

## OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN

### Fence Code 382

Landowner/Operator	Farm/Tract No.
Job Location	Area
Field Office	County
Prepared By	Date

Inspections and maintenance are required to achieve the intended function, benefits, and life of the practice. The landowner/operator is responsible to establish and implement an inspection and maintenance program. Items to inspect and maintain during the 10-year design life of the practice include, but are not limited to, the following:

#### General Recommendations:

- Provide periodic inspections, especially immediately following storms with a 10-year or greater return frequency to identify repair and maintenance needs. At a minimum fences and gates should be inspected at least twice a year.
- Inspect for overhanging trees and limbs, downed trees, debris, tension, loose staples, under gate cable connections, cracked or broken spring gate handles, faulty fence charger, etc. Remove or repair as needed.
- Clear the brush from fence lines to reduce voltage loss. Vegetative control can be achieved by herbicides applied per the manufacturer's label.
- Maintain appropriate warning signs.

#### Special Considerations:

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#### Optional items to consider:

- Electric fences will be regularly checked to determine the voltage on the fence. If voltage is not sufficient, determine the cause and correct.

- Electrified floodgates must be maintained and kept clear of debris. During extended flooding periods, switch off the floodgates.
- During dry weather, ground rods may need water applied to soil around them.
- Retain and properly discard all broken fencing material and hardware.
- Follow your grazing plan, where appropriate.

Signatures:

Reviewed By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Landowner/Producer

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