



# Heather Henigan

COUNTY CLERK

HARRISON COUNTY, TEXAS



## MARKS & BRANDS

Beginning October 20, 2025, New Brand Registration or Brand Renewals can be done in person at the Harrison County Clerk's Office, or through a mail in application. If renewal is done through the mail, the application must be signed in front of a notary and sent with a copy of the applicant's ID.

**Fee \$25 per Brand.**

Fee is payable by **Cashier's Check or Money Order ONLY** for mail in applications.

**Printable BRAND APPLICATION with an effective date of August 21, 2021 – August 30, 2031**  
**DO NOT Sign until you are in front of a Deputy Clerk or Notary.**

**Texas Agriculture Code, Section 144.044** requires each person owning livestock as of August 30, 1981 to have their marks and brands filed with the county clerk within six months plus at 10 year increments (1981, 1991, 2001, 2011, 2021, 2031, etc.). After the expiration of the six month period every 10 years (March 1, 1982, 1992, 2002, 2012, 2022, 2032 etc.) the marks and brands not renewed have no force and affect and become available to the general public for use.

**Pursuant to Texas Agricultural Code 144.044** all marks, brands, and tattoos previously registered with the County Clerk expired on **August 31, 2021**. The renewal period for all recorded marks, brands, and tattoos was August 31, 2021, through February 28, 2022 and the effective date of the applications filed during this period of time is August 31, 2022 to August 30, 2032.

**Texas Agriculture Code, Section 144.041** requires the county clerk maintain a record of the marks and brands of each person who applies to the clerk for that purpose. A person may record their marks and brands in as many counties as necessary. It is the person's responsibility to ensure the brand they are wanting to file has not already been filed by another person. Within 30 days of the filing, the county clerk will forward a copy of the recorded Marks and Brands Application to Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

**TSCRA Digital Brand Book Link:**

<https://prod.marksandbrands.org/>

**Other Helpful Links:**

<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/AG/htm/AG.144.htm>

[Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association](#)

## TEXAS NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of Texas

County of \_\_\_\_\_

Before me, \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Insert name and character of officer)

on this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_,  
(insert name of the person making this acknowledgment)

known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the Marks and Brands Application  
of Harrison County, Texas for the period of August 31, 2021 through August 30, 2031 and  
acknowledged to me that \_\_\_\_\_,  
(insert name of the person making this acknowledgment)

same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public Signature

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

{PLACE SEAL ABOVE}

## MARK AND BRAND APPLICATION

THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS APPLICATION IS AUGUST 31, 2021 TO AUGUST 30, 2031  
*Renewal of this Brand/Mark must be filed during the period August 31, 2021, to February 28, 2022*  
*This form is to be used to record a single brand or mark for one or more locations on an animal.*

**Please print or type information (\* Required information):**

The undersigned hereby makes application for the registration and recording of the following mark(s) and/or brand(s) by the County Clerk of \* Harrison County, Texas:

\* New: ☐      Renewal: ☐      Release: ☐      Transfer: ☐

**Contact Information:**

\* Owner/Agent: \_\_\_\_\_

Ranch/Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Address: \_\_\_\_\_

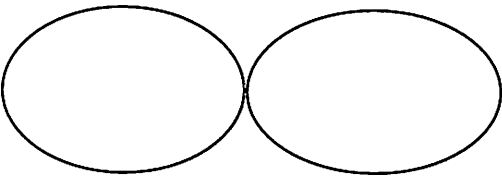
\* City: \_\_\_\_\_ \* State: \_\_\_\_\_ \* Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Brand/Mark Information:**

\* Specie:    Cattle: ☐    Horse: ☐    Other: \_\_\_\_\_    Ear Marks Only: ☐

Volume/Book: \_\_\_\_\_ Page: \_\_\_\_\_ Cert#: \_\_\_\_\_

| BRAND                                                                    |                                                                                      | MARK     |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--|
| Draw the Brand                                                           | Right Ear                                                                            | Left Ear |  |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 150px; width: 100%;"></div> |  |          |  |

\* Brand Location on Animal:    ☐ Left    ☐ Right    ☐ All Locations    ☐ Shoulder    ☐ Side/Rib    ☐ Flank    ☐ Hip/Loin    ☐ Thigh    ☐ Jaw/Face/Nose    ☐ Tail/Back    Electronic Chip#: \_\_\_\_\_    Tattoos: \_\_\_\_\_

