



Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries

**Praedial Larceny Prevention
Coordination Unit**



**NATIONAL FARM
WATCH PROGRAMME**

What is the National Farm Watch Programme?

The National Farm Watch Programme in essence, is a collaborative effort between the JCF's Community Safety & Security Branch (CSSB), the Praedial Larceny Prevention Coordination Unit, residents of rural communities and other stakeholders within the agriculture industry to implement effective strategies to combat praedial larceny and other farm theft, much like the Neighbourhood Watch Programme.

Citizens in farming communities are encouraged to contact their local police to join or create a farm watch group:

- develop a "*buddy system*" with your neighbours by exchanging contact details
- be observant and report all suspicious activities and incidents of farm theft to the police
- record and report the description and particulars of any suspicious looking individuals and vehicles seen in the community.





Objectives of the Farm Watch Programme

- To reduce praedial larceny and other farm thefts by carefully examining the characteristics of the problem in neighbourhoods and then applying appropriate problem-solving remedies.
- To improve the relationship between residents in rural communities and their local police.
- To encourage preventive action throughout the society through the concept of “prevention is better than treatment” and involve community members and other stakeholders in carrying out this responsibility.
- To remove the psychological barriers that citizens may have when dealing with police.
- To improve farm security in rural communities.

Farm Security Tips

- **Keep Records** - make a list of assets and their approximate value. Include vehicle and licence plate numbers. Store a copy of records off site.
- **Fences and Gates** - fences define the property boundaries and restrict access to the property. Check the condition of boundary fences and gates regularly. Repair damaged fences as soon as possible.
- **Farm Watch Programmes** fight praedial larceny with extra eyes, security devices and signs as farmers and other members of the community pool their resources in the crime prevention effort.
- **Marking (Stamp, Tag and Tattoo)** - thieves are hesitant to take items that can be identified easily. Contact the Veterinary Services Division of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries to tag all your cattle.
- **Security Cameras** - video surveillance systems include cameras, monitors and recorders. For best results, integrate them with detection devices like motion sensors that trigger an alarm and activate the video recorder.
- **Lighting** - thieves hate bright lights. Place motion sensor lighting around the perimeter of farms and out-buildings to spotlight them. Prune trees that block light sources.
- **Have dogs** around the farm as an early warning system.
- **Make your farm workers your best allies.** Treat workers fairly. History shows that the majority of farm incidents are linked to labour disputes. Criminals involved in attacks on farms usually have inside information.



Steps to be taken by Victims of Praedial Larceny

1. Report all cases of farm theft to your local police.
2. Upon making your report, ensure that the Officer who records your report gives you a receipt.
3. Visit or call the local police station to follow up with the progress of your case.
4. If you are not satisfied with the progress of your case, ask to speak with the supervisor at your local police station or contact the Praedial Larceny Prevention Coordination Unit.



JAMAICA CONSTABULARY FORCE POLICE DIVISION

Police Emergency-119

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Kingston Central	50 East Queen Street, Kingston CSO	(876) 922-0308 (876) 922-0187
Kingston Eastern	16 Lower Elletson Road, Kingston	(876) 928-1919 (876) 759-1865
Kingston Western	83 Spanish Town Road, Kingston	(876) 922-6441 (876) 948-6624
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St. Andrew North	2 Cassava Piece Road, St. Andrew	(876) 924-1826 (876) 924- 1421
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St. Thomas	7 South Street, Morant Bay	(876) 982-1016 (876) 982-2233
St. Catherine North	3-5 Burke Road, Spanish Town	(876) 984-2305 (876) 984-3109
St. Catherine South	Braeton Park Way, Greater Portmore	(876) 949-8397 (876) 949-8422
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St. Ann	8 Main Street, St. Ann	(876) 972-9048 (876) 972-9271
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