

Name of Practice: PORTABLE FENCING FOR STREAM PROTECTION
VACS Program Specifications for No.
WP-2P

This document specifies terms and conditions for the Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost-Share Program's portable fencing for stream protection best management practice which are applicable to all contracts entered into with respect to that practice.

A. Description and Purpose

This practice provides protection by portable fencing along **all live streams or live water** in a field to reduce erosion, sedimentation and the pollution of water from agricultural non-point sources.

The purpose of this practice is to offer an incentive to exclude livestock from all live streams or live water, thereby effectively controlling soil erosion, sedimentation, and nutrient loss from surface runoff to improve water quality.

B. Policies and Specifications

1. This practice will provide a portable fencing system for protection of all live streams or live water to prevent direct deposition of livestock waste and protect stream banks and other water features such as: wetlands, intermittent springs, seeps, ponds connected to streams, sensitive karst features, and gullies adjacent to springs.
2. No minimum fencing standards are required. However, the producer is required to exclude livestock from all live streams and live water in the field(s) at all times during the lifespan of this practice, except for where stable limited access points are utilized.
3. The portable fence may be placed at the top of bank or with a buffer setback.
4. Due to the temporary nature of this portable fencing practice, provision of water is the responsibility of the producer in the field(s) where the portable fencing system will be utilized. Permanent watering systems, stable limited access points, solar systems, stream pick-ups, temporary troughs and portable waterers are all acceptable options.
5. Wildlife, environmental, and livestock shade considerations must be given when designing the practice.
6. Flash grazing (allowing livestock to graze the excluded riparian area) is not allowed as a management alternative during the lifespan of this practice.

7. All practice components implemented must be maintained for a minimum of five years. The lifespan begins on Jan. 1 of the calendar year following the year of certification of completion. By accepting a cost-share payment for this practice, the participant agrees to maintain all practice components for the specified lifespan.
8. This practice is subject to spot checks from District staff annually for the lifespan of the practice and failure to maintain the practice may result in reimbursement of cost-share.
9. Lifespan requirements can be waived at the discretion of the District Board if the portable fencing system is destroyed by flooding.
10. A District Board may waive the lifespan requirement of this practice for any participant that loses control of the land.
11. This practice is eligible for re-enrollment and replacement after the practice lifespan expires.

C. Rate(s)

The VACS payment rate is a single payment of \$0.30 per linear foot of fence plus a flat rate payment of \$250.00 per fencing charger required for effective use of the portable fencing system in the least cost, technically feasible manner of design.

D. Technical Responsibility

Technical and administrative responsibility is assigned to qualified technical DCR and District staff in consultation, where appropriate and based on the controlling standard, with DCR, Virginia Certified Nutrient Management Planner(s), NRCS, DOF, and VCE. Individuals certifying technical need and technical practice installation shall have appropriate certifications as identified above and/or Engineering Job Approval Authority (EJAA) for the designed and installed component(s). All practices are subject to spot check procedures and any other quality control measures.

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