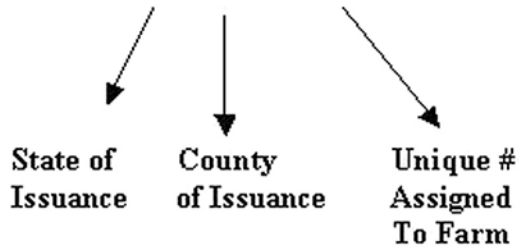


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OAN will generally not be as large or precise as those applied by the manufacturer. The OAN are most often stamped using 1/8" or 1/4" letters and numbers. This combination of numbers and letters will be issued by the Sheriff's Office. Above is an example of the format that your OAN will look like when it is issued.

To receive your OAN, please contact Sheriff Dewey Hatcher at 352-498-1220 or Major Scott Harden at 352-498-1227 or you can email; info@dixiecountysheriff.com.



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"AG WATCH" PROGRAM

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Thank you for taking the time to review our AG-WATCH brochure. I am sure we share the common goals in preventing agricultural crime and I invite you to become a Charter member of our Ag Watch family. We understand the needs of the farm community and would like to service it on a little more personal level. We are starting two new programs at the Sheriff's Office: first will be the "AG WATCH" program and second will be the Owner Applied Number system. These programs will be the first in an expanding program catering to the farm community. As always, I look forward to serving your needs now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Dewey H. Hatcher Sr.



AGRICULTURAL WATCH" PROGRAM

In the wake of a number of high profile cases that have had a direct impact on the agriculture industry, the Sheriff's Office recognized the need to allow deputies immediate access to landowner information to enforce a "zero tolerance" stance for crimes committed against agriculture. Agriculture Watch Program has been embraced by the [Florida Sheriff's Association](#) as a model program on a statewide basis.

The program was developed as a means to identify ownership of agriculture properties in Dixie County. The program consists of a "No Trespassing" sign listing the property/business owner's name and a code number, which provides deputies on patrol instant access to owner information and agent/lease agreements.

How do I participate in the Agriculture Watch Program?

This program is open to qualified Agri-businesses or persons whose interest is in, and limited to, agriculture related activities. The metal signs will be available, so if you are interested in participating in the program, please contact Sheriff Dewey Hatcher at 352-498-1220 or Major Scott Harden at (352) 498-1227.

GET YOUR OWNER APPLIED NUMBER-- AVAILABLE NOW

The Dixie County Sheriff's Office Agricultural Crimes Unit is proud to announce the establishment of the Owner Applied Number system as a property / equipment marking program. In the past, the recognized statewide system of marking equipment was the FLO number. The Florida Sheriff's Association recognized this program but over the last several years the program has been abandoned. As a result, the Florida Sheriff's Association no longer maintains the program. As a more viable system, we have established the Owner Applied Number or OAN system in Dixie County. Our goal is for OAN to be the statewide recognized marking system.

The OAN System consists of ten characters, which identify the state, county, and business. The coded identification number allows local law enforcement to identify stolen property and contact the owner. OAN's are stamped in several locations on heavy equipment and other Agri-business assets and may be affixed by metal die stamps, indelible ink, branding iron or electric pencils.

OAN, which was developed by the FBI, has its own field in both the Florida Crime Information Center (FCIC) and the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) records. OAN, by design, is a supplemental means of identification to the manufacturer's factory I.D. numbers.