

KEEP BEARS OFF YOUR FARM



There are several things you can do to keep bears away from your farm, so that the use of FIREARMS become a last resort.



Crops and Grain Storage:

- Be aware of bears when working around crops, especially at dusk and dawn.
- Plant crops as far away as possible from the forest; leave some open land or pasture between the crop or the forest edge.
- Ensure that granaries are constructed well and that doors are sturdy and well maintained.
- Clean up all spilled and waste grain as soon as possible. If spillage is unavoidable, locate storage facilities away from areas of human use or protect them with an electric fence.
- Consider seasonal electric fencing or install sound alarms in areas with valuable products or where bear-human conflict is high.

Yard and garbage

- Don't leave pet food outside.
- Don't feed birds during bear season.
- Keep your garbage bear-proof inside a shed or protected by electric fences until disposal.

Livestock:

- Keep livestock away from bear travel routes. Electric fences and guard dogs can be valuable options to protect your livestock.
- Keep livestock confined for at least 7 days following castration, dehorning, branding.
- Ensure your calving areas are in open spaces and away from forest covered areas or consider electric fencing.
- Dispose of dead stock in a manner that bears can not access easily. The best way to dispose? Call the appropriate municipal service.

Beehives, Gardens, Orchards, Compost:

- Seasonal electric fences are the best option to protect your bee colonies, your veggies, compost or fruit crops.

BEAR SEASON

MARCH TO END OF NOVEMBER!

For More Information:

Alberta BearSmart guides focus on:

- residents in bear country
- outdoor recreation
- farming and ranching
- hunting
- industrial worksites

To learn more about the Alberta BearSmart program, contact your local Fish and Wildlife office 403-638-3805 or visit our website at:

www.bearsmart.alberta.ca

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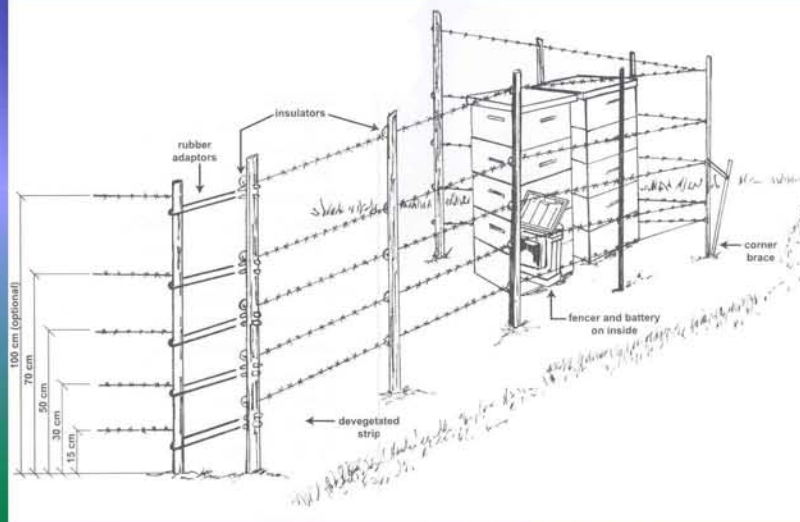
If a bear persistently returns to your yard or community, or if the presence of a bear is a public safety concern, promptly call the nearest Fish and Wildlife office

(310-0000 toll-free)

or

the 24-hour Report A Poacher line at:
1-800-642-3800

ELECTRIC FENCING TO PROTECT BEE YARDS



Either portable or permanent electric fencing that is properly grounded and well-maintained will reduce most bear conflicts at bee yards. Bee yards should be located away from forested sites including riverbanks and obvious bear travel routes.

Bear Point of Interest:

Bears have a keen sense of smell and are attracted by scents as diverse as pet food and juice boxes.

If not adequately secured, bears may figure out how to open your granary or storage shed. Spilled grain, an unclean yard or household garbage are open invitations.

ELECTRIC FENCING TO PROTECT LIVESTOCK

Example of a design for calving and lambing areas. For further information contact your nearest Fish and Wildlife office or Agriculture Service Board.

