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Brand Board Legislative Report for Calendar Year 2019

The South Dakota Brand Board operates on funds generated from the brand registration program and the brand inspection program. The Brand Board does not receive any general fund appropriations. **The registration and the use of brands apply to the entire state.** The livestock inspection area in South Dakota is west of the Missouri River. Any livestock leaving this inspection area must have a livestock ownership inspection or transportation permit prior to leaving. Members of the Brand Board are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Current Brand Board members are Bart Blum, Reliance; Scott Vance, Faith; Myron Williams, Wall; Lyle Spring, Union Center and Dave Koupal, Edgemont. The Brand Board employees 11 full time brand inspectors, stationed at 10 livestock markets in western SD, 113 part-time /local brand inspectors and an office staff of six which includes the Director and Chief Brand Inspector.

Livestock Inspections

In CY (calendar year) 2019, a total of 1,585,035 head of livestock were inspected. A breakdown of inspections is the following: Livestock Markets – 1,047,235 head, Local Inspections – 531,936 head, Locker Plants – 5,040 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 824 head. This compares with CY2018 inspections of 1,619,635 head. The CY2018 inspections are the following: Livestock Markets – 1,068,071 head, Local Inspections – 546,672 head, Locker Plants – 4,092 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 800 head. Holds placed on livestock sales decreased in 2019 to 17,400 head compared with 19,006 head in 2018. Thirty-six holds were submitted to the Brand Board office following the 60-day period in which the inspectors work to clear the holds. Table 1 shows the inspections by month for each category. Table 2, which lists CY2018 information, is included for comparison purposes. Some of the reported numbers are subject to change as data may be received in the brand office after the completion of this report.

Table 1. SD Brand Board Livestock Inspections and Holds by Month for CY 2019.

CY 2019 Month	Livestock Markets	Locker Plants	Local Inspections	Horse Lifetime Permits	Total	Holds per Head
January	72,153	371	39,451	46	112,021	1,593
February	108,398	396	35,920	36	144,750	1,970
March	78,982	557	29,994	39	109,572	896
April	66,456	376	28,119	39	94,990	1,520
May	59,785	492	39,821	55	100,153	1,127
June	50,968	459	43,229	134	94,790	3,629
July	68,229	460	24,820	119	93,628	888
August	23,169	328	24,668	82	48,247	2,522
September	30,095	329	30,071	115	60,610	540
October	50,398	403	90,788	57	141,646	591
November	208,630	497	80,422	38	289,587	1,133
December	229,972	372	64,633	64	295,041	991
TOTALS	1,047,235	5,040	531,936	824	1,585,035	17,400

Table 2. SD Brand Board Livestock Inspections and Holds by Month for CY 2018.

CY 2018 Month	Livestock Markets	Locker Plants	Local Inspections	Horse Lifetime Permits	Total	Holds per Head
January	75,782	378	48,554	33	124,747	1,587
February	108,507	385	37,249	33	146,174	754
March	76,625	360	34,757	26	111,768	450
April	60,804	410	29,329	49	90,592	2,318
May	48,040	396	40,620	80	89,136	767
June	67,845	361	51,721	122	120,049	4,561
July	59,570	316	23,566	131	83,583	3,229
August	19,439	322	27,395	75	47,231	1,896
September	33,590	305	26,118	101	60,114	306
October	47,591	257	73,366	81	121,295	631
November	247,782	307	90,449	32	338,570	1,058
December	222,496	295	63,548	37	286,376	1,449
TOTALS	1,068,071	4,092	546,672	800	1,619,635	19,006

Table 3 shows the total number of inspections per month for 2015 thru 2019 and average inspections for each month.

