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**MALTB Recovers Stolen Agricultural Equipment in Multiple Investigations**  
*Various Equipment Originally Stolen from Farms in Rankin and Humphreys Counties*

**JACKSON, Miss.** – Recently, the Mississippi Agriculture and Livestock Theft Bureau (MALTB) assisted in the recovery of stolen agricultural equipment and goods, valued over \$145,000, across multiple counties.

On April 30, 2025, the Brandon Police Department received a report of a 2022 4WD Kubota M6060 tractor stolen with a fraudulent check. On the same date, the MALTB was called to assist in the investigation. MALTB investigators, along with officers from the Brandon Police Department and Claiborne County Sheriff's Department, recovered the stolen Kubota tractor in Claiborne County on Saturday, May 3. Additionally, an arrest was made in connection to this case with the help of the Grenada Police Department and the Madison Parish Sheriff's Office in Louisiana.

On May 6, 2025, MALTB investigators recovered a KBH fertilizer tender originally stolen from Humphreys County. The fertilizer tender was valued at \$80,000 and contained \$15,000 worth of fertilizer at the time of the theft. The tender was recovered in Madison County, where the investigation is ongoing.

In a separate case, the MALTB located and recovered two dump trailers and one enclosed trailer on Wednesday, May 14. The trailers are estimated to have a combined value of \$50,000.

All three investigations remain active and ongoing.

MALTB Director Dean Barnard asks the public to report any suspicious activity to their local law enforcement agency, the Mississippi Agriculture and Livestock Theft Bureau by calling 1-800-678-2660, or Mississippi Crime Stoppers at 601-355-TIPS (8477). All calls remain anonymous, and callers could be eligible for a reward upon an arrest and conviction.

The MALTB, the law enforcement division of the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, enforces state laws pertaining to the theft of cattle, horses, swine, poultry, fish, farm equipment, chemicals, timber and all other farm or agriculture-related crimes. Visit <http://msagtheft.org/> to learn more.

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**Photos attached.**



**The Mississippi Agriculture and Livestock Theft Bureau recently recovered a 2022 4WD Kubota M6060 tractor (left) and a KBH fertilizer tender (right) in separate theft investigations.**