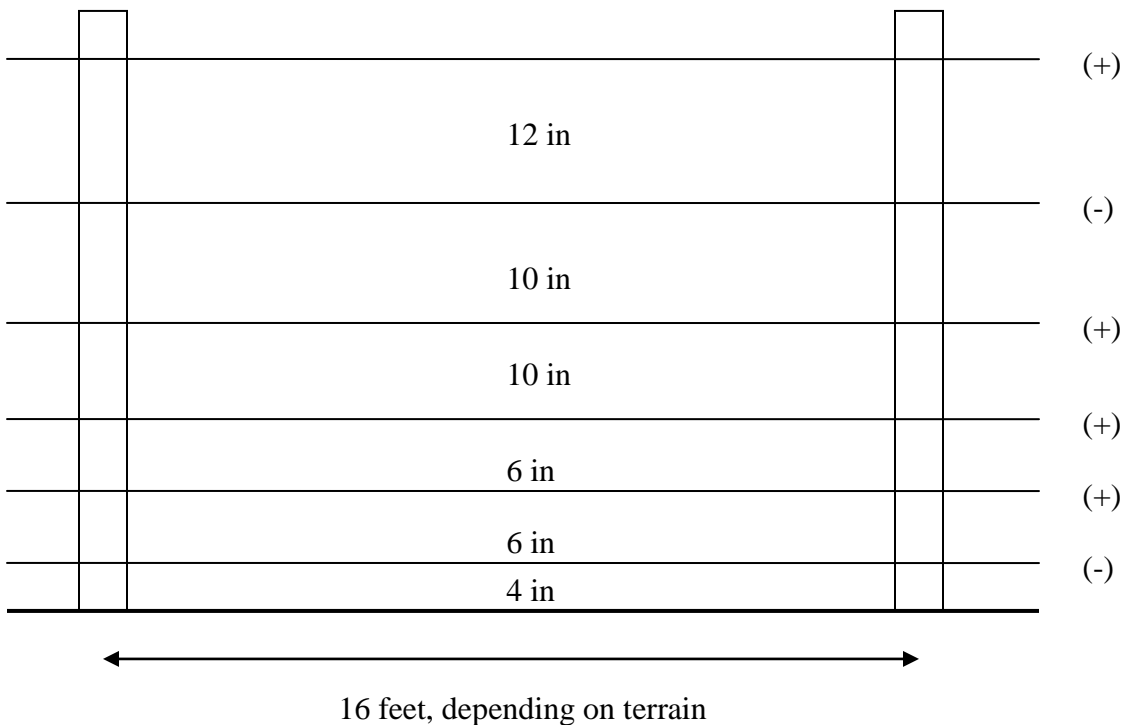


Requirements for Predator Control Fencing for Sheep and Goats

Option 1: Six wire electric fence

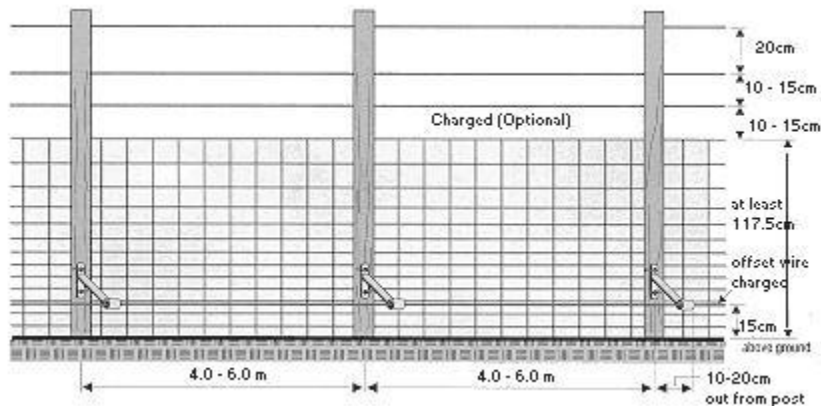
- Six wire fence to a minimum of 4 feet in height.
- Bottom wire must be 4 inches off the ground. It is optional to make this wire hot.
- The next 3 wires must be hot, with spacing of 6 inches, 6 inches, and 10 inches.
- The fifth wire is a ground wire, placed 10 inches from the previous wire.
- The sixth and top wire must be a hot wire placed 12 inches above the previous wire.
- Post spacing must be a maximum of 16 feet for flat terrain, and can be spaced closer in areas with uneven terrain.
- If post spacing is less than 16 feet apart, cost of extra posts will be covered up to the maximum rate per mile.
- All charged wires must have insulators.
- The estimated cost to build this fence is **\$4900/mile** which includes labour and equipment usage costs.



Option 2: Page wire electric fence

(Agri-Facts Agdex 684-7 Protecting Livestock from Predation with Electric Fences. Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development. 2005)

- Galvanized, high-tensile mesh wire must be used for this design of predator control fence. This wire is more versatile and longer-lasting and can be stretched tighter than standard farm mesh wire.
- Galvanized mesh at least 1.2 m (4 feet) high with predator-proof spacings (smaller spacings on the bottom section of the mesh than at the top section) is required.
- The fence wire must be tight to the ground to reduce the chances of a coyote digging under.
- Post spacing must be a maximum of 16 feet for flat terrain, and closer spacing in areas with uneven terrain.
- If post spacing is less than 16 feet apart, cost of extra posts will be covered up to the maximum rate per mile.
- A charged offset wire (see diagram) must be placed 15cm (6 inches) off the ground.
- All charged wires must have insulators.
- Single strand, 12.5 gauge high-tensile wires or barbed wires may be placed 15 cm or less apart above the mesh to increase the height of the fence to 137 cm (4.5 feet) or more.
- The estimated cost to build this fence is **\$6100/mile** which includes labour and equipment usage costs.



Cost share for predator control fence:

- The Farm Stewardship Program will cover 50% of costs to a max of **\$6800.00/mile**, plus 50% of the costs of an electric fencer.
- All receipts are required to claim for the construction of this fence.
- All eligible labour costs must be accounted for in an invoice.
- An audit will be required.

Retrofitting or upgrading existing fence

- Existing fences may be upgraded or retrofitted to the minimum predator control fence for sheep and goats.
- The Farm Stewardship Program will cover 50% of all costs to upgrade or retrofit the fence, plus the cost of an electric fencer (costs must be accounted for or supported by receipts).
- Costs incurred for normal fence maintenance or replacements are not covered.
- All receipts are required and must be submitted to claim for any upgrading/retrofitting of existing fence.
- All eligible labour costs must be accounted for in an invoice.
- A **pre-audit** and post audit will be required.

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