

Eau Claire County Pasture Pump Project

What is a pasture pump?

A pasture pump is a livestock-operated watering system that does not require the use of wells, electric pumps, or hydrants to provide water to your livestock. Cattle push a large lever with their nose to operate the pump. The movement of the lever sucks water from a nearby source, such as a stream, and delivers water to the drinking cup. A single pump can accommodate approximately 20 beef cows or horses and should only be used in non-freezing conditions.

Using a pasture pump eliminates the need for livestock to enter the stream in order to access water in remote locations. This prevents them from potentially contaminating the water and tracking up stream banks. Adding fence around the water source further prevents them from entering it. Pasture pumps are an easy tool to incorporate into your managed grazing system.

How can you get your own?

Get in touch with us—our contact information is below. We have all materials on hand to install a pasture pump and temporary fencing around the water source.

You can try it on your property for up to two weeks. If you wish to keep the pasture pump after that time, simply reimburse us for the cost of installed materials and replace the temporary electric fence with a permanent one.

We can also assist you with a managed grazing plan so you can get the most out of your pasture system.



What does it cost?

The pasture pump with 100 feet of hose and fittings costs about \$450. The operator is also responsible for providing permanent fencing around the water source to keep the livestock out.

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