



Livestock Fencing

Description

Fencing prevents livestock from trampling streambanks, destroying vegetation, and stirring up sediment in the streambed. It is also used to exclude livestock from areas that need to be protected from grazing or browsing, contain animals in a designated area, and encourage animals to use stream crossings.

Benefits

- Reduces erosion by controlling access to designated areas by grazing animals.
- Water quality and fish habitat benefit from reduced amounts of nutrients and sediment entering the stream.
- Livestock fencing allows vegetation to be established or recover.
- Enables farmers to develop rotational grazing systems that improve forage, distribute manure more evenly, protect the soil from erosion, and improve water quality.
- Improved forage production will help increase livestock production.