

Do you have problems with:

- Denuding of streambanks, ditches, or pond edges?
- Livestock on roads or neighbor’s property?
- Poor pasture utilization spot grazing?
- Overgrazing?
- Controlling unwanted access to property?
- Ponds filling in with sediment?



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 according to nutritional or management needs.
- 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 or Electric Wire	X		
Treated Posts/Electric Wire		X	
*Typically, creosote posts are more expensive than CCA treated posts.			

How to Install the Practice:

- Determine type and amount of posts and wire or boards to be used.
- Determine corner post reinforcement needs.
- Install brace posts.
- Install one wire as a guide for line posts.
- Tie off wire in significant dips and corners.
- Install line posts.
- 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 DIGGING!



Central access of livestock to sensitive areas.

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

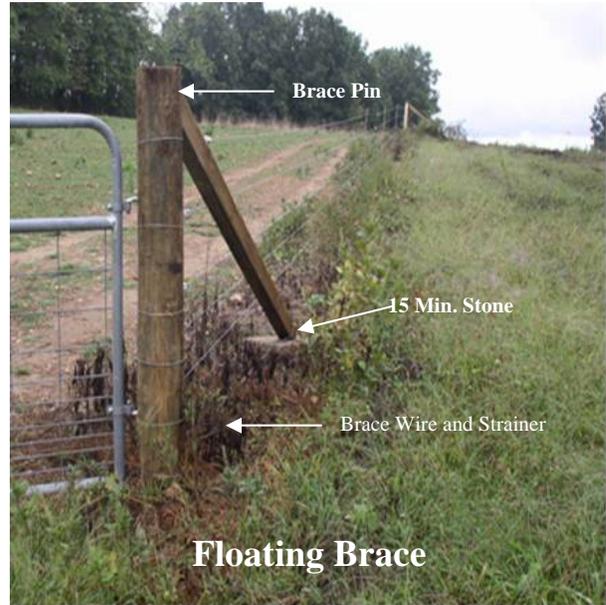
Herbicide spraying may be required to control weeds and unwanted vegetation near or under the fence. Consider using selective herbicides that control broadleaf weeds or suppress vegetation. Always follow label.



Bracing is key to a strong fence.



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.



Plan fence and water for future cross-fencing.



Temporary fencing can be simple and easily constructed with poly wire and pigtail posts.

Help is Available

Your local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office has experienced conservationists who can assist you in planning and installing a fence. Detailed plans and instructions are available on how to install fences. 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

<http://www.tn.nrcs.usda.gov>

or

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg>

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