# Cattle Theft Prevention Checklist

A cattle theft prevention checklist for ranchers to review identification, fencing, gates, patrol habits and records that make theft harder and easier to report. Print it and keep it handy where the work gets done.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

| ITEM | OK | FIX | N/A |
|---|---|---|---|
| Keep brands and tags current | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Keep clear photos of animals | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Lock gates and feed trailers | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Check pastures at irregular times | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Count cattle on a regular schedule | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Note unfamiliar vehicles and plates | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Know neighbors and share concerns | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Keep inventory records off site | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

**NOTES / REPAIRS NEEDED**

**TIP** Report missing cattle to law enforcement and your state brand authority at once, with your inventory and photos ready.