

## Watershed Agricultural Program Guideline

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### 2.1.15

#### **PASTURE FENCING**

##### 1. New Pasture Fencing:

The Watershed Agricultural Council's (WAC) Agricultural Program staff may plan fencing for new pasture in accordance with the Farm Construction and Expansion Guideline and if the following criteria are met:

- A. Participants are grazing animals throughout the growing season and have a shortage of existing pasture based on forage demand vs. forage supply as determined by the NRCS Rotational Stocking Method Worksheet and;
- B. Water quality problems are identified as a result of animal access to watercourses, overgrazing, overuse, overstocking or poor location of existing pastures and;
- C. Suitable pasture land is available and;
- D. A written plan is developed in conjunction with the fencing BMP to improve and maintain the quality of all pastures.

##### 2. Perimeter Fencing:

Perimeter/border fence will be allowed when needed to complete part of a paddock as part of the prescribed grazing plan. The NRCS Conservation Practice Standard for Fence, Code 382, will be followed for acceptable types of fencing for various types of livestock. All applicable laws will be followed with regard to fencing installation. In a property line dispute, confirmation of the property boundary locations will require a current property survey to be furnished by the landowner.

Attachment: NRCS Rotational Stocking Method Worksheet