



Animal Enhancement Activity—KS-ANM27 Wildlife-friendly fencing

Kansas Criteria for National Animal Enhancement Activity—ANM27

Fence Marking for Prairie Grouse/Prairie-Chicken:

1. For five-wire fences, top and third wires shall be marked.
2. Four-wire fences shall have the top two wires marked.
3. Wires shall be marked with 3-inch strips of white vinyl house siding or similar type of marker material.
4. Top wire marking should be every 4 feet, starting 2 feet from the post.
5. Second wire from top shall be marked beginning 4 feet from the post, or offset from the top wire marking.
6. Lower wire will contain one less marking device than the top wire.
7. Four, seven, or nine markers per post spacing will be required for 12 to 20-foot post spacing.
8. Single-strand energized fences are considered wildlife-friendly for prairie-chickens and therefore not eligible for ANM27.
9. Fence marking should only be planned for areas within ½ mile to known leks, tops of ridges or upper hillslopes, and areas where prairie-chickens travel frequently.

Big Game Fence Requirements for Whitetail Deer, Mule Deer, and Pronghorn Antelope (for all fences, except woven wire, in big game traffic areas):

1. Top two wires shall be at least 12 inches apart.
2. For areas where antelope crossing is a concern, bottom wire heights shall be 18 inches from the ground.
3. Single-strand energized fences are considered wildlife-friendly for big game and therefore not eligible for ANM27.
4. Woven wire is not considered wildlife-friendly.
5. All perimeter fences shall meet the requirements of the Kansas Fence Law.

Removal:

Existing fences that are no longer functioning or serving their intended purpose in areas where prairie-chicken or big game travel may be removed to meet this enhancement.

See Conservation Practice Construction Specifications 382, Fence, for additional information relating to fence construction.