

Instructions for New Brands

Protect and identify your livestock with a recorded brand. 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.

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 two separate payments: \$50 Application research and \$100 Application fees. **Do not combine these payments!** Should the names change on the ownership of a brand, a Brand Transfer form and fee are required.

SELECTION: A list of unrecorded brands may be found on the website nbc.nebraska.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, pennants , Brackets , double pluses , boxed  or enclosed brands or picture brands. Brands should either be stacked, or adjacent, 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 thoroughly evaluated to avoid issuing duplicate or highly conflicting brands. It is difficult to design a brand at random that is not already recorded or doesn't conflict with other brands. *If none of your preferred brand options are available, you can opt to have NBC allocate you a brand that is available by checking the box and offering a symbol that you would like included. We reserve the right to select outside of that option however.*

RENEWAL: After the brands initial renewal, it is due every four years thereafter. 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 and would require two applications, 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 specific circumstance. We urge extreme care when recording a brand as 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 SELECTED: 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.

Livestock Brand Application

DO NOT ORDER IRONS OR APPLY TO LIVESTOCK UNTIL CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP IS ISSUED

Please mail or email brand application and credit card authorization forms to:

Nebraska Brand Committee
411 Niobrara Ave, Alliance, NE 69301
Phone: (308) 763-2930 Fax (308) 763-2934
Email: brand.recording@nebraska.gov

1. Complete the application for a new brand.
2. Include \$50 new brand application research fee.
3. Include separate \$100 new brand fee.
4. Send both payments in together. If not approved the \$100 will be returned or credit card will not be charged.
5. Brand certificate will be mailed if/when approved.

**** Application must be filled out completely with 2 separate payments included or the application and/or payments will be returned! ****

PLEASE REMIT FEE WITH APPLICATION

New Brand Total: \$150

New Brand Application Research Fee \$ 50

- ☐ Hot Iron Only -or- \$100
☐ Hot Iron & Freeze Brand \$100

OR Add to Current Brand:

- ☐ Add Freeze Brand \$15
☐ Add a location \$15 each
☐ Shoulder ☐ Rib ☐ Hip

(Check all that apply)

Left and Right side require two separate applications:

Please specify side: ☐ Left ☐ Right

Select Locations: ☐ Shoulder ☐ Rib ☐ Hip

The stock bearing this brand will be located in the specific Nebraska county or counties of:

Online brand search: nebraska.gov/nbc/brandbook/book.cgi

Select 10 brand configurations in order of preference or request NBC to create a brand:

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

☐ I would like NBC to create a brand for this application. Please try and include this symbol:

If your 10 selected choices are not available or you do not want to put any options down, NBC will create a brand that qualifies. You can select ONE Letter or Number that NBC will try to incorporate if possible.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS PAGE BEFORE COMPLETING OWNERSHIP SECTION

Legal Ownership Type (Check only one appropriate box)

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| ☐ Partnership (List partners below) | ☐ Joint Tenants with Right of Survivorship |
| ☐ Individual or sole ownership | ☐ LLC or Corporation (List members below) |
| ☐ Tenants in Common (TIC) | ☐ Trust (List Trustees below) |

If you would like this brand to be available under an existing producer account, please confirm the name(s) match what is already registered on other brand records. Contact the office or review the online brand book to confirm spelling. The NBC Producer number is not required but will assist in confirming the exact listing.

Please list each owner on the brand or member of a trust with their address and contact information. If there is a person that handles the brand business but is not an owner, please designate them as a contact only. Please identify which contact record will be used for primary Brand communication.

☐ Enroll us for email communication for brand renewals. (Email must be included on primary contact)

Is this company an owner on the Brand? ☐

Company/Trust/Partnership Name		NBC Producer #:
Address		
Phone	Email	

Is this person an ☐ Owner/Trustee on the brand or a ☐ Contact? Is this the primary contact for communication? ☐ Yes

First	Middle	Last	Title	NBC Producer #:
Address				
Phone	Email			

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I verify that I legally represent the brand above and all information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____

Do Not Write Below this line – Office Use Only

Time/Date Received: _____		Method: _____
Added Location: _____	On: _____	
Brand Number: _____	By: _____	Date: _____