

TRACTOR AND AGRICULTURAL VEHICLE THEFT AND SECURITY



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KEEPING YOUR VEHICLES SAFE

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At NFU Mutual, we understand the needs of your business. If your tractor is stolen, we provide quality cover you can count on to get you up and running again.

We also appreciate that in the meantime you're not only losing money and profit but potentially loyal customers too. This leaflet provides you with information on how NFU Mutual is helping to tackle the problem of agricultural vehicle theft, some tips on how you can protect your equipment (including information on PANIU, CESAR, TRACKER and NaVCIS) and the rewards on offer for doing so.

Don't forget some theft is only for the scrap metal value of what is being stolen.

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All crime should always be reported to the police:

- Crimes in progress or requiring emergency response call **999**
- Reporting crimes not requiring emergency response call **101**
- Information relating to an agricultural vehicle theft can also be reported to NaVCIS on **02380 478318** or **intel@navcis.pnn.police.uk**
- Insurance fraud and suspicions can be reported anonymously and in confidence via the Insurance Fraud Bureau Cheatline on **0800 422 0421** or the IFB website



We offer a generous security discount when an approved security device is fitted to your agricultural vehicles.

PANIU

Plant and Agricultural National Intelligence Unit

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Agricultural vehicle theft is a multi million pound problem involving professional criminals. Often, agricultural equipment is ‘stolen to order’ and transported out of the country to Africa, Eastern Europe or the Middle East.
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In response, the Police established the Plant and Agricultural National Intelligence Unit (PANIU) in 2008. The primary role of PANIU is to target and dismantle organised criminal networks engaged in plant and agricultural vehicle theft across the UK. The unit has already had considerable success, recovering hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of equipment and making many arrests.

PANIU and NFU Mutual’s ‘Hot property’

- All Terrain Vehicles – still high on thieves’ shopping list
- Trailers – livestock trailers are particularly vulnerable
- Tractors – PANIU has identified tractors as the fifth most targeted item of plant and consistently in the top five of most stolen machinery – from ‘old yard’ tractors to new state of the art machines
- Materials handlers – these also consistently appear in the top ten most popular items amongst thieves, as there are markets in farming and construction for this kit
- Vehicle Batteries – most vulnerable on vehicles left out in the field
- G.P.S guidance systems are frequently stolen from tractors and agricultural vehicles

Funding for the unit is in part provided by the insurance industry; as a key stakeholder NFU Mutual along with other insurers is pleased to provide sponsorship to the unit.



CESAR

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As well as our support for PANIU, we are also pleased to recognise the CESAR Construction & Agricultural Equipment Security and Registration Scheme. CESAR combines state of the art identification technology linked to a 24/7 secure and accredited database for Police enquiries.

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CESAR is supported by the Construction Equipment Association, the Agricultural Engineers Association, the Police, Thatcham and the Home Office.

Registration of plant and agricultural vehicles with the scheme provides a visible deterrent against theft and an effective aid to Police in the identification and recovery of any item of plant which is stolen.

Every item of machinery protected by the CESAR Scheme is permanently fitted with two unique and highly visible triangular identification plates which are tamper evident. Plus:

- Every system comes with a number of “Datatags” permanently hidden within the machine which can be located and read with special readers.
- Each system contains hundreds of Datatag Datadots® with another unique number permanently concealed throughout the machine making them virtually impossible to find and remove.
- Each system also contains a unique forensic Datatag DNA solution which is invisible to the naked eye and applied to the nooks and crannies of the machine. A thief would have to remove every last molecule to be confident of removing the true identity of the machine.

CESAR can be installed on any item of plant or agricultural vehicle as a retro-fit and is increasingly being adopted and installed by manufacturers on new vehicles.

More information about CESAR and how to protect your vehicles is available from cesarscheme.org and thatcham.org



TRACKER

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TRACKER was established in 1993 and to date has helped to recover over £516 million worth of stolen vehicles. It continues to recover around £1million worth of stolen vehicles each month.
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The TRACKER system is operated by all police forces and with over 1,700 police patrol cars and 22 helicopters across the UK fitted with TRACKER's detection equipment, the chances of recovering a stolen vehicle are greatly improved.

