

GOOD

Flexible set back—Fence 'em out!

No-Cost Share: 100% Landowner Expense

Your decision to fence your livestock out of the stream is a good benefit to the local stream quality. More importantly, fencing your dairy herd or other livestock out of the stream is also good for your herd health.

It is your decision...

- *where to place the fence.*
- *what type of fence you choose.*
- *how to manage the buffer area within the fenced.*

However.....you must remember!

1. Livestock cannot be fenced inside the buffer area for extended times but may “flash graze” the buffer area keeping a suggested minimum of 6 inches of grass.
2. No bare earth areas can be observed within the fenced out areas or muddy walkways leading to and from the stream.



BETTER

10, 15, 35 ft set back Riparian Buffer

Partial-Cost Share: Limited Landowner Expense

Your decision to fence your livestock out of the stream with a 10, 15, or 35 feet setback is even a better benefit to the local stream quality. Better herd health too!

The standards of the fencing program you select...

- *will dictate the minimum set back for the fence.*
- *may also dictate what type of fence you choose.*
- *will determine how you manage the buffer area within the fenced out area.*

Howeveryou must remember!

Landowner must control the buffer area as prescribed by the funding agency or program.



BEST

35 ft + set back—Forested Riparian Buffer

Up to 100% Cost Share: Min. Landowner Expense

Your decision to fence your livestock out of the stream with a 35 -180 foot forested riparian buffer is the best benefit for your local stream quality.

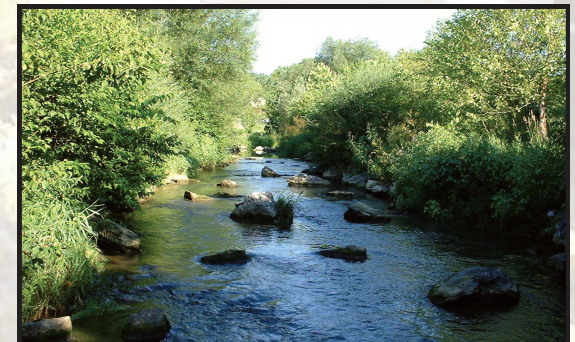
You may gain financially by combining several fencing programs and initiatives. Consider the CREP and DEP fencing programs plus other grants or nutrient trading options.

The standards of the multiple programs will dictate...

- *where to place the fence.*
- *what type of fence you choose.*
- *how to manage the buffer area within the fenced out area.*

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This effort by the Board of Directors of the Lancaster County Conservation District and the Lancaster County Farm Bureau to encourage every farmer to fence all livestock out of all streams in Lancaster County is a direct result of a very successful "flexible fencing" program in the Shenandoah Valley. Flexible or sometimes called adaptive means, since you are paying for the fencing you can determine the amount of set back from the streams top of bank. You have the liberty of determining the type of fencing and also how to best manage the fenced in area. Consider starting with a 15 foot set back. Then reconsider additional set backs in the future as you observe the positive changes in the stream quality.

The Lancaster County Conservation District Board of Directors, Associate Directors and staff along with the Lancaster County Farm Bureau encourage your positive consideration of this fencing initiative!

Fence 'Em Out!

- It's good for your livestock!
- It's good for the local stream quality!
- It's not required by law or regulation!
- It's your choice now (*maybe not in the future!*)

