The program was developed as a means to identify ownership of agricultural properties in Sarasota County. The program consists of a Sarasota County Sheriff’s Office issued sign that is assigned a specific number that correlates to a specific contact for the location. The number provides deputies on patrol with quick access to owner and contact information in case contact with a representative is needed. The sign states “Warning – Agricultural Crime Watch – Sarasota County Sheriff’s Office”. In no case is this sign intended to act as or take the place of a No Trespass sign.

**How do I participate in the Agricultural Watch Program?**

This program is open to qualified agri-businesses or persons whose interest is in, and limited to agriculture related activities. The Agricultural Watch Program Application Form can be obtained online at [www.sarasotasheriff.org/operations/animal-services.html](http://www.sarasotasheriff.org/operations/animal-services.html) or in person at the following location:

Animal Services  
8451 Bee Ridge Rd.  
Sarasota, FL 34241  
(941) 861-9500

The Agricultural Watch Program Application Form will need to be completed and returned to the address provided below, in order to complete the process and allow for the assembly of your signs. The form can be emailed to agriculturalwatch@scgov.net, mailed or hand delivered to the below address:

Sarasota County Sheriff’s Office  
Attention: Agricultural Unit  
8451 Bee Ridge Rd.  
Sarasota, FL 34241

Qualification for the program will be decided by the Agricultural Unit Sergeant or his/her designee. Qualified participants may purchase the metal signs which will include the code number in vinyl lettering affixed to the sign by the Agricultural Unit. The signs can be purchased at a cost of $6.00 each, tax included (first two [2] signs provided at no cost).

If you are interested in participating in the program or need further information please contact the Sarasota County Sheriff’s Office Agricultural Unit at (941) 861-9524.
SARASOTA COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE
AGRICULTURAL WATCH PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Name of Business/Property owner: _____________________________

Driver’s license state / number: _______________________________

Email address: ____________________________________________

Physical address for property: ________________________________

Mailing address: __________________________________________

City: ________________ Zip code: ________________

Type of Business: _________________________________________

1st Contact Name: _________________________________________

Phone: Day: _____________ Evening: _________________

2nd Contact Name: _________________________________________

Phone: Day: _____________ Evening: _________________

Is this a residential property? __________

Is this property in an association? ______ Name of association ____________________________

Size of property (acreage)? __________

Is the property fenced? ______ Type of fencing ____________________________

Livestock on property? ______ How many? __________

Equine on property? ______ How many? __________

Number of signs requested: ______________

Additional Information: ______________________________________

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NOTICE: These signs do not include the words “NO TRESPASSING” or the name of the property owner, lessee, or occupant of said land. These signs do NOT meet the requirement of “Posted land” under Florida State Statute 810.011. Under Florida State Statutes, animal owners are required to maintain their fences and keep their animals secure at all times.

Applicants are required to immediately contact the Agricultural Unit if any of the above information changes prior to the annual review.

Signature of applicant: _____________________________ Date: _________________

Approved by: _____________________________ Date: _________________

Entered by: _____________________________ Date: _________________