

## Re: electric fences for chooks?

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> [news:43b0cea2\\$0\\$17707\\$afc38c87@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:43b0cea2$0$17707$afc38c87@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)  
>> Hi all,  
>> I recently read that an electric mesh fence was available. It was pretty  
>> expensive, 249A\$ for 50 meters. Just wondering if anyone has a story re  
>> electric fences and chooks.  
>> Ta. peter  
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> Friends of mine keep out predators with a variation on this idea. They have  
> a normal chook-proof fence of wire mesh about 1m (3ft) high, the mesh is not  
> electrified. They run two lines of electric fence wire along the outside of  
> it but not touching, one about 10cm (4 in) up and the other at the top. The  
> lower one is nose high and the primary defence, it also prevents digging.  
> The upper one prevents climbing.  
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> This may seem to be more work but in practice it is much easier to insulate  
> a wire that only needs fixing now and then than a mesh that has to be fixed  
> all the way.

Doesn't sound to me as if it was something that's easy to move around, though? Probably a good solution for a really large run, or several that are used in a rotation system.

Your "normal chook-proof fence of about 1m (3ft) high" is something my chooks would laugh about. They got out of their new run with a 2m high fence around it, before I put the netting on top. But then, of course, they aren't normal ;-)

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