

## Planning Grazing Systems- fencing, water, and paddocks

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## Pasture Planning

- Fencing
  - Perimeter
  - Paddock
  - Alleyway
- Water
  - Pipelines
  - Troughs
- Animal Handling
  - Paddocks
  - Alleyway
  - Stream Crossings



## Fencing for Grazing Systems

- Integral part of the grazing system
- Necessary to keep livestock and horses in the designated grazing areas
- Several types of fencing that can be used
  - High tensile
  - Woven Wire
  - Portable (temporary)

## High Tensile

- Relatively inexpensive to build
- Low maintenance
- Strand number based on livestock being grazed



## High Tensile

- 7-10 strands of wire
- strands are 4-6" apart
- Good for holding beef cattle, sheep, goats and bulls
- horse can easily get hoof caught between strands



## High Tensile

- 4-5 strands placed 10-12 inches apart
- Place bottom strand 18" from ground
- Top and middle strands electrified
- All-around perimeter fencing for cattle and horses



## Fencing-Perimeter

### High Tensile Smooth Wire

#### Advantages

- Longevity
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- Installation (Corners, Gates)
- Equipment to install
- Injury to animals if caught in wire

## Fencing-Perimeter

### High Tensile Smooth Wire

#### Species

#### # Strands

- |                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| • Bovine          | 1-10 |
| • Ovine & Caprine | 4-8  |
| • Equine          | 4-5  |
| • Porcine         | 1-2  |
| • Multi Species   | 6-8  |

## Woven Wire

- Typical all-around livestock fence
- Sturdy enough for horses
- Horses can get hooves through and "walk" down the fence



## Portable Fencing

- Great for rotational grazing
- Constructed with temporary posts
- Polywire and 1/2" tape is most common
  - 16 gauge high tensile can be used
- Polywire and tape is used to make separate paddocks
- Easy to construct

## Fencing-Temporary

### Divide Paddocks - Temporary Alleyway



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## Water

- Quality and Quantity
- In paddock? ---- In alleyway?
- From well? ---- From spring/stream?
- Diameter of pipe?
- Pipe buried? ---- On top of ground?
- Equipment

## In Paddock? ---- In Alleyway?

### Advantages

- Less energy to acquire
- Spread manure
- Less dead areas
- Cheaper



### Disadvantages

- Moving tub
- Leaks
- Spilling of tub
- Freezing



## In Paddock? ---- In Alleyway?

### Advantages

- Permanent
- Less labor
- Frost free

### Disadvantages

- More energy to acquire
- Manure areas
- Dead areas
- Expensive



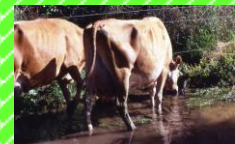
## Well

- Known Quantity
- Known Quality



## Spring/Stream

- Dry Year
- Pollution



### Pipe buried? ----

On top of ground?

- Know everything is permanent and in good working order
- Protected from Freezing



### Pipe buried? ----

On top of ground?

- Movable
- Cost Efficient



### Equipment

Portable Water Tanks



### Equipment

Pipe



### Animal Handling Alleyway



### Animal Handling

Livestock Concentration Area



## Animal Handling Stream Crossing



## Stream Crossings

- Hog Slats
  - Waffle slats are keyed into streambank at a 6:1 slope
  - Crushed stone/geotextile approaches
- Crushed Stone
  - Keyed into streambank
  - Use Rip/Rap as framing stone
  - #3 and 2A Modified for walking surface
  - Utilize geotextile fabric in wet locations

## Questions?

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