

PROTECTING POULTRY FROM PREDATORS



Materials Worksheet

Fencing

- 1 Poultry net Fence \$90.00-180.00
- 2 Fence Conductor \$14.00-28.00
 - Rope, Tape, or Wire

Energizers

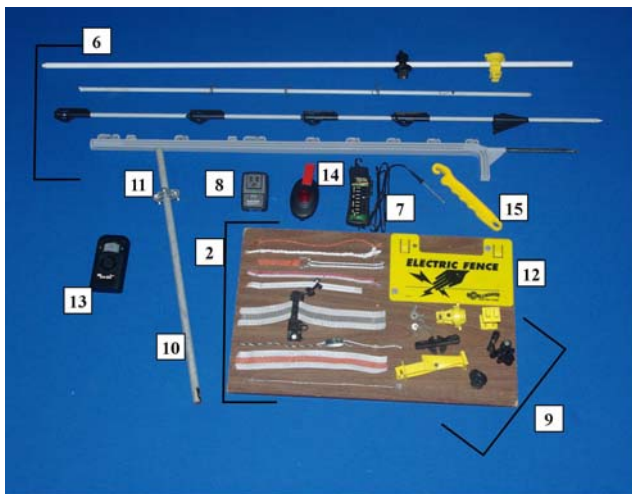
- 3 Solar \$150.00-280.00
- 4 Battery \$105.00-200.00
- 5 110 volt \$60.00-150.00

Posts

- 6 Tread-ins \$1.90-3.00 ea

Accessories

- 7 Voltage Tester \$15.00-75.00
- 8 Surge Protector \$5.00-20.00
- 9 Nail on Insulators \$.28-.50 ea
- 10 Ground Rod \$6.00-10.00
- 11 Ground Rod Clamp \$1.00-2.50
- 12 Warning Sign \$1.00-3.00
- 13 Critter Gitter \$50.00
- 14 Fence Alert \$20.00-25.00
- 15 Gate Handle \$1.00-5.00



Examples of energizers and fencing components that may be used in various fence designs.

Also shows a "Critter Gitter." A motion activated alarm used to deter predators.

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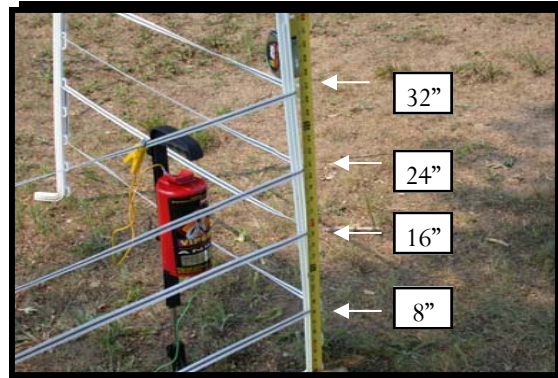


There has been a growing interest in small poultry flocks in NH in recent years as a means of producing meat or eggs for the table. However, New Hampshire is home to a number of predators that also enjoy the benefits of poultry operations. Over 45 poultry complaints per year are reported to the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and Wildlife Services. Ranging from sightings to predation, unprotected poultry can quickly become an attractant for predatory animals. With a modest investment of time and money poultry enthusiasts can protect their investment from damage.

Protecting chicken pens and buildings from black bear with electric fencing is particularly important since chicken wire and buildings are easily accessed by a bear.

Wildlife Services recommends a 4 strand electric fence or poultry net be used around the perimeter for protection from

OPTION 1: Component Fencing



A component fence system to be used around existing buildings and poultry runs. Constructed with tread-in posts or nail-on insulators. 4 strands of electrified conductor at 8" to 10" intervals for bears. Bottom strands can be 4"-6" for smaller predators.

OPTION 2: Poultry Nets



Those who move poultry to other grazing sites frequently will appreciate the convenience of poultry net fences which are portable and not only provide protection from a variety of predators but also can contain chickens inside. These fences come in a 82' or 164' roll and consist of a grid of conductive wires and plastic supports.

Electric fencing has been proven as an effective barrier against predators. However even the most elaborate fence design will not work if not properly installed and maintained. With this in mind it is important to incorporate a few electric fencing basics into a fence.



- ***Keep the fence energized and fence charger properly grounded at all times. Keep metal fencing and wood insulated from the charged wires.***

- ***Test the fence regularly with a tester that shows actual volt information***
- ***Keep portable energizers inside the perimeter of the fence***

- ***Control vegetation with mowing or a herbicide. Keep fence away from poorly grounded areas such as stone walls and gravel***

- ***During severe electrical storms disconnect the fence and use a surge protector***

Predator Poultry Complaints Reported to Wildlife Services