Three TRACKER products are available for agricultural equipment:

- TRACKER Retrieve
- TRACKER Monitor
- TRACKER Plant

More information about the TRACKER products is available on tracker.co.uk

SECURITY – A FEW TOP TIPS

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- Remove keys and secure tractors and other vehicles when unattended.
- Use security lighting in yards and drives.
- Have the registration number etched on vehicle windows.
- Consider tracking devices and/or immobilisers for more expensive machines.
- Physically secure All Terrain Vehicles by means of suitable locking devices or heavy duty security chain and padlocks.
- Protect your vehicles by registering them with CESAR.
- Diesel theft remains an issue, so place fuel bowsers and bunkers in secure areas and make sure they are locked when not in use.
- Ensure tractors and quad bikes are secured in locked barns or buildings overnight.
- Make sure yard gates are secured to prevent the opportunist thief.

NATIONAL VEHICLE CRIME INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (NaVCIS)

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In 2010 tractor policy thefts claims were continuing to escalate year on year and exceeded a cost of £10M. Senior claims management applied some dynamic thinking to challenge agricultural vehicle theft and crime for the insurance industry, and to support local rural communities. This has resulted in partnership working with the National Vehicle Crime Intelligence Service, with a dedicated Agricultural Vehicle Officer.

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The unit assesses the national picture of vehicles thefts from farms and rural communities, identifying emerging trends and organised crime groups. It provides intelligence to police forces and law enforcement partners nationally and internationally, to prevent the theft of and disposal of stolen vehicles, and the recovery of vehicles identified as stolen. They also work in conjunction with their NaVCIS Ports colleagues to prevent the export of stolen vehicles.

NFU Mutual and NaVCIS Agricultural promote theft prevention and awareness to rural communities. Assistance and support is also given to police forces through the UK in relation to stolen vehicles, tractors and trailers.

A fleet of 'bait' vehicles with tracking capabilities is available to police forces, and has been successfully deployed on a regular basis and has led to numerous arrests and prosecutions.

The partnership with NaVCIS has resulted in the benefits of consistent reduction in tractor theft year on year, live and historic theft detections and increased recoveries. A winning formula for the benefit of all.



SECURITY DISCOUNTS

To help you to actively protect your vehicles and to limit the effects of theft on your business, we offer a generous security discount when an approved security device is fitted to your agricultural vehicles.

Discounts will be available to all agricultural vehicles, insured on an Agricultural Vehicle policy, fitted with a Thatcham approved immobiliser (P2 or P3) or tracking system (P5 or Cat 6 Plant) or location system (Cat 7 Plant); we also provide a discount where your vehicle is registered with the CESAR scheme

The list of Thatcham approved immobilisers and tracking devices is available from the Thatcham website thatcham.org. Discounts are available for security fitted as standard by the manufacturer or as an aftermarket retro-fit. Discounts only apply to vehicles insured on an agricultural vehicle policy.

Security	Discount
CESAR only:	-12.5%
TRACKER (Retrieve, Monitor and Plant only):	-12.5%
A Thatcham approved (P2) immobiliser:	-7.5%
A Thatcham approved (P3) immobiliser:	-5.0%
A Thatcham approved (P5) tracking system only:	-15.0%
A Thatcham approved (Category 6 Plant) tracking system only:	-12.5%
A Thatcham approved (Category 7 Plant) location system only:	-12.5%
CESAR plus TRACKER (Retrieve, Monitor and Plant only):	-25.0%
CESAR plus a Thatcham approved (P2) immobiliser:	-20.0%
CESAR plus a Thatcham approved (P3) immobiliser:	-17.5%
CESAR plus a Thatcham approved (P5) tracking system:	-27.5%
CESAR plus a Thatcham approved (Category 6 Plant) tracking system:	-25.0%
CESAR plus a Thatcham approved (Category 7 Plant) location system:	-25.0%

Autoglass® Security Etching

NFU Mutual agricultural vehicle policy holders qualify for free glass etching from Autoglass®, subject to location. Window etching can be a deterrent to potential thieves. A specialist technician from Autoglass will etch the vehicle identification number onto all the vehicle's windows. This will be done on site to minimise the downtime of your vehicle.

For an appointment please email: NFUM.Etching@autoglass.co.uk



THE NEXT STEP

For more information on how NFU Mutual can help your business, please call us for a conversation or to arrange a face to face meeting. We're here to listen.

USEFUL ORGANISATIONS

**Thatcham
Research**
thatcham.org

AEA
aea.uk.com

PANIU
PLANT & AGRICULTURAL
NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT
cesarscheme.org

TRACKER
tracker.co.uk

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NavCIS
National Vehicle Crime Intelligence Service
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