

Application for Registration of a Brand

Information for Completing this Application:

1. A brand is a permanent identification mark of which the letters, numbers, and figures must each be four inches or more in length or diameter on the animal.
2. A Minnesota brand is only valid for use on the following animals: cattle, horses, sheep, and mules.
3. Keep brand images simple, so they are easier to read on the animal over time.
4. A brand design usually has two to three symbols or units to the image. A good reference for brand images is available on the website of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association: [How to read brands \(http://www.tscrabrands.com/how-to-read.html\)](http://www.tscrabrands.com/how-to-read.html)
5. Consider and indicate alternates to your first choice of brand image to avoid delay in issuance of a certificate.
6. Indicate all locations on animals that the brand will be applied to.
 - The thigh is included in the "hip" location.
 - Brands are not recordable on the necks or jaws of any animals.
 - Brands are not recordable on the side/ribs of horses.
7. Each location for your brand is considered a separate registration, requiring a \$10 fee. Brands used on sheep only are a flat \$10 fee, good for all locations.
8. Once the brand is confirmed and registered by the Board, a certificate will be mailed to you.

Cancellation or Abandonment:

Failure to renew a brand on or before the time specified on the certificate will be considered an absolute abandonment of the brand. The Board may not reissue a brand so abandoned except to the original owner upon proper application or, after a period of two years, to another applicant.

Brand Transfer:

Transfer of brands requires the filing of a legally executed Bill of Sale of the brand, together with the "Brand Registration Certificate" and a transfer fee of \$10.00. A "Bill of Sale" form is included on the back of your original certificate.

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This form is to be used to record a single brand or mark for one or more locations on an animal.

Applicant Information:

Applicant Name: _____

Co-applicant Name (optional): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Contact Address: _____ County: _____

Brand/Mark Information:

1. Draw your first, second and third choices for brand image below:

First Choice Image	Second Choice Image	Third Choice Image
Brand Name: _____	Brand Name: _____	Brand Name: _____

2. Mark all right and left side locations on animals below that you wish to use this brand for. Each location for your brand is considered a separate registration, requiring a \$10 fee. **Sheep Only** brands are a flat \$10 fee, good for all locations.

Note: Brands are not recordable on the necks or jaws of any animals or the side/ribs of horses.

Right: Shoulder Side/Ribs Hip/Loin Left: Shoulder Side/Ribs Hip/Loin

Sheep Only: All Locations

Fee and Signatures:

Total Fee Enclosed (\$10 per brand location): \$ _____

Applicant/Co-Applicant Signatures:

I hereby make application for registration of a brand, located on the animal as described on this document:

Applicant Signature: _____ Co-Applicant Signature: _____

Notary of Public use only (Notary of public signature is required below. Application is not valid unless this section is completed):

State of Minnesota

County of _____

Signed or attested before me on (date) _____ by:

Applicant name

Co-Applicant name (if applicable)

Stamp:

Signature of notarial officer

Title (and Rank)

My commission expires: _____

Submit this application and the appropriate fee (payable by check or money order only) made out to:
Minnesota Board of Animal Health, 625 Robert Street North, St. Paul, MN 55155. Do not send cash.