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Farming voice need in national farm crime survey

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) is urging farmers to have their say on the impact of farm and rural crime through the Australian Farm Crime Survey.

VFF President Emma Germano said the survey has been commissioned by the University of New England and aims to provide a comprehensive snapshot of all farm crime across Australia.

“This is the first national survey to have been undertaken in two decades and the results will provide invaluable insight into farm crime across Australia.”

“Livestock theft in Victoria alone has hit a 10 year high, costing farmers a staggering \$6.7 million dollars last year. We know farm crime is underreported, so the real figure could easily be much higher.”

“Whether it be theft involving livestock, farm equipment or property damage and illegal trespass, farm crime has an enormous financial impact and can be a terrifying experience for farming families and staff that can’t be tolerated,” Ms Germano said.

Ms Germano added the results of the survey would be used to advocate for greater resources and awareness campaigns to combat farm crime.

“It’s so important that as many Victorian farmers as possible take part in the survey to ensure issues faced by local farmers are understood.”

“The results will help provide the VFF with valuable insight and data which can be used in our advocacy for greater government action in dealing with farm crime,” Ms Germano said.

More information, including the online link to complete the survey is [available here](#).

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