

Re: electric fences for chooks?

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David Hare-Scott wrote:

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.

This is the system my sis-in-law uses and she never loses chooks. I have the 2m high non-elec yard with rabbit netting around the bottom and I don't lose any either.

Black polypipe is a cheap insulated way of running your electric wire around structures. You can make stand-off brackets out of it* or put the wire through it to run it over gates etc and avoid shocking the visitors.

We use black poly for electric fencing too. Quite good in the short term but ours is mainly on cattle fencing.

Alot will depend on the predators Peter is trying to keep out and if he wants it portable or permanent. If his chooks fly he will require taller netting or even a roof on the yard. Mine don't although crows fly in and are still the biggest pest for me. I just can't afford to net my yard over.

I wonder where Peter got the prices from and if it includes the energiser. Solar works great anywhere in Australia and they are more efficient now at gathering ambient light.

Ginny

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