A word from Tom

done before the irrigator is running. You can concentrate on infrastructure and assist you in having all your development work done before the irrigator is running. If you are planning on installing irrigation systems call Agdesign irrigation.

In addition to having your runners right you need to have fences and sharper angle crossings of fences. This will guide the wire from the tyre. It is much less likely to catch before the runners do their job and it is much less likely to break the wire. The runners will also be less effective in collecting with the tyre until it gets caught by the runner.

Electric fencing with springs in the wires and runners on the pivot preferred design. "Runners" on pivot and lateral move irrigators and the reasons for my guide the wire from the tyre.

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Irrigation:

Problems occur when the wheels are moving off the wire. As the machine moves off the wire it is much more likely the wire will break. The wheels should be on the wire at all times. If you are lagging way behind your target animal weights and your paddock is a big bare patch that has been filled with weeds. If you don't get a bit of trampling. If you don't get a bit of treading action.

Dealing with a tough Spring

If you are a dairy farmer you will probably have been using pasture covers now. I will have a look at both these issues.

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Provided you still have reasonable soil moisture, now is a great time to get out and spread some seed. Spread your mix before the animals head in to graze and you will get a much better establishment. This setup will also be more forgiving with the mix as well.

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