

# Environmental Quality Incentives Program

## 2013 EQIP Signup

Minnesota Supplement for:  
Practice Standard 382 – Fence

### Supplemental Criteria

1. **Payment for perimeter fence is authorized ONLY:**
  - a. **For expiring CRP being converted to permanent pasture that will expire in the fiscal year of contract obligation (9/20/2013). The practice may not be installed until the CRP contract has expired.**
  - b. **For riparian areas where the current condition shows environmental damage caused by existing livestock and the exclusion directly results in environmental benefits to perennial and intermittent streams and lakes. Incidental, NIPF and/or unmanaged wooded acres are not eligible.**
  - c. **On land where the fence is an integral part of a conservation management system, which provides an identifiable conservation benefit. See General Provision #17.**
2. Payment is authorized for barbed wire, hi-tensile, and woven wire fences only when installed in conjunction with Prescribed Grazing or Access Control.
3. Payment for establishing fencing is limited to permanent fences utilizing new materials except the State Conservation Engineer has approved used railroad ties or highline posts when in sound condition and free from cracking or decay.
4. Payment is not authorized for removal of existing fence, clearing obstructions or removal of woody vegetation.
5. Payment includes all appurtenances, including energizers on electric fences, gates, materials and labor.
6. Confinement fence is only authorized when required to downsize a feedlot to meet pollution abatement objectives.
7. **Consult General Provision 15 for Ag Waste System payment cap information.**
8. Chain link can be used for waste storage safety fence also.

### Scenarios

#### **Barbed or Smooth Wire**

Multi-strand, Barbed or Smooth Wire - Installation of fence will allow for implementation of grazing management that allows for an adequate rest and recovery period, protection of sensitive area, improved water quality, reduction of noxious and invasive weeds.

#### **Woven Wire**

Woven - Installation of fence will allow for implementation of a grazing management that allows for an adequate rest and recovery period, protection of sensitive area, improved water quality,

reduction of noxious and invasive weeds. Woven wire is typically used in applications with sheep, goats, hogs, wildlife exclusion, shelterbelt/tree protection, etc.

### **Electric - Permanent Interior (High Tensile Power Fence, Less Than Four Wires)**

Electric 2 strand.(one strand high tensile acceptable in Minnesota)

- Installation of permanent fencing will allow for implementation of a grazing management that allows for an adequate rest and recovery period, protection of sensitive area, improved water quality, reduction of noxious and invasive weeds

### **Electric – Exterior (High Tensile Power Fence, Four or More Wires)**

Four strand fence with 2 hot wires. Electric - Installation of fence will allow for implementation of a grazing management that allows for an adequate rest and recovery period, protection of sensitive area, improved water quality, reduction of noxious and invasive weeds.

### **Safety**

A barrier (fence) implemented on an NRCS constructed waste storage system according to engineering design to exclude human access. Permanently installed fence built to (1) keep humans away from waste ponds & lagoons from heavy livestock pressure. Heavy grade fence materials and close post spacing required. This is a facilitating practice to access control because fence is not "bundled" into the access control practice scenarios.

### **Confinement**

Installation of fence reduces resource concerns associated with livestock feeding operations and/or wildlife access to prevent conflicts between humans and livestock or wildlife species. Practice standard calls for 10' fence. 8' woven wire with 2 strands barbed wire.

### **Chainlink Fence for Aquaculture Pond**

A chainlink barrier (fence) implemented on an NRCS constructed aquaculture ponds, according to engineering design, to exclude human access and exclude predators. Fence is to be used instead of bundling the fence costs into the payment for Aquacultural Pond.