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## ***Strip Grazing – Break Feeding***

*Most of you will have been pleased when the rain finally came, and paddocks changed their colour from brown to luscious green. Temperatures are, especially in the North Island, still in a range where grass is growing. However, most farmers had to feed out part of their winter feed to keep their herds going. Controlled feeding, therefore, is of utmost importance to ensure that the amount of grass and winter crops is optimized.*

*Strip grazing helps to economise your feed. It allows more intensive farming, lengthening out your “rotation” so you get more days out of your paddocks, It actually mimics the animal movement in nature.*



### ***How is it done?***

*You move your fence forward daily at a calculated rate (10 – 18 stock units per ha, one sheep = one stock unit, one cow = 6 stock units). In ideal conditions 10 ha allow 25 head of cattle on a 50-day rotation. If you work on a 50-day rotation you have to divide your 10 ha into 50 breaks = 0.2 ha. Depending on the quality of grass available you may supplement your feed with hay.*

*To improve regrowth, you can also back-fence which means you are moving both wires – the back and the front one – at the same time to stop cattle moving back into the grazed area. This, however, means that you will have to organize your break in such a way that animals always have access to water (temporary trough or break feed around the trough).*

The easiest way to achieve this is by temporary electric fencing i.e. pigtails or tread-ins and poly tape / poly wire. Electrify them with one of our **Solar Energisers** which is powered by a built-in battery that is continuously charged by its solar panel. In other words, the unit is self-contained, and the battery lasts between 3 and 5 years.

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Powers up to 3 km of fence  
\$ 268.50 incl. GST



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Powers up to 10 km of fence  
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If you are powering your break-feeding fence from your mains energiser, via your normal electric fencing system, it is recommended that you make sure that it is working well. One way to test your fence is with the **“Fence Doctor”**. This tells you the status of your fences (shorts etc.). This fault finder is a wonderful tool as it saves you a lot of time when you are looking for a fault. Its direction indicators lead you to the fault,



**\$ 179.60 incl. GST**

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***Happy Farming!***

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