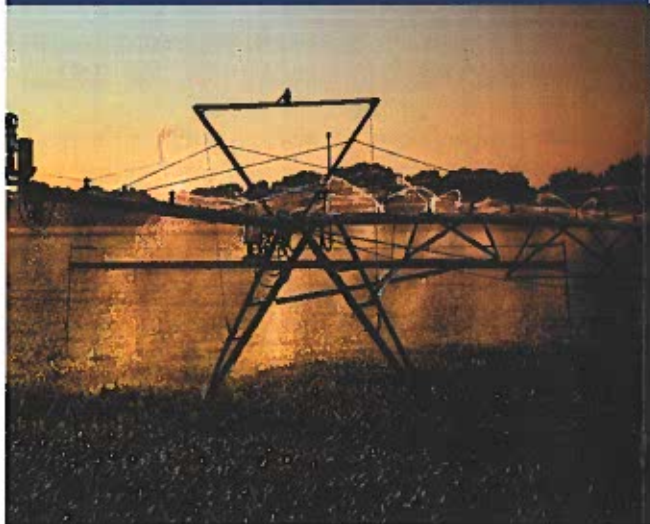


WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Wire theft from irrigation pivots is on the rise in rural areas. Thieves target copper wiring, causing thousands of dollars in damage and downtime.

WHY IT MATTERS?

- Disrupts farming operations
- Costly repairs
- Delayed irrigation



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Anonymous Tip?

Crime Stoppers

☎ 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS)

🌐 www.P3Tips.com

📱 "P3 Tips" app (Apple & Google Play)



PREVENT PIVOT WIRE THEFT

**STAY PROTECTED.
STAY INFORMED.**



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ELECTRONIC MONITORING

Electronic monitoring is a highly effective tool for alerting farmers to theft in real time. However, its use remains relatively unknown. Several mobile apps—including AgSense, FieldNET, B-hyve, and Raincloud—can monitor your irrigation pivots and immediately alert you if wire theft occurs.

Most newer pivot systems are equipped with built-in monitoring capabilities, though these features are often factory-deactivated. RCMP strongly recommend contacting your app provider or pivot manufacturer to activate this feature. When enabled, you'll receive real-time alerts with details including location, time, and the status "WIRE THEFT."

If you receive an alert, please report it to the RCMP immediately. Early reporting allows officers to respond in real time, increasing the chances of catching the thieves or collecting fresh evidence that could lead to their identification.

RCMP are reminding rural property owners that irrigation pivots have become a frequent target for wire theft. We encourage all farmers and landowners to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity.

PROTECT YOUR EQUIPMENT

LOCK CONTROL PANELS

WITH HEAVY-DUTY LOCKS OR TAMPER-RESISTANT ENCLOSURES. THIS PREVENTS UNAUTHORIZED USERS FROM DISABLING ALARMS, CUTTING POWER, OR TAMPERING WITH WIRING. REGULARLY INSPECT LOCKS AND REPLACE THEM IF DAMAGED OR RUSTED.

INSTALL MOTION-SENSOR LIGHTING

INSTALL SOLAR OR HARDWIRED MOTION-SENSOR LIGHTS AROUND PIVOTS, CONTROL PANELS, AND ACCESS ROADS. SUDDEN ILLUMINATION CAN STARTLE POTENTIAL THIEVES AND ALERT NEARBY LANDOWNERS OR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS.

SET UP TRAIL CAMERAS

PLACE MOTION-ACTIVATED TRAIL OR SECURITY CAMERAS AT STRATEGIC POINTS AROUND YOUR PROPERTY, ESPECIALLY NEAR PIVOTS, GATES, OR FREQUENTLY USED ACCESS ROADS. MODERN CAMERAS CAN SEND REAL-TIME IMAGES OR VIDEO TO YOUR PHONE—PROVIDING CRUCIAL EVIDENCE IF A CRIME OCCURS.

CLAMP PIVOT WIRE TO THE PIVOT FRAME

HEAVY-DUTY CLAMPS OR BRACKETS TO MAKE REMOVAL DIFFICULT AND TIME-CONSUMING

REMOVE ACCESS STEPS (IF POSSIBLE)

LIMIT PHYSICAL ACCESS TO THE PIVOT STRUCTURE.

CLAMP YOUR WIRE

Securing the span cable to the pivot span pipe may not completely eliminate theft, but it will certainly make it more challenging for thieves.



LIMIT ACCESS TO PREVENT THEFT

One of the simplest and most effective ways to deter rural crime is to restrict access to your property. Criminals often look for easy targets—so the more barriers you create, the less appealing your property becomes.

Tips to Limit Access:

- Close and lock all gates when fields are not in use.
- Use chains, padlocks, or keypad locks on entry points.
- Barricade unused access roads with heavy equipment, gates, or large natural obstacles.
- Reduce the number of entry points—fewer routes mean fewer vulnerabilities.
- Post "No Trespassing" signs to reinforce your boundaries legally and visibly.

Most rural thefts are crimes of opportunity. The harder you make it for someone to get in, the more likely they'll move on.