Farm Pesticide Storage and Security Checklist

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Storage Structure
- Dedicated structure for storage (building, room, or cabinet)
- Good roof with no leaks
- Impermeable, liquid-proof flooring (like concrete)
- Secondary containment (curbs around loading pad or pans under containers)
- Sump available
- Located at least 100 feet from well
- Storage area kept locked
- Ventilation and lighting inside
- Outside fence if practical

Pesticide Storage
- Pesticides are stored in original containers
- Original labels are intact and readable
- Pesticides stored separate from food, feed, seed, and fertilizer
- Pesticides protected from freezing
- Shelves made from steel, not wood
- Order only amount of pesticides needed and return unused amounts
- Store protective equipment separately
- Post warning signs on storage area: “Danger—Pesticides—Keep Out”
- Post “No Smoking” signs

Pesticide Security
- Don’t sell or give products to people you don’t know (it’s illegal for a non-dealer to sell Restricted Use Products)
- Inspect storage regularly
- Report any thefts immediately
- Keep products for disposal locked
- Secure tanks and mini-bulks to avoid siphoning or stealing
- Good key control is exercised

Pesticide Emergencies
- Sign on storage entrance with contact person information
- Sign on storage entrance with emergency numbers (poison control, police, fire departments)
- Establish contact with local law enforcement and fire authorities
- Emergency response plan provided to Local Emergency Planning Committee and fire departments (if required)
  - list of products
  - average quantities
  - floor plan of facility
- Keep updated inventory (name, quantity, and location)
- Store inventory records away from storage facility

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Equipment

☐ Never leave ignition keys in application equipment
☐ Keep pesticide application equipment secure
☐ Lock transport vehicles when driver is away
☐ Equipment marked with Owner Applied Number (helps law enforcement identify stolen property)
☐ Vehicles are stored inside when possible
☐ Unauthorized people cannot get to stored vehicles or stored pesticides

General Security

☐ Watch for suspicious or unusual behavior
☐ All farm storage areas are substantial and in good repair with weeds and brush removed
☐ Fences are in good repair and present an orderly appearance
☐ Limit farm access with fences, gated driveways
☐ Have perimeter lighting, utilize guard dogs