

25 Reasons to Use Nofence

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1. No worrying if an electric fence is touching a tree.
2. No worrying that a deer will run through the fence, thus allowing a place for goats to breach fence.
3. Clothing replacement - net fences cause holes and pull out hem threads.
4. Less time spent discussing how to get goats from one area to another (ie: when you can't set up a chute or trailer them). Worrying about the order in which you do the paddocks.
5. No paying extra attention to vulnerable fence spots, such as water areas or marsh or heavy brush.
6. App alerts you to lack of movement in an animal, so it provides more assurance animals are alive and well.
7. Not fighting for a spot to put the fence posts when there is hard rocky ground.
8. Horns not getting caught in the fence
9. You don't have to count goats because you have real time information how many there are.
10. App tells you when a goat is less active, indicating that they may be getting sick.
11. Goats often learn to go under, over, or through an electric fence. The goats can't look for physical weakness in the containment system.
12. No worrying if there is a stump, tree branch or other object too close to the fence that a goat would use as a step up to jump out, or as a bridge to cross over the fence.
13. Time management is more predictable because it takes the same amount of time to set up a fence for 1 acre as it does 50 acres.
14. Less likely to be stung or upset a stinging insect nest because you have less control in the direction you walk and the areas you disturb while setting up a physical fence.
15. Areas that are fairly steep for a human but are easy for a goat can be avoided while drawing the virtual fence.
16. Goats won't get tangled in fence, possibly leading to death.
17. No time spent on researching the joule output of energizers, finding the right battery, or knowing how many ground rods to use.
18. Move animals without hesitation to any area to avoid soft ground to avoid thrush/hoof rot.
19. If a predator attacks a herd, the herd can run and not be trapped by or possibly be entangled by the net fence. Additionally, you will be alerted to this event immediately on your phone, and know the location of the goats at all times.
20. Anyone can put the goats back into the containment area. Net fencing requires some knowledge of the fence to put the goats back in (how to avoid shock to yourself, how to turn the energizer off, how to open the fence, etc.). Virtual fencing is a lot safer and easier in this regard.
21. No explaining to salespeople why you have to reject certain styles of shoe because you don't want to get caught in the net fencing.
22. No asking "is the fence off?" 20 times a day before you climb over.
23. No watering your ground rods or trying to decide how many feet of ground rods are enough.
24. Never hesitate when your good neighbor begs you to bring your goats to their overgrown pasture or unruly wooded area.
25. It will change your life. You'll fall in love with farming all over again.

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