

The following items are a highlighted overview of the requirements to purchase, sell or transport livestock within Colorado or from the state. Also included are a few pointers when purchasing livestock in other states which will be transported into Colorado.

Employees of the State Board of Stock Inspection are charged with the protection of the Colorado livestock industry. We must certify that the shipper or seller is the legal owner prior to issuing a certificate. All lost, missing, strayed and stolen livestock fall under the jurisdiction and control of the State Board of Livestock Inspection.

#### Items to remember...

1. Be sure to give your Inspector at least 2-3 days notice prior to when inspection is needed.
2. Inspection is required for sale or movement even if the previous parties did not comply the last time the animal was sold or transported.
3. Inspection is required regardless of whether or not the animal is branded or not branded.
4. Inspection is required on all classes of stock (horses, cattle, mules or donkeys). Registration papers or the lack of registry does not exempt inspection.
5. The definition of a brand for the purposes of this brochure is a permanent mark on the hide of an animal registered with any state as a livestock brand. (Tattoos are not brands)
6. Inspection is required at the point of origin unless released by the local inspector. **SELLER OR LEGAL AGENT MUST BE PRESENT AT THE INSPECTION.**

## REGULATIONS

1. An inspection is required every time an animal is sold or purchased (horses, cattle, mules and donkeys) or when any change of ownership occurs, regardless of whether or not the animal is transported after or prior to the sale.

(C.R.S. 35-53-105, 35-53-112)

2. An inspection is required when livestock is to be transported over 75 miles totally within the boundaries of Colorado (some exceptions).

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3. An inspection is required every time livestock leave the state regardless of circumstances.

(C.R.S. 35-53-105, 35-53-112)

4. Items 2 and 3 may be accomplished by the owner obtaining a "PERMANENT TRAVEL CARD" (for horses only). Simply contact your local inspector.

(C.R.S. 35-53-129)

5. Any time livestock is to be transported on a public road, proof of ownership of the stock being transported must be available for inspection by the Colorado State Patrol, local law enforcement or a brand inspector. If the animal carries your Colorado brand, this can be your proof of ownership. Failure to show proof of title is a misdemeanor!

(C.R.S. 35-53-117)

6. Animals being transported by a commercial hauler must have a "Bill of Lading" showing point of origin, destination, number of head, color, sex, the hot iron brands and signed by the owner or agent of the stock even if an inspection is not required.

(C.R.S. 35-53-117)

7. Animals being transported by anyone other than the legal owner should have a letter or note from the owner authorizing that transport in conjunction with the inspection certificate (if required).

8. Any livestock crossing a state line must be accompanied by a current health certificate. Contact your local veterinarian or the state veterinarian's office (303-239-4161) for specific information.

9. Failure to comply with Colorado Brand Law is at least a Class 1 misdemeanor and may be a felony. \$250.00 minimum fine and/or up to 90 days jail time for the first offense.

(C.R.S. 35-53-112)

## Information about out-of-state livestock purchases...

When purchasing animals in states other than Colorado, please check that state's requirements concerning inspection prior to the purchase and transport back to Colorado. Contact the local livestock market to inquire about state regulations.

Animals originating from other states, sold in Colorado, require an inspection when sold. No exceptions.

Several states do not have an inspection law, and therefore, a certified inspection cannot be obtained. Always get a valid bill of sale and a health certificate when purchasing animals in non-inspection states.

The requirements of a legal bill of sale are:

- \* Seller's name,
- \* Buyer's name,
- \* Complete description of stock being purchased. (The complete description should include the number of head, color, sex, breed, markings, registration numbers, and hot iron brands. On cattle, this should also include ear marks, dewlaps and waddles).
- \* Signature of seller,
- \* Signature of buyer, and
- \* Signature of a witness residing in the county where the transaction takes place.

We hope that the above information is helpful to you. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact this office at (303) 294-0895, or call the local inspector listed in this pamphlet.

## Colorado's Brand Inspectors

ARMSTRONG, JERRY - WRAY	970 332-4999
BAAS, YANA - DENVER	303 637-0430
BLEDSON, TOM - GREELEY	970 284-7903
BRANDT, PAUL - GREELEY	970 590-0161
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CLEVER, DAREN - KREMMLING	970 736-0286
CONTER, LEONARD - LONGMONT	720 296-4044
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CROWDER, JIM - LA JUNTA	719 384-6775
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DETER, DEBBIE - GREELEY	970 339-3487
EASTHOUSE, JIM - FT COLLINS	970 278-4100
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HALL, JACK - LA JUNTA	719 853-6302
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POPPE, JAKE - DENVER	303 663-3712
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SENR, DANNY - LAMAR	719 336-7331
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SHORT, TERRY - KIOWA	303 648-3469
SIMMONS, RICH - LA JUNTA	719 384-7115
SMITH, CHARLIE - BRUSH	970 842-2006
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SMOTHERMAN, MIKE - ALAMOSA	719 589-5605
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GOLEN, HOLLY - GLENDEVY	970	435-5712
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LABRIER, LLOYD - LA JUNTA	719	384-5066
LEWIS, WES - PAGOSA SPGS	970	731-9389
MOSS, TOM - ALAMOSA	719	589-2126
SCHLEGEL, BILL - EAGLE	970	653-4332
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SINKS, JOSH - NORWOOD	970	864-2230
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BRUSH BRAND OFFICE	970	842-2295
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GREELEY BRAND OFFICE	970	352-8622
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## Operation Game Thief and Operation Livestock Theft

To report suspected livestock  
thieves or wildlife poachers,  
call:

**1-800-332-4155**

Help protect your livestock  
and property by participating  
in these programs. Rewards!

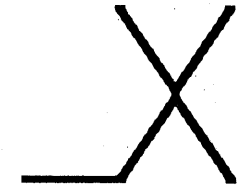
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**IF YOU OWN, BUY OR SELL  
LIVESTOCK PLEASE READ**

**BRAND INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS**

**STATE OF COLORADO  
DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE**

## STATE BOARD OF STOCK INSPECTION COMMISSIONERS



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Call 303-294-0895 or 1-800-886-7683 with  
complaints on inspectors or questions on  
brand inspection requirements.