

## Homeland Security

*You are the key.*

Farm families can help  
prevent terrorist acts.



**Food/Agriculture is a “Critical Infrastructure”** – systems and assets, whether physical or virtual, so vital to the United States that the incapacity or destruction of such systems and assets would have a debilitating impact on security, national economic security, national public health or safety, or any combination of those matters.  
USA PATRIOT Act

### Look for activities that could indicate terrorist planning:

- 1) Surveillance:** Has anyone been watching and noting farm or community activities using cameras, maps, binoculars, etc.?
- 2) Suspicious Questions:** Has anyone tried to get information about farm operations or personnel in person, by phone, mail, e-mail, etc.?
- 3) Testing Farm Security:** Has anyone tried to break into farm buildings or facilities?
- 4) Obtaining Supplies:** Has anyone tried to obtain fertilizers, pesticides or other farm chemicals?
- 5) Suspicious Persons:** Have you seen anyone hanging around who does not appear to belong in the area?
- 6) Dry Runs:** Have you seen anyone doing things like mapping routes, practicing group maneuvers, monitoring traffic or other suspicious activities?
- 7) Stockpiles:** Have you found abandoned vehicles or found suspicious materials stockpiled on the farm? Have you found supplies, such as fertilizers, stored in areas where they are not normally stored?

**Call 911 or local law enforcement authorities** about suspicious activities *before* you try to rationalize what is happening. If something doesn't “feel” right, **report it.**

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