Table 3. Total Livestock Inspected per Month and Monthly Average in years 2015-2019

Month	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average
January	122,826	110,685	134,174	124,747	112,021	120,891
February	140,584	155,008	172,707	146,174	144,750	151,845
March	120,092	128,805	141,596	111,768	109,572	122,367
April	88,878	106,980	114,380	90,592	94,990	99,164
May	104,670	104,767	90,066	89,136	100,153	97,758
June	85,434	74,661	101,698	120,049	94,790	95,326
July	62,972	98,862	108,787	83,583	93,628	89,566
August	36,178	56,864	75,293	47,231	48,247	52,763
September	53,728	88,888	74,356	60,114	60,610	67,539
October	128,025	155,608	132,138	121,295	141,646	135,742
November	362,629	373,813	408,962	338,570	289,587	354,712
December	275,399	207,554	272,267	286,376	295,041	267,327
TOTALS	1,581,415	1,662,495	1,826,424	1,619,635	1,585,035	1,655,001

Deposits for Inspection

Monthly inspection receipts, from fees collected at livestock markets and local inspections, are shown in Table 4. Fees collected for locker plants and feedlot inspections, which are not provided on a local inspection, are included in the livestock market totals. As of July 1, 2013, the brand inspection fee is a \$1.00 per head. The inspection receipts listed below do not include the mileage fees collected for local inspections. The CY2018 fees are included for comparison purposes.

Table 4. Inspection Receipts Deposited for Calendar Years 2018 and 2019.

Month	2018 Market Inspections	2018 Local Brand Inspections	2018 Brand Inspection TOTAL	2019 Market Inspections	2019 Local Brand Inspections	2019 Brand Inspection TOTAL
Jan	\$112,980	\$62,827	\$175,807	\$104,474	\$41,382	\$145,856
Feb	\$99,114	\$46,418	\$145,532	\$69,378	\$37,282	\$106,660
Mar	\$83,684	\$40,560	\$124,244	\$86,791	\$30,250	\$117,041
Apr	\$63,160	\$20,728	\$83,888	\$66,918	\$26,957	\$93,764
May	\$63,443	\$54,691	\$118,134	\$60,318	\$40,799	\$101,117
Jun	\$54,342	\$53,878	\$108,220	\$44,260	\$42,691	\$86,951
July	\$57,398	\$27,203	\$84,601	\$75,082	\$28,609	\$103,691
Aug	\$30,907	\$27,448	\$58,355	\$23,377	\$26,402	\$49,779
Sept	\$40,799	\$27,236	\$68,035	\$31,735	\$27,880	\$59,615
Oct	\$39,598	\$73,983	\$113,581	\$46,535	\$91,594	\$138,129
Nov	\$189,289	\$84,122	\$273,411	\$126,142	\$30,211	\$156,141
Dec	\$284,055	\$76,033	\$360,088	\$284,207	\$63,136	\$347,343
TOTALS	\$1,118,769	\$595,127	\$1,713,896	\$1,019,217	\$487,193	\$1,506,410

Missing or Stolen Livestock

The number and type of livestock, which were reported missing or stolen in CY2019, are listed in Table 5. The numbers reported for CY2018 are listed in Table 6. Some of the livestock reported missing or stolen may be the result of a civil dispute between producers, lenders taking possession of their security, or they may have died. Livestock listed in the Found/Recovered column may have been by the owner, brand inspectors, livestock investigators or other law enforcement officials.

Table 5. Number and Type of Livestock Reported Missing or Stolen in 2019.

Month	Cows	Calves	Yearlings	Bulls	Horses	Sheep	Buffalo	TOTALS	Found/ Recovered
Jan	11	13	4	2				30	0
Feb	4	22	0	0	0	0	0	26	0
Mar	10	0	20	0	0	0	0	30	0
Apr	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0
May	0	0	85	0	0	0	0	85	0
June	200	100	25	8	0	0	0	333	16
July	0	0	148	3	0	0	0	151	83
Aug	32	1	0	0	0	0	0	33	2
Sept	36	0	0	0	3	0	0	39	5
Oct	30	28	48	1	0	0	0	107	0
Nov	80	2	51	5	0	0	0	138	0
Dec	72	60	43	1	0	0	0	176	5
TOTALS	475	227	424	20	4	0	0	1150	111

Table 6. Number and Type of Livestock Reported Missing or Stolen in 2018.

