

# IntelliFence® solutions for... Sheep & Goats

## Temporary...

### Boundary sites?

Electric netting is the best **temporary** boundary fence. Why? Because sheep, goats, dogs and most coyotes cannot penetrate it and, after the initial “pain/shock” event, rarely try to jump it.

Specific suggestions:

- Use 35" ElectroNet® **only** if animals are trained to netting and are neither tall nor flighty. It's less \$\$ and easier to use than other netting.
- Use the taller ElectroStop® or ElectroFence™ for flighty animals.

### Internal sites?

- Netting is more reliable but also more expensive per ft to purchase.
- Multi-strand fences with 2 to 3 strands of IntelliRope™ 4.5 or IntelliTwine® on reels are *much cheaper per ft than netting*.

They will stop most adult ewes and feeder lambs. *But not coyotes, dogs, young lambs/kids, dairy goats, hungry sheep or rams/billies during the breeding season.*

*(photo below) ElectroNet 9/35/12—the gold standard of temporary sheep and goat fencing. Lightweight and quick to move. We (and our flocks) would be lost without this netting.*

## Semi-Permanent...

### What do we define as a semi-permanent fence?

One that will be moved monthly to once a year. (We reset some of our PermaNet 10/48/6 fences in the spring and leave them until the next spring.)

PermaNet features taller, thicker, stronger posts and more conductors than temporary fences.

Specific suggestions:

- PermaNet®, ElectroFence® or QuikFence®. They are faster to install and remove than 4 or 5 strand multi-strand fences. More expensive. More reliable. All nets must be electrified.
- 3 to 5 strand electrified multi-strand fences. Much less expensive. Less reliable than the netting options.

Multi-strand fences, by definition, lack vertical strands—vertical strands increase visibility and act as a psychological barrier to livestock.

And multi-strand fences need stronger end and corner posts because the strands are tensioned.

## Unique situations...

### Floodplain sites?

We use a 5-strand fence composed of:

- a. IntelliRope™ 4.5 below the normal high-water level.

- b. HT wire above that.
- c. Wooden line posts—because they resist the side pressure created by floods better than steel or fiberglass.

Floods will break the IntelliRope and leave the posts in place. It's easy to fix the IntelliRope.

### Water gaps?

- Old or damaged electrified netting supported by extra FiberRods. Each flood will degrade or remove it.
- Or install up to 4 strands of live tape/twine on 1/2" fiberglass rods. This is much cheaper than net, less likely to tangle and easily repaired—but less reliable against creative animals.

### Field gates?

- Temporary gates? Use NetGate™ 3.0. Repels coyotes and dogs as well as livestock. Can be adapted to any length. Low cost. Easy to install.
- More permanent gates? Premier's 4 ft tall welded wire panels (though some guard dogs crawl over them).
- For electrified netting—just remove the end post and pull the net back to let animals or machines in/out.



# Choice Comparison:



*ElectroStop fence to contain dairy goats.*

## Temporary

35" and 42" Netting

### ElectroNet®

- 9 horizontal strands
- 35" tall
- **Vertical struts** every 12"
- Drivable Post version available

### Sheep & Goat Net

- 8 horizontal strands
- 35" tall, yellow and white
- **Vertical strings** every 6"
- **Usage limited by lower conductivity**

### ElectroStop®

- 10 horizontal strands
- 42" tall
- **Vertical struts** every 12"
- Drivable Post version available

### Goat & Sheep Net

- 9 horizontal strands
- 42" tall, yellow and white
- **Vertical strings** every 6"
- **Usage limited by lower conductivity**



*ElectroFence. Has a large post with a strong, deep ground spike—the ultimate semi-permanent fence.*

## Semi-Permanent

48" Netting

### Sheep QuikFence®

- 6 horizontal strands (no ground strand)
- 35" tall
- **Vertical strings** every 24"
- Large strong posts

### PermaNet®

- 10 horizontal strands
- 48" tall
- **Vertical strings** every 6"
- Large strong posts

### ElectroFence®

- 11 horizontal strands
- 48" tall
- **Vertical struts** every 12"
- Large strong posts



*Three-strand fence containing ewes. Recommend more strands if lambs/kids are present.*

## Semi-Permanent

Multi-Strand Fences

### Multi-Strand with Reels

- Customize fence with desired conductors, posts and insulators
- Conductors wound/unwound quickly with reels.

### Multi-Strand without Reels

- Conductors tied at end posts
- More time/effort needed to wind/unwind conductors
- Less \$\$ than reel system

## Applies to all nets...

### Durability

If used with care, Premier's nets can last 10 grazing seasons. Do not allow rodents to build nests in the fence when stored.

### Free Shipping!

On qualified orders that exceeds \$100.

### To install

Netting requires minimal strength, skill and tools to install. The basic "unroll and then unfold" process is the same for all electrified nets.

No extra line posts are necessary with nets unless the soil is soft or the fence will stay in place over 6 weeks. However, extra support posts (FiberTuff or FiberRods) are needed at corners, curves and ends.

