



# Be *BearSmart* Agriculture Checklist

## Livestock

- Keep livestock confined for at least 10 days following castration, dehorning and branding. Conduct regular herd inspections. Bears may target injured or sick animals.
- Disposal of animal carcasses should follow the *Livestock Diseases and Public Health Acts* and be done in a way to prevent the attraction of bears. The carcass should be burned completely or buried and covered with lime under at least 1.2 metres (4 feet) of soil. The best option is to promptly move the carcass to a rendering plant. Where available, use secure carcass storage facilities available in your community.
- Immediately report any incident where you suspect a bear has killed your livestock. Call 310-0000 to find the Fish and Wildlife office nearest you.

## Beekeeping

- Erect electric fencing to protect your bee colonies. Be sure to maintain the fencing, chargers and batteries.

## Yards

- Remove pet food and feeders at night.
- Consider electric fencing if your garden or stored produce attracts bears.





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### **Crops and Grain Storage**

- Be cautious when working or walking around cereal crops, such as wheat, oats and barley, especially at dusk and dawn.
- Ensure that granaries are constructed well and doors are sturdy and well maintained. Invest in retrofit grain hopper systems for added security.
- Clean all spilled and waste grain as soon as possible. If spillage is unavoidable, locate storage facilities away from areas of human use and bear habitat.
- Consider seasonal electric fencing or install alarm systems in areas with valuable products or those at high risk of bear-human encounters.

### **Teach Children**

- Do not approach the bear. Never run away from a bear. Back away slowly and find a safe place, such as a building or vehicle.
- Stay with your group and move away from the bear together.
- Bears are more active at dusk, night and dawn. Children should play close to the house during those times.
- Stay away from areas that may attract bears, such as granaries, carcass pits and berry patches.

If a bear is a public safety concern, call the 24-hour Report A Poacher line (1-800-642-3800).

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