Month	Cows	Calves	Yearlings	Bulls	Horses	Sheep	Buffalo	TOTALS	Found/ Recovered
Jan	61	1	0	0	0	0	0	62	0
Feb	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	29	0
Mar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Apr	0	2	1	0	4	0	0	7	4
May	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	13	0
June	5	9	7	1	0	0	0	22	17
July	2	8	14	1	0	0	0	25	10
Aug	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sept	0	0	0	1	91	0	0	92	2
Oct	25	36	46	4	0	0	0	111	1
Nov	25	64	10	8	0	0	0	107	0
Dec	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	7	0
TOTALS	120	122	122	16	95	0	0	475	64

As a service to livestock producers, the *Aberdeen News Farm Forum Green Sheet*, *Cattle Business Weekly*, *Tri-State Livestock News*, and *Tri-State Neighbor* publish the Livestock Missing or Stolen Report at no cost to the Brand Board.

Recovered Strays

Strays are also recovered by brand inspectors either performing a local inspection or while inspecting livestock at a livestock market. Table 7 shows the number and type of livestock recovered during inspections completed from 2015 thru 2019.

Table 7. Number and Type of Livestock Recovered by Brand Inspectors 2015 - 2019.

Year	Cow	Heifer	Calf	Steer	Bull	Horse	Total
2015	85	63	107	44	12	8	319
2016	46	35	57	38	18	0	194
2017	91	95	38	35	13	0	272
2018	46	56	48	25	7	1	183
2019	117	58	99	44	30	0	348

Brand Board Holds

Holds, which have been submitted to the Brand Board office, are shown below in Table 8. The brand inspectors attempt to resolve these holds for 60 days prior to sending to the office. The number of holds implemented at the livestock markets, feedlots, locker plants and in local inspections are included in Tables 1 and 2 on pages 2 and 3. Once a hold is received at the Brand Board office, the chief brand inspector reviews grazing reports, missing and stolen reports, obtains information from Animal Industry and from brand offices in surrounding states in an attempt to determine the owner. A detailed listing of Holds Received, Holds Paid, Pending, and escheated to the Theft and Prevention Fund is included in the Appendix of this report.

Table 8. Number and Type of Livestock Holds Received, Paid to Livestock Owners and Transferred to Theft & Prevention Fund by Board Action in 2019 and 2018

	Holds	Cow	Heifer	Calf	Steer	Bull	Horse	Amount
CY 2019 Holds Received	36	29	12	3	11	3	11	\$51,125
Paid to Livestock Owner	12	15	4	1	47	0	1	\$79,890
To T&P** by Board Action	25	9	5	1	2	3	18	\$18,684
CY 2018 Holds Received	41	38	5	2	9	5	20	\$47,844
Paid to Livestock Owner	24	16	0	2	0	6	3	\$29,939
To T&P** by Board Action	14	4	2	0	2	6	2	\$14,000

**Theft and Prevention Fund

Livestock Investigations

The livestock investigator is under the authority of the Attorney General’s Office and supervised by the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI). The Brand Board reimburses the AG’s office for a majority of the investigator’s expenses. The amount of expenses reimbursed by the Brand Board in Fiscal Year 2019 and Fiscal Year 2018 are \$83,330 and \$109,045 respectfully. No livestock were recovered by the livestock investigator in 2019. Table 9 lists investigation information for 2019 and 2018.

