

## FENCE

### OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN

Operator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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A properly operated and maintained fence is an asset to your farm. The practice must be maintained for the life span of the practice which is 20 years. The life of the structure can be assured and usually increased by developing and carrying out a good operation and maintenance program.

This structure will require you to perform periodic maintenance and may also require operational items to maintain satisfactory performance. The following actions shall be carried out to insure that the practice functions as intended throughout its life span.

1. Inspect fence posts for decay and damage and replace as needed.
2. Inspect fence wires for damage and replace as needed.
3. Inspect fence wires and tighten any loose wires.
4. Maintain area along and under fence line to ensure that it is free of any weeds and woody vegetation.
5. Inspect fence for damage caused by vandalism and livestock. Repair immediately.
6. Inspect and maintain gates in proper working order.
7. Implement required grazing lands plan for proper management of the pastures.

### SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YOUR INSTALLATION

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**CONTACT YOUR LOCAL NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE OFFICE  
FOR ANY ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE YOU MIGHT NEED FOR  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR YOUR  
STRUCTURE.**

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Landowner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Operator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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