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Wyoming Livestock Board

Press Release: Inspections on Change of Ownership

The Wyoming Livestock Board would like to remind everyone that when any livestock in Wyoming changes hands, a brand inspection is required. Whether the animal changing hands is branded or NOT, a change of ownership inspection is a must.

If you or maybe your child has been given cattle, horses, mules, asses or sheep as a gift from a friend or relative, that animal will need an inspection done in order to issue title to the new owner. Without that being done, an illegal movement has occurred within the State according to Wyoming Statute. Without the change of ownership inspection, you do not legally have proof of ownership of said livestock and it will cause trouble when you yourself want to transfer ownership of the livestock in question. Without title to, or proof of ownership, an inspector cannot issue a brand inspection.

When receiving horses, from another state, make sure you get an inspection done in your name as soon as possible in order to obtain title of the animal(s). For all other types of livestock, make sure you have documentation that shows proof of ownership so when and if you sell, trade or give your livestock to another owner, you can show this information to a livestock inspector to be used for change of ownership inspections. Without proof of ownership, things could get complicated.

All imported livestock require a health certificate which must be made available to the Livestock Inspector at the time an inspection is done. Proof of ownership documents would include, Health Certificates, Bill of Sale, affidavits of at least two responsible citizens of the county who are not interested financially in the animals or brand inspections issued in your name from other states. Please note: A copy of a registration paper alone is not proof of ownership for inspections.

So whether the animals are branded or not, make sure you have proof of ownership for brand inspection purposes whenever an ownership change takes place in Wyoming or from the state the animal originated.

To set up an appointment with your local Livestock Inspector, please call him or her personally or if you are not sure who to call, we can assist you at 307-777-7515, Wyoming Livestock Board. For questions concerning change of ownership regulations, please contact your inspector or call the number listed above.

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