

# Hedgerows

## Best Locations on Farms

**Field Edges:** Field edges are excellent spaces for hedgerows, including terraces between fields from land leveling. Make sure the area does not flood, and is not needed for equipment movement.

**Irrigation:** Hedgerows need irrigation for the first 2-3 years to become established and should be planted where irrigation is available. Drip irrigation is best.

**Fence Lines:** Hedgerows can be planted along fence lines, or you can plant a hedgerow as a "living" fence.

**Know Your Soil:** Knowing your soil type will help guide your plant selection decisions to ensure successful hedgerow establishment.

**Roadsides:** Hedgerows provide dust and noise control, and beautification along roadsides. They only need a 15' wide space. Roads should have minimal traffic so wildlife is not disturbed. Also, be sure there are no power lines above.

**Waterways:** Hedgerows provide excellent habitat and erosion control and water quality protection near waterways, including ponds, streams, sloughs and drains.

**Unproductive Areas:** Many farms have odd-shaped areas that are not productive. These are perfect places to install a hedgerow to beautify the area, suppress weeds, and attract beneficial insects such as pollinators.

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For more information on hedgerows see:  
**Establishing Hedgerows on  
Farms in California**  
<http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu>  
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