



Do You Have Problems With:

- livestock in streams, ,ditches or ponds
- livestock on roads or neighbor’s property
- poor pasture utilization
- controlling unwanted access to property

Fencing provides a barrier to animals and people and can be used to control movement or limit access to an area or property.



Purposes and Benefits of Fence or Fencing:

- Protect an area from livestock or people
- Rotationally graze pastures
- Separate livestock types
- Protect property

Fencing may also provide other benefits such as:

- reduced crop loss or damage from wildlife
- improved pasture quality
- improved livestock production
- reduced feed costs



Costs and Benefits:			
Material / Installation	Low	Medium	High
Treated Posts Woven Wire			X
Concrete Posts Barbed Wire			X
Cedar or Locust Posts Barbed Wire	X		
Cedar or Locust Posts Electric Wire		X	

Fence

How to Install the Practice:

- Determine type and amount of posts and wire or boards to be used
- Determine corner post reinforcement needs
- Install posts
- Install (string) wire or fence materials
- Install gates

Many types of materials can be used to construct a barrier such as (woven, barbed, or electric) wire. This should be based on the type of access control needed (animal size/type, people).

Note: Always check for buried utilities before



Some maintenance will be required in order to maintain the fence. Occasional replacement of posts or fencing material may be required.

Herbicide spraying may be required to control weeds and unwanted vegetation near or under the fence.



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A variety of materials can be used to construct a fence and the method and materials used should be based on the type of animal or traffic that you plan to limit access.



This practice requires an initial labor investment in order to set posts and string fencing materials.

Labor is contingent upon the type of fence desired and the type of access (small or large animals, people) you are trying to limit or restrict.

Posts are set at established intervals and fencing material is secured to the posts.

This practice can be used along with Prescribed Grazing and Pasture Management. Information about these practices is also available.



SMALL SCALE SOLUTIONS FOR YOUR FARM

Technical Help Is Available

Your local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office has experienced conservationists that can assist you with fencing. They can also help you develop a Conservation Plan to solve other problems you have identified on your farm.

There is no charge for our assistance. Simply call your local office at the number listed below to set up an appointment and we will come to your farm.

You may also be eligible to receive financial assistance, through a state or federal program. Your NRCS office will explain any programs that are available so you can make the best decision for your operation. All NRCS programs and services are voluntary.



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For More Information Contact the:

Natural Resources Conservation Service

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