

# LIVESTOCK BRAND INSPECTION

Colorado is a Mandatory Inspection (Brand) State for Horses, Cattle, Mules and Burros  
Colorado State Board of Stock Inspection  
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## A. COLORADO EXHIBITORS

1. All Colorado exhibitors must have a brand inspection certificate ON PURCHASED LIVESTOCK ONLY (horses, cattle, burros and mules). If exhibiting animals of your own raising, proof of title must accompany the animals to and from the National Western Stock Show. Legal proof of title would be any of the following:
  - a. Colorado recorded brand on the animals.
  - b. Registration papers.
  - c. Notarized affidavit stating that the animals being exhibited are of your raising.
  - d. A current Colorado brand inspection certificate.
2. Colorado junior market steer exhibitors must present the original (white, seal stamped) Colorado brand inspection certificate showing the animals being purchased on or prior to November 1st of the prior year. The original brand inspection certificate must be turned in at the Junior Market Steer weigh-in.

## B. OUT OF STATE EXHIBITORS

1. All Junior Market Steer exhibitors coming from mandatory brand inspection states must have the original brand inspection certificate showing the animal being purchased on or prior to November 1st of the prior year. The original brand inspection certificate must be turned in at Junior Market Steer weigh-in.
2. All Junior Market Steer exhibitors coming to the National Western Stock Show must have a permanent legible tattoo that matches the DNA packet and entry form submitted by November 1st.
3. All exhibitors coming from mandatory brand inspection states must have a current brand inspection certificate. The original copy of the inspection certificate must be turned in with the health certificate. All animals found to be improperly shipped will be held until released by the state of origin.
4. All out of state exhibitors coming into Colorado for the National Western from non-mandatory brand inspection states must have a legal bill of sale as proof of title accompanying the livestock to and from the National Western Stock Show for exhibition and sale. Legal proof of title would be any of the following:
  - a. Legal bill of sale properly witnessed. Requirements of a legal bill of sale are:
    1. Date and location of purchase;
    2. Seller's name and address;
    3. Buyer's name and address;
    4. Complete description of stock being purchased. (The complete description must include the number of head, color, sex, breed, markings, registration numbers, tattoos and hot or freeze brands. On cattle this should include ear marks, dewlaps and waddles.)
    5. Signature of seller;
    6. Signature of buyer; and
    7. Signature of a witness residing in county where transaction takes place.

Notarized affidavit stating that the animals being transported and/or exhibited are of your own raising. A full description of each animal including all brands, markings, registration numbers, tattoos shown must be recorded on affidavit.

## C. SALES HELD AT NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW

1. Breed Association Sales:  
All sales being conducted by a breed association must adhere to the following state laws, and/or Board regulations:
  - a. Each consignor must be a member of the Association sponsoring the sale.
  - b. All checks for purchase of stock must be made payable to the Association sponsoring the sale, NOT A SALE COMPANY.
  - c. All animals must be inspected and ownership proven prior to sale by a Colorado Brand Inspector.
  - d. Each Association must comply with Colorado Law concerning issuance of proper Bills of Sale, Purchase Invoices and Consignment Sale Records.
  - e. Sale catalog must show lot number, complete description of each lot, owner's name and mailing address.
  - f. Copy of Purchase Invoice to Colorado Brand Board.
2. Open Consignment Sales: (If a time slot is available)  
Open consignment sales are sales conducted by anyone other than an individual selling his personal livestock or a breed association sale. These sales are governed very strictly by Colorado law. The following requirements must be met. No Exceptions.
  - a. Be licensed by the State Board of Stock Inspection.
  - b. Have a minimum of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) dollar surety naming the Colorado Brand Commission as trustee.
  - c. Furnish the Colorado State Board of Stock Inspection with a copy of your lease agreement for your sale facility at the National Western Stock Show.
  - d. Furnish Colorado State Board of Stock Inspection a letter of agreement with a Colorado licensed veterinarian stating he/she will be the vet of record.
  - e. Each licensed sale must comply with Colorado law concerning issuance of proper Bills of Sale, Purchase Invoices and Consignment Sale Records. Colorado law applies.
  - f. Sale catalogs or consignment invoices must show sale name, consignor's name and address, sale lot number and complete description of sale lot.
  - g. Copy of Purchase Invoice to Colorado Brand Board.

## IDENTIFICATION OF CANADIAN ORIGIN CATTLE ENTERING THE

### 2024 NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW

Colorado welcomes Canadian cattlemen to attend the National Western Stock Show and recognizes the great addition they bring to this international livestock show.

The charge of the Colorado Department of Agriculture is to protect the livestock industry of Colorado. Import requirements are an important part of this responsibility. Permanent identification of Canadian cattle is vital to facilitate traceability.

At the Spring 2008 Western States Animal Health Association meeting a resolution to the USDA was passed by the attending state animal health officials to recommend that all Canadian cattle entering the United States have a hip brand. U.S.A. port veterinarians have stated the CAN ear tattoos on cattle entering the U.S.A. from Canada are not being applied correctly and will not be legible in a short time.

- A. Cattle required to have a CAN brand high on the right hip:
  - 1. Cattle that originated in Canada at any time and coming to the Stock Show to be SOLD in a breed sale or private treaty sale. This includes cattle that entered the U.S.A. previously with a CAN ear tattoo.
  - 2. A CAN freeze brand or hot iron brand shall be placed high on the right hip.
  - 3. The characters shall be a minimum of 2"x2" and shall not exceed 3"x3".
- B. Cattle NOT required to have a CAN hip brand.
  - 1. Cattle that originated in Canada at any time and are coming to the Stock Show for exhibition ONLY.
  - 2. These cattle must have a legible CAN ear tattoo.
  - 3. They must return directly to Canada or to the state they originated in prior to coming to the Stock Show.
  - 4. If an animal intended for exhibition only is sold, the Colorado Brand Commissioner shall be notified of this sale. The animal shall be CAN branded high on the right hip before leaving the Stock Show grounds.

Any questions regarding brand inspection and sale of livestock at the NWSS please contact the Colorado Brand Board at 303-869-9160.