

Information for Brand Owner:

- Although there are no legal requirements for branding iron size, the recommendation is 4 inches in height with a 3/8-inch face. Irons should be heated to wood-ash gray before being applied to hide and the burn deep enough so the scars will peel.
- Prior to branding, make certain the iron is in the proper location on the animal and will brand exactly as it appears on your brand certificate.
- Eliminate delays at the markets when purchasing branded livestock by obtaining a bill of sale from the recorded brand owner. Brand inspectors will not honor a bill of sale covering livestock bearing a recorded brand unless it is signed by the recorded owner and witnessed by a disinterested party. Proof of ownership is 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. 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 if your mailing address changes.**
- Anyone listed as an owner must sign the application.
- Brands recorded in a trust must name the trustees. Trust papers, such as certificates of trust, which appoint the trustees and define the trustee's power of sale must accompany the application.
- Brand recording fees are \$50.00 per location per species.

Requirements for Recording a Brand (ND Century Code 4.1-73)

- 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 and letters and symbols may be lazy, reversed, or inverted.
- Capital print block letters of the alphabet excluding **G** and **Q** may be used.
- Numbers two through nine may be used; **numbers 1 and 0 are excluded**
- **Any symbol**, other than an arrow, box, slash, bar, diamond, quarter circle, rafter, mill iron, heart, triangle, star and cross may not be used.



Applications with any of the following do not meet statutory requirements, and will be rejected:

- Characters that are identical or deemed deceptively similar to a current brand.
- Characters within another character.
- Brands judged to be unreadable (blotchy) when placed on livestock.
- Brands recorded in another state may not be recorded in the same position and same species in North Dakota.
- Two or more upright numbers in the hips of cattle

Positions Available on Livestock

Horses Mules	Cattle	Buffalo	Sheep Goats	Swine
left or right hip	left or right hip	left or right hip	bridge of nose	left or right hip
left or right jaw	left or right rib	left or right rib	left or right nose	left or right shoulder
left or right shoulder	left or right shoulder		left or right jaw	left or right rib
			left or right ear	left or right jaw

Joint Ownership Definitions

“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 a brand owner dies, his or her portion of the brand will then be assumed by his or her estate.

“And/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.

“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.

Mail completed applications to:
ND Stockmen's Association
4520 Ottawa St. Bismarck, ND 58503

North Dakota Stockmen's Association

Application for Brand Recording

Office Use Only

Brand # _____

Date Recorded: _____

Date Received: _____

Paid: _____ Check: _____ Cash

Brand Owner Name(s): (Please print legibly.)

If multiple owners, please check term to use between the names:
***If nothing is indicated, "or" will be used.**

☐ Or
☐ And
☐ And/Or

☐ Check here if applying to add a location to
your current brand.

Business or Partnership Name (if applicable):

*All business names and partnerships must be registered with the ND
Secretary of State and must provide a copy of the certificate.

For Businesses and Partnerships:
Check one

☐ Partners can sell **ONLY** in the business or partnership name.
☐ Partners can sell in the business/partnership name **AND** solely in
their name.

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip

County

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email

1st Choice

Mark all locations that will apply

Cattle

Hip ☐ L ☐ R
Rib ☐ L ☐ R
Shoulder ☐ L ☐ R

Horses

Hip ☐ L ☐ R
Jaw ☐ L ☐ R
Shoulder ☐ L ☐ R

Other Species

Currently Recorded Brand Conflicts:
Office Use Only **Approved:**

2nd Choice

Mark all locations that will apply

Cattle

Hip ☐ L ☐ R
Rib ☐ L ☐ R
Shoulder ☐ L ☐ R

Horses

Hip ☐ L ☐ R
Jaw ☐ L ☐ R
Shoulder ☐ L ☐ R

Other Species

Currently Recorded Brand Conflicts:
Office Use Only **Approved:**

3rd Choice

Mark all locations that will apply

Cattle

Hip ☐ L ☐ R
Rib ☐ L ☐ R
Shoulder ☐ L ☐ R

Horses

Hip ☐ L ☐ R
Jaw ☐ L ☐ R
Shoulder ☐ L ☐ R

Other Species

Currently Recorded Brand Conflicts:
Office Use Only **Approved:**

The fee to record or transfer a brand is \$50.00 per position per species. _____ x \$50.00 = \$ _____

ALL BRAND OWNERS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN THE APPLICATION and SIGNATURES MUST BE ORIGINAL.

Applicant Signature

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When a check is provided as payment, you authorize NDSA to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction. When NDSA processes via electronic fund transfer, funds may be withdrawn from your account the same day payment is received, and you will not receive your check back from your financial institution.

Please mail application to: **NDSA Brand Recorder, 4520 Ottawa St., Bismarck ND 58503**

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