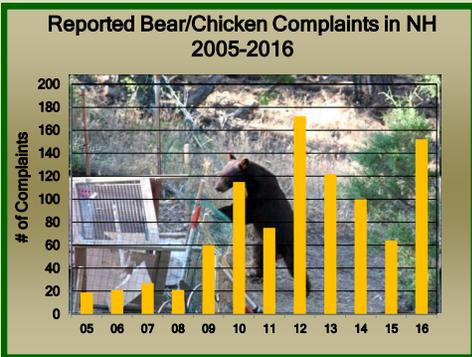


Examples of Energizers and Fencing Components



Materials Worksheet

Fencing

- Poultry net Fence \$73.00-200.00
- Fence Conductor \$17.00-66.00

Energizers

- Solar \$190.00-360.00
- Battery \$89.00-233.00
- 110 volt \$95.00-200.00

Posts

- Tread-ins \$2.70-3.25ea

Accessories

- Voltage Tester \$13.00-112.00
- Insulators \$.45 –.88 each
- Ground Rod \$7.95-10.95
- Ground Rod Clamp \$2.85
- Warning Sign \$1.50-3.00

The products and price ranges provided in this brochure are intended for reference only. The NH Fish and Game Department or USDA Wildlife Services does not endorse or guarantee the use of these products over others not mentioned. Contact your local fence dealer for specific pricing and additional options. For more information please contact the USDA Wildlife Services office at 223-6832.

RAISING POULTRY IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

PREVENTING LOSS BY BEARS



WS Wildlife Services

Protecting People | Protecting Agriculture | Protecting Wildlife



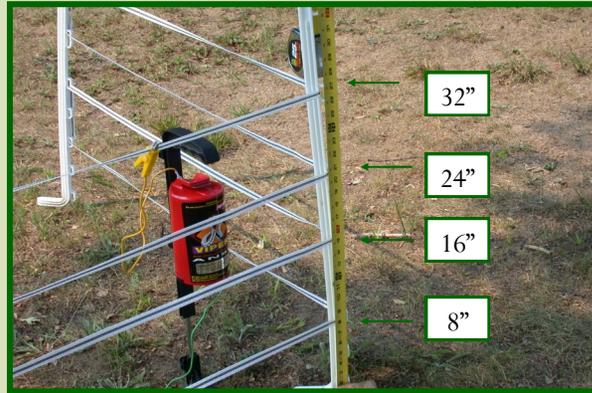
The popularity of raising backyard poultry, namely chickens and waterfowl, has grown significantly in recent years due to people's interest in providing their own meat and fresh eggs. While this is a great concept, many of the state's wildlife species are paying the price as an increasing number of landowners choose to kill wildlife as a means of defense against predation. Given the increased popularity of backyard farming, animals such as black bears now recognize chickens, ducks and the associated poultry feed as an easily accessible food source.

Most coops, pens and runs are constructed with the intent to keep poultry in and typically fail at keeping wildlife out. Inadequate knowledge and awareness of good husbandry practices puts your investment and New Hampshire's wildlife at risk. If poultry is not adequately contained and protected, loss to wildlife should be expected. While it may be possible to build coops strong enough to keep species such as foxes, raccoons and bobcats out, bears require a different approach because of their strength and agility. The most effective way to protect poultry from predation by bears is to establish a perimeter of electric fence. Bears honor electricity and the use of electric fencing represents the most viable, long-term solution for protecting your investment from predatory loss.

***Protect Your Poultry Investment -
Go Electric!***

Effective Electric Fence Options

Component Fencing



A component fence system to be used around existing buildings and poultry runs. Constructed with tread-in posts or nail-on or screw-in insulators. Four strands of electrified conductor at 8" - 10" intervals for bears. Bottom strands can be 4"-6" for smaller predators.

Poultry Nets



Those who frequently move poultry to other grazing sites will appreciate the convenience of poultry net fences. These fences are portable, provide protection from a variety of predators and can be used to contain chickens. These fences come in a 82' or 164' roll and consist of a grid of conductive wires and plastic supports.

Recommended Practices for Raising Poultry

- ◆ Utilize electric fence around poultry coops, pens and runs
- ◆ Maintain the electric fence to ensure it is properly working
- ◆ Maintain open space around coops and pens - bears tend to avoid areas where cover is absent
- ◆ Properly store poultry feed - securely store feed indoors or in air-tight, odor-free, bear-proof containers
- ◆ Only feed poultry the amount that can be consumed during a typical feeding - don't let feed accumulate in coop or pen
- ◆ The use of livestock guardian animals, like dogs, can be highly effective in deterring predatory wildlife



An example of a well-designed chicken coop which effectively protects the homeowner's investment as well as New Hampshire's black bears. Electric fencing represents a modest investment that will provide years of service.