

Livestock Thefts Media Release, Jasper County Sheriff's Office

The Jasper County Sheriff's Office is informing all livestock owners of the recent increase in cattle thefts in Jasper County and adjoining counties in Southwest Missouri.

Jasper County Sheriff Archie Dunn makes the following suggestions which are likely to help secure your livestock and possibly detour thefts.

Branding; any permanent, unique mark readily visible from twenty feet or more is the number one way to identify your livestock if they disappear. If your cattle do go missing and you make a report to your local law enforcement agency, provide them with the branding tool or design, or a picture of such.

Keep pasture gates locked and secure.

Deep road ditches hinder driving a truck and trailer through them to go through fences.

Increase the number of times you check your pastures and try to vary the time you do so from day to day.

Talk to neighbors who can observe your pasture from their residence, or drive by frequently. Let them know what vehicles are allowed in or around the pasture. Ask them to call you if they see something suspicious.

Write down descriptions of suspicious vehicles in the area, and if possible, a license plate number.

"Please remember, if you see a suspicious vehicle in your area, obtain the above information and call to request a Deputy check it out, that's part of the service we offer the public."

DO NOT approach people you do not know who are on your property. Call 911 immediately!

Be aware!

If you have any information regarding the recent cattle thefts, please contact Detective Larry Newman at the Jasper County Sheriff's Office, 417-358-8177 ext. 1220 or Corporal Steve Crane, Investigator for the Highway Patrol out of Troop D, 417-895-6868 ext. 243.

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