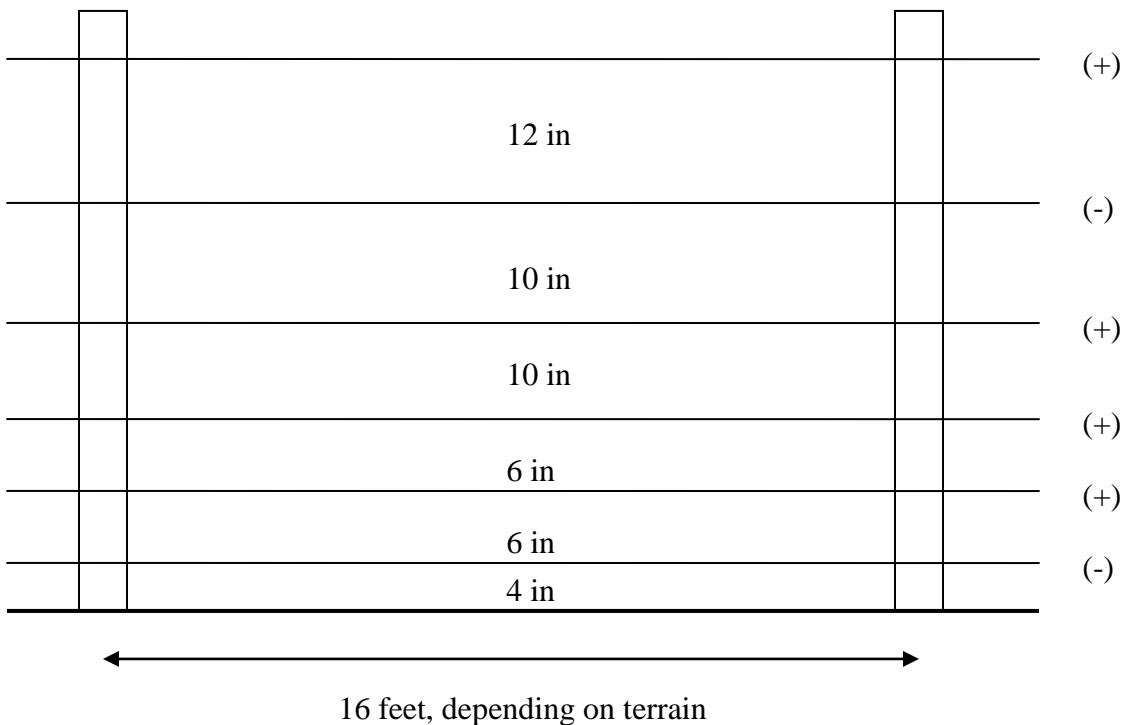


Requirements for Predator Control Fencing for Sheep and Goats

Option 1: Six wire electric fence

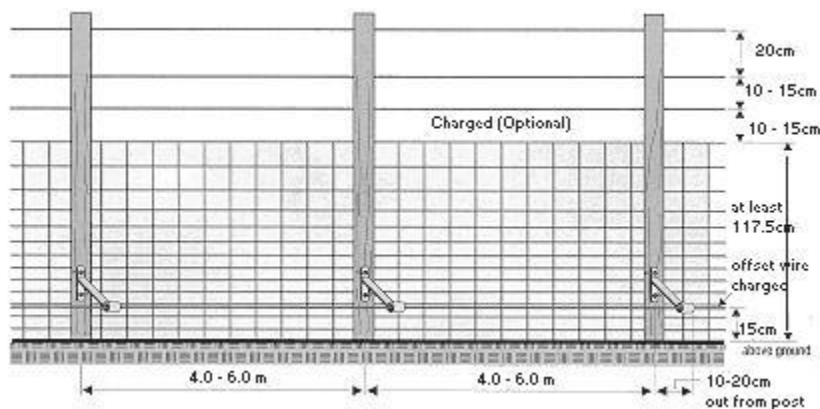
- Six wire fence to a minimum of 4 feet in height.
- Bottom wire must be 4 inches off the ground. It is optional to make this wire hot.
- The next 3 wires must be hot, with spacing of 6 inches, 6 inches, and 10 inches.
- The fifth wire is a ground wire, placed 10 inches from the previous wire.
- The 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 should 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 using brackets; however brackets aren't required if posts are 10cm wide or more. The offset wire can be attached (with insulators) directly to the opposite side of the post that the galvanized mesh is attached.
- 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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