

North Dakota
STOCKMEN'S ASSOCIATION



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TRANSFERRING A BRAND

Review the transfer forms and contact the North Dakota Stockmen's Association if you have any questions. Type or print legibly, and include all of the required information and signatures when completing the forms. Incomplete transfers cannot be processed.

Required to transfer a brand:

1. Brand Bill of Sale/Brand Transfer
 - Include a drawing of the brand, species and position the brand is recorded on, the names of the people currently on the recording, and the names of the people to be listed on the transferred brand where indicated on the brand bill of sale/brand transfer form.
 - The form must be signed by each person whose name is currently recorded on the brand and their disinterested witness.
2. Application for Brand Recording
 - Provide the names of the people to be listed on the transferred brand, the mailing address and the contact information for the brand where indicated on the application.
 - Include a drawing of the brand, species and position the brand is recorded on under 1st Choice.
 - The application must be signed by each person whose name will be on the brand once the transfer is processed. This includes new owners being added to a brand and current owners remaining on a brand, as applicable.
3. Transfer fee of \$25.00 per position per species must accompany the brand bill of sale/brand transfer and the application for brand recording. Cash, check and money order are accepted.
4. See reverse for additional requirements when transferring a brand with a deceased owner.

Contact the North Dakota Stockmen's Association for information on transfers involving business entities, legal name changes, trusts, or other special circumstances.

In the event a brand owner dies, the brand must be transferred to remove his or her name from the recording. Additional steps required to transfer a deceased person's brand can be seen below. For brands with multiple owners, refer to the conjunction used to adjoin names on the current recording for the additional instructions on removing a deceased person's name from the brand.

Brands recorded in a decedent's name alone will require the personal representative of the estate to authorize the transfer of the brand on behalf of the deceased person.

- The personal representative of the estate will sign the decedent's name followed by the initials P.R.
- A copy of the testamentary letter must accompany the Brand Bill of Sale and Application for Brand Recording.
- If no probate occurred, a notarized affidavit for collection of personal property may be submitted.

“And” = Tenants in Common, which means that all owners on the brand will need to 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.

- The personal representative of the estate will sign the decedent's name followed by the initials P.R.
- A copy of the testamentary letter must accompany the Brand Bill of Sale and Application for Brand Recording.
- If no probate occurred, a notarized affidavit for collection of personal property may be submitted.

“And/Or” = Joint Tenancy and Tenants in Common, which means that 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.

- The personal representative of the estate will sign the decedent's name followed by the initials P.R.
- A copy of the letter of testamentary must accompany the Brand Bill of Sale and Application for Brand Recording.
- If no probate occurred, a notarized affidavit for collection of personal property may be submitted.

“Or” = Joint Tenancy, which means that 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.

- A notarized Request for Removal of Decedent from Brand Record must be signed by the party requesting the deceased's name be removed from the brand.
- A copy of the death certificate or death record must accompany the Request for Removal of a Decedent.