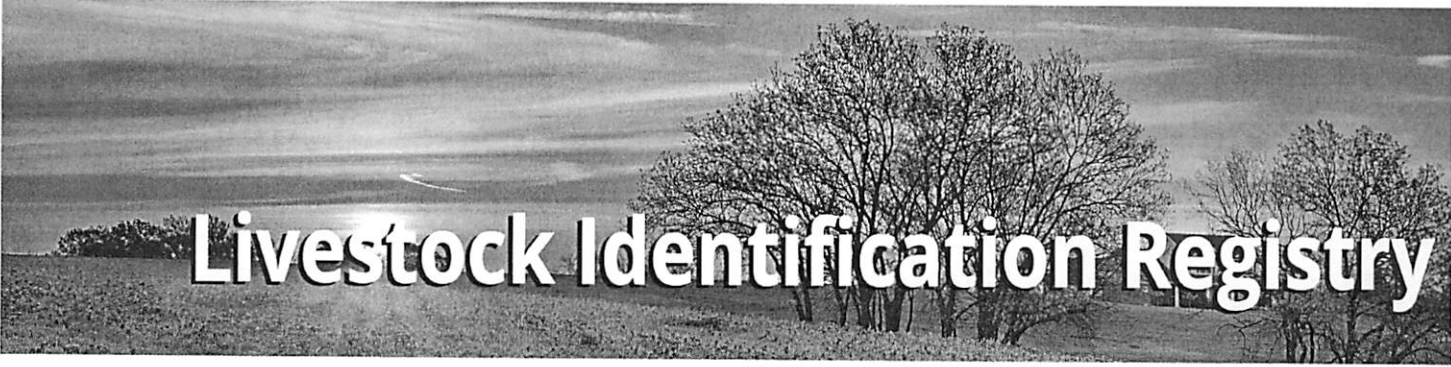
\* Brand Description: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Owner/Agent)      \*Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Received by mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy,      Heather Henigan County Clerk  
(Deputy's Name)      (County Clerk's Name)

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| <p>Pursuant to Texas Agriculture Code 144.041, a copy of this application shall be forwarded to Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.<br/>Email: brands@tscra.org<br/>Fax: 817-887-4402<br/>Mail: PO Box 101988, Fort Worth, TX 76185<br/>Phone: 800-242-7820</p> | <p><i>Place County Seal Above</i></p> |
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**Mail completed application, signed notarization form & copy of state issued photo ID to:**  
**Heather Henigan, Harrison County Clerk / P.O. Box 1365 / Marshall, TX 75671**



# Livestock Identification Registry

## Statewide Brand Registration System

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### Background

- Senate Bill 503, otherwise referred to as the "branding bill," was passed during the 89th Texas Legislative Session (2025) and signed by the governor.
- The act amends sections of Chapter 144 of the Texas Agriculture Code to establish a more modernized and streamlined system for livestock identification through the use of a digital, centralized brand registry.

### Implementation

#### State Requirements

TAHC is in the initial stages of implementing this bill. Effective date of this act began September 1, 2025, and requires TAHC, as soon as practicable after the effective date, to adopt the rules necessary to implement the changes.

Additional information and instructions will be available on this webpage once the electronic system is up and running.

#### Local Requirements

The act requires that each person who owns livestock—cattle, horses, hogs, sheep, or goats—has until and no later than six months after September 1, 2031, and every 10th year thereafter, to record or rerecord that person's marks and brands with the county clerk, regardless of whether or not the marks or brands have been previously recorded.

While statewide registry implementation is still in progress, individuals and producers should continue to manually provide their county clerk's office with the required information no later than six months after August 30, 1981, and of every 10th year thereafter, to have that person's marks and brands recorded or re-recorded with the county clerk, regardless of whether or not the marks or brands have been previously recorded. County clerks should transmit any registration received to [brands@tahc.texas.gov](mailto:brands@tahc.texas.gov).

- The legislation mandates that livestock owners record their identification marks with the county clerk in the county where the animals are located.
- County clerks are also required to maintain an electronic record of these identifiers and transmit copies to the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) within 30 days of receipt.

# Benefits of Statewide Registry

With the electronic filing system being housed at the Texas Animal Health Commission, law enforcement, producers, and county clerks will be able to access it online. The centralized database allows for the identification of stray or stolen livestock quicker, reducing the need to hold animals for extended periods of time and expedite the return of livestock to their rightful owner.

The act expands the acceptable forms of livestock identification beyond traditional methods—such as brands, earmarks, and tattoos—to include electronic devices and other generally accepted identification technologies.

The act will help bring Texas in line with more contemporary livestock management systems; empowers county clerks to accept electronic filings and re-recordings, providing flexibility for both the government and livestock owners; and allows livestock owners to authorize agents in writing to act on their behalf for recording identifiers.