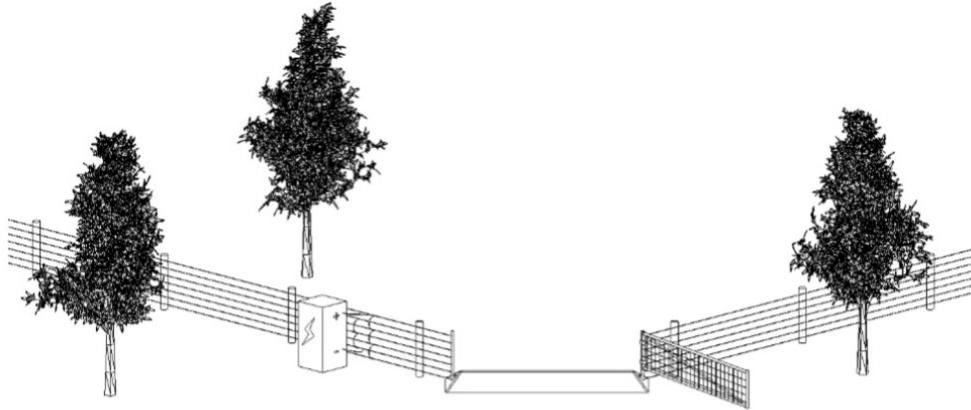


LIVESTOCK PREDATION PREVENTION PROJECT (LPPP)

PREDATOR RESISTANT LIVESTOCK PENS



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The concept of predator resistant pens is not new, as wood, chain link, steel and concrete have been employed for as long as there have been livestock. What has changed is the pen size need by livestock operations. Producers with hundreds of cows or ewes do not believe that thousands of feet of chain-link is affordable. Predator fences with multiple electric wires and alternating wires with current and ground can form a formidable pen for even the most tenacious predators.

Cost is always a consideration, but more importantly animal health is of critical importance. As such a system large enough to support both the herd size and to provide protection from predators such as coyotes, wolves, and bears is invaluable to the operation.

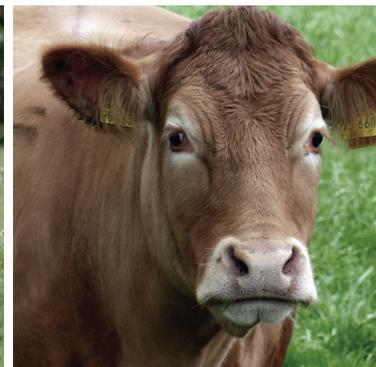
High tensile, multiwire electric fence pens can solve these problems as the size of the pen is easily and cost effectively scalable to multiacre paddocks. Seven wire electric fence material cost per foot is \$0.54 per foot, accordingly going from a one acre pen to a 10 acre pen costs under \$1,000 of material cost for additional space

that allows for clean areas, plenty of room to move, and a predator-free environment.

This project will provide a predator resistant pen, with a predator resistant gate, wires, insulators, fencer, and posts to keep predators away from valuable stock, thereby reducing interest by predators who do not receive a meal when they visit the facility.

Modern Predator Resistant Pen:

- Multi wire high tensile wire pen with alternating hot/ground wires.
- High output electric fencers which put out 10,000 or more volts.
- Tight-fitting gates that have tight mesh and a cement curb to stop digging under.
- Wire fences that don't cause snow bank build-up and do not encourage walk over.
- Scalable to any pen or paddock size.



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Predator Resistant Pen Project Guidelines

1. The pen will be built with a predator resistant gate structure which will close tightly to try to stop canine or bear intrusion. Tight mesh, and tight gate gaps will be achieved through welded steel gates and dig-proof bases to hold back predators.
2. Fence will be built with high tensile wire installed low enough to limit digging under.
3. Pens will be designed to be large enough to allow adequate space during birthing/weaning season to allow for dry areas.
4. Pens can be availed with game cameras to record or notify operator of predator attention/ challenges.
5. Labour and machinery will be provided and pens will be built with consistent quality control.
6. Pens should be built on high ground to limit spring wetness and ponding water areas along fence.

Cost of Setup

Producers will be responsible for part of the cost of pen materials, but costs for delivery and building of the pen will be covered by the project. The assets provided will remain property of the co-operator once the project is complete.

At the completion of the Livestock Predator Prevention Project a report will be written to help guide producers to the most effective predator reduction practices.

For more information of the Livestock Predator Prevention Project and other Risk Mitigation Practices please visit <https://mbbeef.ca/>



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