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## Tractor and Agricultural Vehicle Theft and Security

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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 are helping to tackle the increasing problem of agricultural vehicle theft, some tips on how you can protect your equipment and the rewards on offer for doing so.**

## PANIU

Agricultural vehicle theft is an increasing and 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, only 5% of farm machinery is ever recovered.

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.

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

## CESAR

As well as our support for PANIU, we are also pleased to recognise the CESAR plant and agricultural vehicle registration scheme. CESAR combines 'State Of The Art' identification technology linked to a 24/7 secure and accredited database for Police enquiries. CESAR is supported by the Construction Equipment Association, the Agricultural Engineers Association, the Police, Thattham 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 and contain a unique transponder. Plus:

- Every system comes with a number of unique transponders or "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.

### 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 second most targeted item of plant (behind mini excavators) – from old 'yard' tractors to new state of the art machines
- Materials handlers – These also consistently appear in the top five 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 field
- Electronic control units – increasingly stolen from tractors, combines and foragers

CESAR can be installed to 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 [www.cesarscheme.org](http://www.cesarscheme.org) and [www.thatcham.org](http://www.thatcham.org)

### Security – a few top tips

- 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 is on the increase, 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

## 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 fitted with a Thattham approved immobiliser (P2) or tracking system (P5); we also provide a discount where your vehicle is registered with the CESAR scheme.



CESAR unique identification plate

### Available discounts

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| • CESAR only:                                    | -12.5% |
| • A Thattham approved (P2) immobiliser only:     | -7.5%  |
| • A Thattham approved (P5) tracking system only: | -15%   |
| • CESAR plus an approved (P2) immobiliser:       | -20%   |
| • CESAR plus an approved (P5) tracking system:   | -27.5% |

The list of Thattham approved immobilisers and tracking devices is available from the Thattham website [www.thatcham.org](http://www.thatcham.org). Discounts are available for security fitted as standard by the manufacturer or as an aftermarket retro-fit.

NB Discounts only apply to vehicles insured on a tractor policy.