

High Tensile Fence-Building Field Day with Practical Farmers of Iowa

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Tools you need

Post hole digger (hand auger type)	\$50 Theisen's
Spinning Jenny	\$50 Theisen's
Hammer (heavier, like 20 oz. instead of common 12 oz.)	\$19 Lowe's
Cordless Drill - at least 18V	\$100 for a decent one
Tamper (for tamping dirt)	\$40 Theisen's
Wire Stripper	\$12 Lowe's
Wire Cutter/bolt cutter (if you are not adept at doing by hand)	\$23 Home Depot
Crimping Tool	\$49 Powerflex, \$89.50 Premier One
Drill Bits & spade bits	Spade bit set \$18 Lowe's
Tape measure (25 ft)	\$7 Lowe's
Shovel (like a drain spade)	\$30 Lowe's
Post Driver	\$20 Theisen's
Gloves and other safety equipment	Leather gloves \$5 Lowe's
Hearing protection	\$16 Lowe's
Total: Approx \$425	

Tools that are helpful, but not strictly needed

Chainsaw w/safety equipment	~\$350 fully equipped
Strainer Handle	\$5.30 Premier One
Multi-purpose fence tool including wire bender	\$10.00 Premier One
Fencing tool container (best if it fits the crimp tool & wire cutter)	

Energizer discussion

Bigger is better

Best to have an indicator light for output amount (not just a fault indicator)

Remote turn off feature is a nice luxury

Energizer troubleshooting

-check around metal posts for contact with wire

-wire getting knocked off post

-net wrapped around bottom of support posts

Where to find tools/supplies (Pricing as of 6-19-2015)

Premier One

Powerflex fence

Craigslist

Auctions

Local farm store (large items that don't ship - posts, wire, staples)

Tips

High tensile is high maintenance (easy maintenance, but a lot of it)

Don't make lots of short fence lines

Floating braces are difficult to do right