

# EXCLUSIONARY FENCING

Exclusionary fencing limits livestock access to streams and riparian buffers. The purpose is to improve water quality and herd health.



## BENEFITS:

- Enhances herd health and livestock safety.
- Increased livestock productivity
- Improved stream water quality
- Regenerates stream bank vegetation
- Reduced stream bank erosion

## DESCRIPTION

Exclusionary fencing is a best management practice (BMP) that limits livestock access to certain sensitive areas. Fencing enclosures can have various setback distances from streambeds, with consideration given to farm operational needs.

The goal is to enhance whole farm productivity, natural stream vegetation, improve water quality and overall stream health within the local watershed.

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## TECH NOTES

- Work with your local Conservation District to establish a site specific fence configuration.
- Fencing specifications are site specific.
- The minimum width of buffer from stream bank is 35 feet.
- This practice pairs with riparian buffer.
- Fence construction allows for regeneration and protection of stream vegetation. May also deter deer.

## MAINTENANCE

- Inspect and repair fencing each season.
- Remove brush and fallen debris from fence line.
- Annual mowing and maintenance is required.

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