

Instructions for New Owners

Protect, identify your livestock with your Nebraska recorded brand. It is prima facie evidence of ownership of your livestock. It is your investment for **your future**. A brand is personal property and is subject to distribution in the same manner as other personal property until the expiration date. After the application is checked you will receive an ownership certificate or a letter explaining why your choices were unavailable. (A brand transfer and fee are required when the ownership changes on a brand.)

DO NOT ORDER IRONS OR BRAND YOUR LIVESTOCK UNTIL YOU RECEIVE THE OWNERSHIP CERTIFICATE

When recording a livestock brand try to record a simple brand that can easily be applied to the animal with bars or straight irons, or simple curves that can be easily read. Please list your entire address, including route, box number, street address, etc. on the address line, sign the application and return it with the appropriate fee.

SELECTION: A list of unrecorded brands may be found on the website, www.nbc.ne.gov, or will be supplied upon request. Please refrain from applying for single letters or single number brands, using dots or periods, brands containing the letters or symbols G, Q, 2,3,5,8, lazy L's, penants ¶, Brackets }, double pluses ‡, boxed □, or enclosed brands ⊕, or picture brands. Brands should either be stacked ⑆, or adjacent RS, as sliding or tumbling brands are not normally issued. Because of the large number of recorded brands please allow a reasonable amount of time to process your application. Our records must be carefully checked to avoid issuing duplicate or highly conflicting brands. It is difficult for an applicant to design a brand at random that is not already recorded or without conflicting with other brands.

RENEWAL: After a brand renews once, it is due for renewal every four years. A notice is sent sixty days prior to expiration.

LOCATION ON LIVESTOCK: The left side and the right side of a brand are considered two different brands, with the shoulder, ribs and hip being the only authorized brand locations in Nebraska.

COUNTY IN WHICH LIVESTOCK RUN: Please list the **SPECIFIC** Nebraska county or counties in which livestock run. **Do not put "all counties" as each brand recorded is registered for the entire state.** Listing specific county or counties allows us to check the area where your livestock run for similar brands already recorded. It also assists in returning estray livestock to the rightful owner.

OWNERSHIP OPTIONS: A brand is personal property and prima facie evidence of livestock ownership. The following explanations are basic instructions and may or may not apply to your particular circumstance. We urge extreme care when recording a brand. Ideally the brand ownership and livestock ownership should match. Please list the owner(s) given name(s) and complete the legal ownership box. **Please contact your attorney about ownership questions or if a minor is involved in the ownership.** We cannot give you legal advice, however, we can inform you of our requirements for the livestock brand.

PARTNERSHIP: All partners names must be listed.

LLC or CORPORATION: The LCC or corporate name must be registered with the Nebraska Secretary of State's office. The application must indicate the **exact** LLC or corporate name as filed with the Secretary of State's office. Please list the officers and their titles beneath the ownership box. **A certified document** of the filing or a **certified** corporation agreement or filing certificate must accompany the application. **Certified** means a photocopy isn't acceptable. Another way to handle it is to have a person authorized to take acknowledgements, such as a Notary Public, certify a photocopy of the original certification. The certification will be returned with the ownership certificate or letter.

TRUST: Ownerships being recorded to a trust require that all trustees in the trust agreement be listed.

GROUP NAME WHEN NONE OF THE ABOVE APPLIES: If the brand is to be recorded to a group name, i.e., Smith Bros., John Doe Family, Doe Cattle Company, or Jeff Jones & Son, you must record the brand to Jerry and Joe Smith, DBA Smith Bros; or John, Jane and Sue Doe, DBA John Doe Family; or Steve and Carol Doe, DBA Doe Cattle Company; or Jeff & Charles Jones, DBA Jeff Jones and Son. It is necessary to indicate the appropriate type of ownership, i.e., joint tenants with right of survivorship **OR** tenants in common. An example may be Steve & Carol Doe, AJTWROS, DBA Doe Cattle Company.

TENANTS IN COMMON (TIC): This ownership can be used when two or more people are listed on a brand when each owns an undivided interest in the brand recording and they wish their share to go to their heirs.

JOINT TENANTS WITH RIGHT OF SUVIVORSHIP (AJTWROS): This ownership can be used when two or more people are on the brand recording and the brand is owned jointly by both (or all) parties with undivided possession. Using the "WROS" by itself, "or" or "and/or" does not indicate a joint ownership.

INDIVIDUAL OR SOLE OWNERSHIP: This applies **ONLY** if there is one person recording the brand.

OWNERSHIP NOT DESCRIBED: When two or more people record a brand and no ownership designation is made then the brand is presumed to be owned as tenants in common.

CONSIGNMENT: When consigning livestock, if you wish to have any of the brand owners allowed to consign and secure proceeds, please list their names on the ownership. If you wish to have all names or only those individuals designated to appear on consignment and proceeds, please indicate with an asterisk (*) beside the designated individual(s).

Please feel free at any time to contact the Brand Recording Division of the Nebraska Brand Committee. Our address and telephone number are on the other side. We want to help you protect your livestock

We provide alternate formats for those who wish special accommodations — please contact the recording office to make arrangements.

Application for Livestock Brand

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Nebraska Brand Committee P.O. Box I Alliance, NE 69301 (308) 763-2933 email: brand.recording@nebraska.gov PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY	BRAND COMMITTEE USE ONLY
	Application Number
	Certificate Number
	Prior I.D. # or VoL. #
PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTURCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING	Identification Number

Please draw in boxes your selections according to preference.

#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10

PLEASE REMIT FEE WITH APPLICATION.

Please specify locations:

- Left Right
 Shoulder Ribs Hip

Left & right sides require two separate applications.

New Brand type:

- Hot Iron Only (\$100.00)
 Hot Iron & Freeze brand (\$100.00)
 Add to Current Brand:
 Add Freeze brand (\$25.00)
 Add location (\$15.00 per location)

The stock bearing this brand will be located in the Specific Nebraska County or Counties of

INCLUDE ALL NAMES TO BE LISTED AS BRAND OWNERS:

PRINT COMPLETE ADDRESS PLAINLY (Include Rural Route and Box, Street Address, or Post Office Box, City, State and Zip Code)

PHONE NUMBER:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

I verify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Sign Here

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE BEFORE COMPLETING THIS BOX

Legal Ownership (Check **ONLY** the ONE Appropriate Box)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Tenants with Right of Survivorship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LLC or Corporation (certified copy required) | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual, or sole, ownership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tenants in Common | <input type="checkbox"/> Trust (List all trustees) |

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

ADDED LOCATION: Has _____ On _____

DATE RECEIVED, COMPLETED _____ ISSUED _____

DATE ISSUED, CERTIFIED _____ APPROVED BY _____