to report the crime first
- The ARCU is not an initial responding agency



REPORT RURAL CRIME



1-855-75-CRIME

arcu.Alabama.gov

Agricultural & Rural Crime Unit



How can You Help deter Ag Crime involving?

- Property/Land



- Equipment



- Livestock



Property

- Post your property
- Make the signs visible
- Alabama Cattlemen's Association
- Rewards
- Use locks on gates and buildings
- Don't make access easy



Timber

- Always have a written contract with the logger
- Make sure that your property boundaries are marked not just corners
- Check on the logger through the Alabama Forestry Association or Commission
- Selling your timber brochure may be picked up at any Alabama Forestry Commission Office or online www.forestry.alabama.gov

Post It



Farm Equipment

- Make an inventory of your equipment
- Take pictures
- Make more than one copy
- Mark your tools
- Serial numbers / don't use the same number
- Don't park next to the roadway
- Leaving equipment overnight where to park it



Livestock

- Post the property
- Keep catch-pens out of eyesight
- Feed at various times; don't be consistent
- Keep an inventory of livestock
- Check on them regularly
- When feeding, look to see who might be watching
- Keep your fences in good shape



Livestock

- Branding is the best identification
- Ear tags, tattoos
- If livestock death is mysterious, Auburn University, Wallace State College and Elba has a lab to determine cause of death



Prevention

- POST YOUR PROPERTY
- Use cameras
- Game cameras have infrared flashes
- Place in discreet places going in and out
- Don't tell everyone you have them out
- Nosy neighbors are good
- Form community watch groups and stay informed

Contact Information

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