

Re: Astrolorp roosters and husbands and scruffy birds

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- >> Electric netting sounds interesting, but there is no power in that old
- >> barn, I'd have to have a half mile long extension cord!
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- > Actually, farm stores have very nice solar powered fence chargers. I just
- > would like to see how electrified poultry netting would be strung so that
- > it doesn't ground out.

There are various methods

If you have a permanent fence line then you can lay a ground cover membrane beneath it or periodically use an effective weed killer

You can use the electric fencing to create a mobile pen -- this has the added advantage of being able to utilise your grazing much more effectively and give your birds fresh grass/ forage every couple of weeks. It also means that the ground gets a rest from the birds reducing potential health and worm problems.

In this case you simply mow or trim a strip of grass where you are sighting the fence. The easiest way is to get a rope of the same length of the netting -- it usually comes in 25m - or 50m lengths.

You roll out the netting - start with the first post and keep the bottom of the net taught as you push it into the ground. You can do various things to increase the tension as required.

You can put the posts in at an angle

You can twist a loop or two of the top over the posts to gather the slack

You can fix the guy ropes at each corner

If your ground is very undulating / uneven you can buy extra posts and tensioning struts to stiffen the netting and raise it over the humps

The bottom strand is not electrified but you do need to keep the next one clear.

If you have small predators then you want to find close mesh netting - also useful for bantams and growers.

There are a number of meters for routinely testing the lines and things like night lights which will flash to tell you its still working

Hope that helps

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regards
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