



# Wildlife Fencing Cost-Share (WFCS) Program

<https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/anr/agriassist/deerfencing.html>

New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA) Wildlife Fencing Program has available funding for eligible unpreserved farms towards cost share on the installation of wildlife fencing. In New Jersey unpreserved farm owners, operators, or tenants may apply to receive up to 50 percent matching funds, (\$50,000). Funding reimbursed upon approval of application and receipt of wildlife fence installation. **Funding ends June 30, 2025.**

## **PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY**

Unpreserved farm meets the definition of a “commercial farm” (N.J.S.A. 4:1C-3). Includes one of the following:

- Farm unit is no less than five acres, producing agricultural or horticultural products worth \$2,500 annually and satisfy eligibility criteria within the Farmland Assessment Act (N.J.S.A. 54:4-23.1 et seq)
- Farm unit less than five acres, producing agricultural or horticultural products worth \$50,000 annually
- Farm unit is a beekeeping operation producing honey or other agricultural or horticultural apiary-related products, or providing crop pollinating services worth \$10,000 annually

Applicant's farming operation must produce a minimum of \$10,000 in gross sales annually.

Applicant willing or authorized to enter into agreement (N.J.S.A. 4:20-6.1(d)) – “Land must be retained in either agricultural or horticultural production for 8 years immediately following receipt of grant funds.”

If applicant is not the farm owner, applicant must provide written approval of fencing installation from the landowner.

## **EASY APPLICATION PROCESS**

Complete and submit an [application](#), with the following:

- Provide IRS Form W-9
- Identification of deed restrictions on land
- Indicate area to be fenced, and type of fencing
- Include aerial map of proposed fencing area
- Copy of Farm Conservation Plan (if applicable)
- Copy of Farmland Assessment FA-1 Form

Fencing Specifications-(online)Refer to: [Appendix A: Deer Fence](#) & [Appendix B: Electric Bear Fence](#)



Deer Fencing



Electric Bear Fencing (above and below)



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