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Re: Fencing Costs

Dear ICR Landowners:

I know that everyone is going to be interested in the cost of putting some sort of a fence around his or her gardens and front yards to keep roaming cattle away.

On Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, I stopped at the local Intermountain Farmers Association store (IFA) and have assembled some of the costs you will encounter.

There are many different ways to create a fence, so let me start with the most economical and progress upwards.

The most economical is an electrified wire and another ground wire that transmits a shock that is very irritating and effective. This method was used by many people, including myself, during the period that we had cattle on the Ranch and it worked.

Based upon a 1000 ft. long fence here are some costs. If you need 500 ft. of fencing, divide by 2 and if you want 2000 ft., multiply by 2.

First you need a charging unit that can handle at least 40 acres. Cost: \$40.

Next you need two wires: the first can be a white ribbon that is very visible laced with wire at .013 cents per foot. Cost: \$13.17.

Next you need a second wire that is the ground at 13 cents. Cost: \$132.

Next you need fiberglass posts at every 15' (66 per 1000') at \$ 1.21. Cost: \$85.14

All these Items add up to:

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| 1. Charger                           | \$40.00      |
| 2. White Ribbon laced with wire      | 13.17        |
| 3. Second Ground Wire                | 14.93        |
| 4. Fiberglass Stakes                 | 45.14        |
| 5. Spring Hook for Gate (2 required) | <u>15.00</u> |

Material Costs for 1000 Ft.      \$ 128.24 or 13 cents per foot.

These costs do not include labor. But an owner could install the entire fence in one day.

Next, let's graduate to a 4 strand barbed wire fence with steel T posts that you find on a serious horse or cattle operation:

Again you need 4000' of barbed wire at .036 cents. Cost: \$144. Five foot steel fences posts @ \$3.71 each (66 posts @ \$3.71 ea) Cost: \$244.86. These total:

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| 1. 4000' Barbed Wire     | \$ 144.00 |
| 2. 66 Posts @ \$3.71 ea. | 244.86    |
| 3. Post Clips            | 15.00     |

TOTAL: -----  
403.86 or approx. 40 cents per foot.

The last item concerns gates or cattle guards. The cattle guards can be very expensive or you can purchase a 14' manufactured gate @ \$129.

A cattle guard professionally installed can cost \$900. or more and the 10'guard itself can be as low as \$600.

All of these costs do not include labor.

Sincerely,



Archie Hanson