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Basic Comparison (March 2025)

 VF software	 Type of base station	 Collar battery	 Herd size	 Pasture size	 Up front cost	 Yearly cost
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	Gallagher from computer or app	Multiple base stations OR Cellular network	Solar charged 7-10 years ¹	No max >4 animals	Min ~45ft X 45ft No max	\$250-350/animal ² \$5,000-6,000/base station (if necessary)	Base station: \$18/neckband Cellular: \$24/neckband
Halter	Mobile app and desktop (view mode only for desktop)	Multiple base stations	Solar charged 5 years ¹	No max >50 animals	Min ~32 ft ² /animal No max	\$4,500/base station	\$66/collar
	Nofence-app from computer or mobile	Cellular network	Solar charged 5-10 years ¹	5-200 animals	Min 1/2 ac Up to ~10,000 ac	\$289/cow \$199/sheep-goat	<50 animals: \$56 \$52/collar ² ≥50 animals: \$42 \$36/collar ²
VENCE Merck Animal Health	HerdManager from computer	Multiple base stations	Replaceable one-time use 6-9 months ¹	No max	Min <200 ac No max	Vence installation: \$12,500/station Self installation: \$10,000/station	\$40/collar + \$10/replacement battery/collar ³

¹ According to vendor ²Variable pricing between years and herd size ³Requires ≥2 batteries/year/animal for year-round use

Virtual fence components from different manufacturers are generally not interoperable or interchangeable. Specific components, GIS data needs, software protocol, software training, frequency and duration of the cues, GPS error, livestock collaring, and livestock training protocols may vary depending on the manufacturer. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations and guidelines. Contact the manufacturer for more information on pricing and availability. The University of Arizona does not endorse a specific product.

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