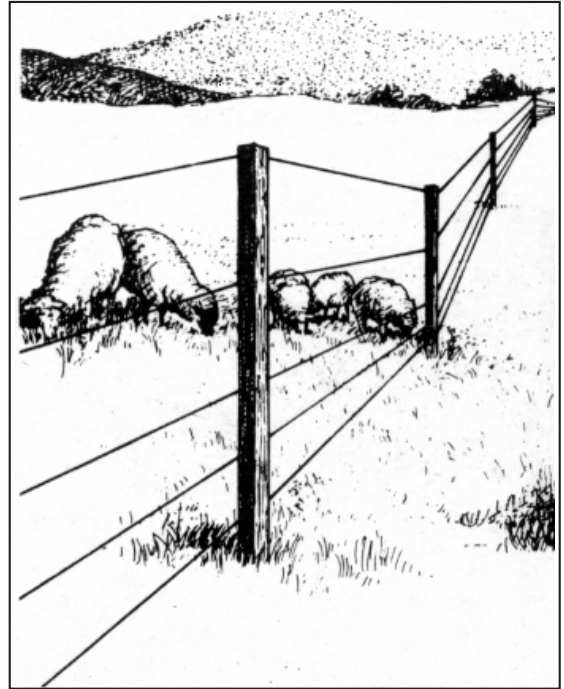


PROTECTING SHEEP FROM DOGS WITH ELECTRIC HIGH TENSILE WIRE FENCE

High powered electric fencing can be a very effective control measure for protecting sheep from dogs and other predators.

High tensile electric fence works best when:

1. Electric wires are installed all the way around grazing boundaries
2. The bottom wires are spaced 6" & 12" from the ground and follow the contour closely
3. The lower wires are kept tightly tensioned to 200 or more pounds
4. The fence is "hot" all the time with 3000 or more peak voltage reading from fence testers on dry days
5. Alternating "hot" and "ground" wires are used in extremely dry, extremely sandy, or extremely frozen conditions only, when necessary



Therefore, to control dogs and other predators well, fence must be correctly installed, regularly checked, and repaired or retensioned when necessary.

Notes On Coyote Control

The above recommendations were originally developed only for dog control. Research by the US Dept of Agriculture many years ago in Idaho, proved that to be absolutely coyote proof a ten wire high tensile electric fence with every other wire grounded and with a hot "trip wire" is required. However, in this study, coyotes were allowed to feed on sheep while one wire at a time was added as they learned how to cross the fence.

In real life situations, especially in green areas with rainfall of thirty or more inches per year, coyotes have often been controlled well with five wire "all hot" electric fences that follow the above rules. It is important to know that five wire fences may not be successful for coyote control, especially if the rules are not observed very strictly. For more detailed advice for your situation contact MAX-FLEX Fence.

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