

Methamphetamine and Agriculture

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Items commonly used in anhydrous theft:

*Old propane tanks with
discolored fittings;*

*Cut garden hoses, or
bicycle inner tubes;*

*Coolers, buckets, or even
thermos bottles*

*Old fire extinguishers with
modified fittings*

*Rubber tubing reinforced
with duct tape*

*Various tools and
wrenches*

Anhydrous Ammonia Theft Prevention tips for Farmers

As farmers, there are many things you can do to help prevent the theft of anhydrous ammonia which will later be used to manufacture methamphetamine. Some tips for helping avoid these thefts are as follows:

- Have tanks delivered to your farm as close to the time of actual application as possible. Tanks left unattended for long periods of time are open invitations to would-be thieves.
- Check tanks frequently for tampering.
- Work with local law enforcement agencies on placement of nurse tanks.
- Position delivered tanks in open areas where they can be easily seen from the roadway by law enforcement or passers by. Thieves don't like to be seen.
- When possible, have nurse tanks in a well lit area.



- Inspect your tanks regularly and return them immediately after use.

By raising awareness and taking some easy common sense steps, we can deter the theft of ammonia for illicit purposes and protect its safe, legal and intended use.

A message from Sullivan County Prosecutor, Bob Hunley

In the past several years Methamphetamine use has spread throughout Indiana. As a result, theft of anhydrous ammonia has increased dramatically. My office is committed to working with farmers to help

combat this problem. If you have any information regarding anhydrous theft or meth related activity, please contact my office, the Sheriff's Dept. or the Indiana State Police.

