



# Black Bears: Keep them off the farm.

**As an experienced farmer,** you are more likely than most Ontarians to be aware of bears and their behaviour. You know that black bears often approach farm properties to find food, especially when their natural food sources are scarce. There are several things you can do to keep bears away from your farm so the use of firearms becomes a last resort.

In an immediate emergency call your local police or 911. If you have shot a bear, contact your local MNR office by the next business day. To report general bear problems, call:

**1 866 514-2327**

(1 866 514-BEAR)

For more information, contact our website:

**[bears.mnr.gov.on.ca](http://bears.mnr.gov.on.ca)**

## Reduce Bear Attractants:

- Remove any brush or trees surrounding your crop production areas
- Pick all ripe fruit off trees and remove vegetables and fallen fruit from the ground
- Use electric fencing around orchards, beehives and vegetables and berry patches, or between grain crops and adjacent forest areas
- Install electric fences before bears become a problem. Electric fencing only works if it is operating before bears become food conditioned
- Keep your livestock away from forests and bear travel routes
- Ensure that your calving area is located in an open space away from forest cover
- Develop a network with your neighbors to help keep each other informed about bears in your area

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