

North Dakota
STOCKMEN'S ASSOCIATION



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WHEN APPLYING FOR A BRAND

Review page two 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 per position per species to accompany the application at the time of submission.

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.



Office Use		
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.

Owner Name(s) 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 your first choice is not available.

1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
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Cattle	Horses
Hip <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> R	Hip <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> R
Rib <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> R	Jaw <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> R
Shoulder <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> R	Shoulder <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> R
Other species & position:	

Cattle	Horses
Hip <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> R	Hip <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> R
Rib <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> R	Jaw <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> R
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Other species & position:	

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.

Applicant, please sign here

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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, letter, figure or character, they should be 4 inches in height with a 3/8-inch face. Irons should be heated to wood-ash grey before applying. They should burn deep enough so the scar will peel.

Care should be exercised when applying a brand. **Be sure to position the letters or characters in your brand exactly as shown on your brand certificate. The brand should 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 in his or her care.

When buying animals that are branded, be sure a bill of sale is given by the recorded owner of the brand. This will eliminate delay at the markets. The brand inspector at the market will not honor a bill of sale covering livestock bearing a recorded brand unless the bill of sale is 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 registered brand in no way exempts you from having to prove ownership on another existing brand.**

A brand, regardless of the date of recording, is to be renewed every five years. The renewal dates will be Jan 1, 2011, 2016, etc. A renewal notice will be sent to brand owners at the address on the brand recording. **If you change your address, be sure to notify the North Dakota Stockmen's Association in order to receive your brand renewal notice.**

Information about Brand Recording

- Brands may be configured straight away, monogramed, stacked, stacked monogram, flying or hanging.
- Brands must consist of two, but not more than three, 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 similar to brands already recorded cannot be recorded.
- Brands comprised of letters, numbers or symbols within another letter, number or symbol cannot be recorded.
- Brands judged to be illegible when placed on livestock cannot be recorded.
- Brands recorded in another state may not be recorded in the same position on the same animal in North Dakota.
- Numerical brands of two or more upright numbers cannot be placed on the hips of cattle.
- **Anyone doing business with the brand must be listed as an owner.**
- **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 include the trustees as owners. Trust papers, such as a certificate of trust, that define the trustor and trustees must accompany the application.
- Brands may be recorded in a business name by providing copies of the articles of incorporation, fictitious name certificate or trade name registration papers, which have been filed with the North Dakota Secretary of State.
- Brands may be recorded under a ranch name if the name is the same as the owner (ex. *Smith Ranch* or *John Smith*).
- The recording and transfer fees are \$25 per position per species.



(ex. 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 parties will need to sign a bill of sale, market clearance, etc. In the event that a person listed on the brand dies, his or her portion of the brand will then be assumed by his or her estate, and not transferred to the remaining joint owners.

“And/Or” = Joint Tenancy and Tenants in Common, which means that any person on the brand can sign a bill of sale, market clearance, etc. In the event that a person listed on the brand dies, his or her portion of the brand will then be assumed by his or her estate.

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