Hello I'm Neil Whatling from NFU Mutual Risk Management Services. We're here today to talk about security upon the farm. Theft from the farm can have severe impact on the business. You've got the replacement costs of equipment, which in turn leads to increased insurance premiums. You've also got the inconvenience of not having that tool or piece of equipment to hand when you go to use it. There’s some simple things we can do to ensure that we can improve the security upon the farm.

Quads and ATVs are frequently stolen. Unfortunately they're not always locked away where they should be. There's some easy mitigations systems available. You've got Secured by Design, you've got pole locks, you've also got wheel clamps, but quite often putting them into a sealed building and locking that building will also reduce the chance of that vehicle going. Agricultural tractors are also frequently stolen. Quite often they’re left unattended, vehicle keys are either in the vehicle, or they're hidden in obvious places upon the wheel. Put the vehicles away in a secure yard. Vehicles can also be signed up to CESAR or Datatag that allow the police to track the vehicles in the unfortunate event they are stolen from your property.

Hand tools are quite often easy pickings. They’re left unattended in unlocked buildings or often left out upon work benches within the workshop. Ideally get your high-value items into locked cabinets - lock the buildings, get an alarm system, and make sure that the yard area is well lit.

Horseboxes and trailers are also frequently stolen items. Whenever possible park it as near to your property as you can. Park it under security lighting and put some identifying marks on it such as your postcode so in the event that it is stolen the police can find it easier to return it to its rightful owner. You can also have hitch locks that are very difficult to remove so that people just can't come into your yard, hitch up and drive away.

Theft of fuel is very common within rural properties. It's just the remoteness of location, but often the fuel tank is located away from the primary buildings. You need to build layers of security - lock the gates, you can also have audible padlocks that are put upon the pump to make it far more difficult for the thief to take your fuel. Make it is difficult as you can't for them so they move away from your property.