

Office Use Only		
Brand #: _____	386	387
Paid: \$ _____	Check #: _____	Cash
Recorded: _____		
Notes: _____		

# Application for Brand Recording

**DO NOT have irons made or brand any livestock until you receive the brand certificate.**

<b>Brand Owner Name(s)</b> If there will be multiple owners, circle the term to use between the names. See reverse for definitions. If nothing is indicated "or" will be used.		
OR		
AND/OR		
AND		
Mailing Address	City, State, Zip	County
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email

Indicate multiple choices to save time and correspondence. Additional options will only be pursued if the preceding choices are not available.

<b>1st Choice</b>	<b>2nd Choice</b>	<b>3rd Choice</b>
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Cattle	Horses	Cattle	Horses	Cattle	Horses
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**THE FEE TO RECORD OR TRANSFER A BRAND IS \$25 PER POSITION PER SPECIES.**

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$25 = \$\_\_\_\_\_. This fee must accompany this application.

**ALL BRAND OWNERS (all names listed above) ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN THE APPLICATION.**  
*All signatures on this form must be original.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Applicant, please sign here

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Applicant, please sign here

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Applicant, please sign here

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Applicant, please sign here

When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction. When we use information from your check to make an electronic fund transfer, funds may be withdrawn from your account as soon as the same day we receive your payment, and you will not receive your check back from your financial institution.

## Information for Brand Owners

Although there are no legal requirements for branding iron size, they should be 4 inches in height with a 3/8-inch face. Irons should be heated to wood-ash gray before applying to hide. They should burn deep enough so the scars will peel.

**When branding, position the characters in your brand exactly as shown on your brand certificate. The brand must be placed on the proper location on the animal.** Every person in charge of livestock shipment should know the ownership of the brands on the animals their care.

**Obtain a bill of sale from the recorded brand owner when buying branded livestock.** This will eliminate delays at the markets. Brand inspectors will not honor a bill of sale covering livestock bearing a recorded brand unless it has been signed by the recorded owner and witnessed by a disinterested party. Proof of ownership will be required for animals bearing fresh brands when such animals carry an old brand. **Branding livestock with your brand in no way exempts you from having to prove ownership on an existing brand on the animal.**

A brand, regardless of its recording date, is to be renewed on a predetermined five year schedule. The next renewal date is Jan. 1, 2021. A renewal notice will be mailed to the last known address on file in the brand recording office. **Contact the North Dakota Stockmen's Association at (701) 223-2522 or [brands@ndstockmen.org](mailto:brands@ndstockmen.org) if your mailing address changes.**

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## Information about Brand Recording

- Brands may be configured straight away, monogramed, stacked, stacked monogram, flying or hanging.
- Brands must consist of two, or more, letters, numbers or symbols.
- Characters should be proportionate in size. Letters and symbols may be lazy, reversed or inverted.
- Capital print block letters of the alphabet excluding G and Q may be used. **A B C D E F H I J K L M N O P R S T U V W X Y Z**
- Numbers two through nine may be used. **2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9**
- The following symbols may be used: arrow, box, slash, bar, diamond, quarter circle, rafter, mill iron, heart, triangle, star and cross.



- Brands that are identical or deemed deceptively similar to current brands cannot be recorded.
- Brands comprised of letters, numbers or symbols within another letter, number or symbol cannot be recorded.
- Brands judged to be unreadable when placed on livestock cannot be recorded.
- Brands recorded in another state may not be recorded in the same position on the same species in North Dakota.
- Numerical brands of two or more upright numbers cannot be placed on the hips of cattle.
- **Anyone listed as an owner must sign the application.** Children must be old enough to sign the application to be listed as owners.
- Brands recorded in a trust must name the trustees. Trust papers, such as a certificate of trust, that appoint the trustees and define the trustees' power of sale must accompany the application.
- Brands may be recorded in the name of a business in some instances. For more information, contact the North Dakota Stockmen's Association at (701) 223-2522 or [brands@ndstockmen.org](mailto:brands@ndstockmen.org).
- Brand recording and brand transfer fees are \$25.00 per position per species.



*(ex. One horse position = \$25. One cattle position and one horse position = \$50. Three cattle positions = \$75)*

## Positions Available on Livestock

### Horses | Mules

left or right hip  
left or right jaw  
left or right shoulder

### Cattle

left or right hip  
left or right rib  
left or right shoulder

### Buffalo

left or right hip  
left or right rib

### Sheep | Goats

bridge of nose  
left or right nose  
left or right jaw  
left or right ear

### Swine

left or right hip  
left or right shoulder  
left or right rib  
left or right jaw  
back

## Brand Joint Ownership Definitions

**“And” = Tenants in Common**, which means that all owners on the brand must will need to sign a bill of sale. It will also mean that in the event a brand owner dies, his or her portion of the brand will then be assumed by his or her estate.

**“And/Or” = Joint Tenancy and Tenants in Common**, which means any owner on the brand can sign a bill of sale. It will also mean that in the event that a brand owner dies, his or her portion of the brand will then be assumed by his or her estate.

**“Or” = Joint Tenancy**, which means any owner on the brand can sign a bill of sale. It will also mean that in the event that a brand owner dies, his or her portion of the brand will then be assumed by the remaining brand owners.

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## WHEN APPLYING FOR A BRAND

Review the reverse side of the application for important information about brand recording and selling branded livestock in North Dakota before completing the form. Be sure to include all the required information. Incomplete applications cannot be processed.

All brand applications must include:

- Drawing of the brand image
- Designation of the species and position the brand will be used if approved
- Owner names to be listed on the recording
- Mailing address and contact information to be used for official correspondence regarding the brand
- Signatures of all owners of the brand
- Recording fee of \$25.00 per position per species. Cash, check and money order are accepted forms of payment.

Contact the North Dakota Stockmen's Association for additional information when recording a brand in the name of a corporation, partnership, trust, or under other special circumstances.