



Understanding Your Wyoming Brand Inspection Program

Primary duties for a Livestock Inspector are: Inspect livestock to insure ownership prior to change of ownership, change of county and movement across state lines. Inspections are required on all cattle, sheep, horses, mules and asses.

At the time an inspection is completed for cattle, the inspector is required by law to collect fees for:

- Brand Inspection
- Predator
- Beef Council

Sheep inspections would require inspectors to collect fees for:

- Brand inspection
- Predator

Horses, Mules and Asses require only a brand inspection fee.

By law, an inspector can collect three separate fees when required.

Please note: money collected for Predator fees and Beef Council Fees are collected by the inspectors but are distributed to County Predator Boards throughout the state and the Wyoming Beef Council with the exception of a small percentage managed by the WLSB as explained in the next section of this letter.

Livestock that require a Brand Inspection in Wyoming are: Cattle, Sheep, Horses, Asses & Mules

The Wyoming Livestock Board would like to remind everyone that when any Cattle, Sheep, Horses, Mules or Asses in Wyoming change ownership, a brand inspection is required. A brand inspection is also required when moving across county lines within Wyoming or moving livestock out of Wyoming to another state.

Whether the animal is changing hands, is branded or NOT, a change of ownership inspection is required by law. A description of the animal will be on the inspection form if a brand is not present at the time of an inspection.

If you or maybe your child has been given cattle, horses, mules 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. A brand inspector needs to be there when the change of ownership occurs.

So whether the animals are branded or not, make sure you have proof of ownership on your livestock that can be shown to your inspector when he or she arrives to do your brand inspection.

This documentation will need to be presented whenever an ownership change takes place in Wyoming, or if you have purchased livestock from another state. When receiving horses, from another state, make sure you contact your inspector and get an inspection done in your name as soon as possible in order to obtain Wyoming 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. You will need this if you are tagging your livestock for the fair.

All livestock imported into Wyoming require a health certificate within 30 days prior to shipment which must be made available to the Livestock Inspector at the time an inspection is done. Proof of ownership documents 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.

When transporting Livestock into Wyoming commercially, you are required to stop at a Port of Entry. You will need a current health certificate with you unless going directly from ranch/farm of origin, directly to a sale barn or a slaughter facility where livestock will be inspected upon arrival.

To set up an appointment or answer any questions you may have concerning Livestock Inspections, please call your local Livestock Inspector or District Livestock Inspector Supervisor.



**If you are not sure who to call, or have questions,
please contact the Wyoming Livestock Board at:
307-777-7515**