

Temporary Fence Ideas

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What are your choices:

- Polywire on step in posts – various corners
- Electro-netting
- Reels, polywire and posts
- Smooth wire on posts

Polywire and posts

- Need reels to control the wire
- Can run one, two or three strands
- Must be hot
- Not as predator proof





Smooth wire and posts

- Popular with beef (can work with horses)
 - One strand or two
 - More permanent
 - Good for divider

Netting

- Worked with Premier1 Supplies
- Primarily portable electro-net
 - Short-one prong
 - Short-two prong
 - Tall-two prong
- We used it at perimeter but it would be great to use with a good perimeter fence as a divider.

Our Favorite....

- Short-two prong
 - Can step it into the ground
 - Can get it in when the ground is dry
 - Stands a little better than one
- Tall is too heavy if you are moving it much
 - Animals stayed in the short just fine if there was a charge on the fence
- Must be a charge on the fence!!!

Fencing Basics

- Need something to move it around “buggy”
- Taking down is harder work than putting up
- Can use lots of help taking down
- 2 people putting up is good – maybe 3
- A sense of humor helps a lot

More Basics

- Do a good job rolling it up or you will PAY
- Don't leave it in place too long – hard to get out of the grass...and don't set one down and leave it...it will disappear quickly
- Take it down one day and put it up the next
- Put up some ahead and then take down dividers





Pros

- Can make the paddock any size you want
- Can clean up areas that you used to mow or ignore
- Can improvise through or around almost anything
- Good workout – get to see your animals
- Easy to learn – family, interns, boss







Cons

- Need to do it early in the day – HOT
- Thistles, nettles, honeysuckle, burdocks
- Black flies, horse flies, deer Flies
- Have to do it when it needs to be done



Charger

- Used charger from one barn or the other
- Battery Charger (used battery that we re-charged –NOT) or the tractor battery if that was handy...
- Attach to a good perimeter fence!!!

Moving

- Sometimes we spent more time figuring out where to put the fence than actually putting it up.
- Animals had no trouble moving – we got better at it and so did they
- Cows first, sheep second
- New calves and lambs can be a challenge







Recommendations:

- Have a secure barnyard area
- A good perimeter fence makes things easier
- Have enough fence to set it up ahead
- Lamb/Calve before you start the rotation

Storage?

- Pays to take some time to repair it as you put it away (good idea to put it away before the snow flies...)
- Away from sun, rodents, other wire, animals
- Can put rolls in bags
- Wind up on reels, put posts in trash barrels





Using it in winter???

- Bale grazing
- Emergency fencing
- Need a hammer, drill, blocks of wood with holes drilled in them, string, extra step-ins, patience.