Table 9. Livestock Investigative Information

Item	2019	2018
Cases Opened during the year	15	47
Cases Closed during the year	7	31
Cases Open as of yearend	8	16
Convictions	6	2
Arrests	5	4
Cases pending-turned over to State’s Attorneys	7	4
Outstanding Warrant	0	1
Road Checks – Number of Days Conducted	0	3

Brand Program

The Brand Board office is also responsible for brand registrations, transfers, brand renewals, shipper permits, grazing permits, and trailing permits. Table 10 shows the main brand program revenue for 2019 and 2018. The brand application fee is a new fee which started in September of 2019. Brands are renewed every five years. Therefore, 2020 is a renewal year with the renewal period being January 1 - May 1, 2020. If a brand owner does not renew their brand by May 1st of the renewal year, the brand owner has two years to re-record their brand. The brand book is online and can be found on the Brand Board’s website www.sdbrandboard.sd.gov

Table 10. Brand Program Revenue

Revenue Type	2019	2018
New Brand Registrations	\$17,959	\$28,925
Brand Transfers	\$12,795	\$15,625
Brand Application Fee – new in 2019	\$3,920	0
TOTALS	\$34,674	\$44,550

Summary

Head count of livestock inspected in CY 2019 decreased 34,600 head from CY 2018 and is 69,966 head less than the 5-year average. The Brand Board strives to keep expenses to a minimum to operate the inspection program on a \$1.00/head inspected. In Fiscal Year 2019, the inspection cost was \$1.09/head.

Total livestock reported missing or stolen for CY 19 was 1,150 head. This is an increase of 675 from CY 18. One report of 308 head missing/stolen, received in June 2019, is almost half of the increase.

The number of holds received changed slightly - down from 41 to 36.

The Brand Board issues shipper permits, grazing permits and trailing permits at no cost to the producers.

New in 2020 will be online brand renewals and the acceptance of credit/debits cards as forms of payment. To reduce postage expense, renewal notices will be sent by email if an address is on file. Paper copies of renewal notices will be mailed to those brands without an email address.

A survey is included with the brand renewals in an attempt to determine how many brands are currently being applied to livestock. Based on the results, the Brand Board may consider a Historical Brand Registration for those brands which are no longer being used on livestock.

During the 2019 Legislative Session, a bill passed that allowed for an increase in brand program fees and a new brand application fee. Several of these fees had not been increased for 20 years and the new rates started in September 2019. The brand application fee of \$40.00. Each application allows for three images in a choice of six locations.

Appendix

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Disposition Detail of Brand Board Holds

Calendar Year 2019

Brand Board Holds - Received 2019

Date Received	Hold Number	Cow	Heifer	Calf	Steer	Bull	Horse	Amt Held
1/22/19	BB424						8	\$2,061.22
1/22/19	BB425				1			\$880.89
2/19/19	BB426	1						\$1,251.27
2/25/19	BB429	3						\$2,969.90
2/25/19	BB430		1					\$912.40
2/25/19	BB431		1					\$739.78
3/6/19	BB427	1						\$971.34
3/6/19	BB428	1						\$479.65
4/8/19	BB432						1	\$392.55
4/8/19	BB433				1			\$1,016.88
4/8/19	BB434	1						\$612.61
4/8/19	BB435						1	\$236.95
6/1/19	BB436					1		\$854.59
6/20/19	BB437				1			\$878.09
6/21/19	BB438	8						\$12,824.16
7/8/19	BB439					1		\$1,394.08
7/15/19	BB440	6						\$4,607.61
7/15/19	BB441				6			\$1,370.59
7/18/19	BB442			1				\$686.91
7/18/19	BB443					1		\$325.18
7/18/19	BB444	2						\$1,519.98
7/18/19	BB445						1	\$648.05
7/23/19	BB446		1					\$820.06
7/30/19	BB447		1					\$878.40
7/30/19	BB448		5					\$1,663.43
8/2/19	BB449	1						\$820.36
9/6/19	BB450	1						\$890.11
9/30/19	BB451	1			1			\$981.42
11/12/19	BB452				1			\$1,473.62
11/12/19	BB453		1					\$928.66
11/12/19	BB454		1					\$851.53
11/20/19	BB455	1						\$816.82
12/5/19	BB456	1						\$785.48
12/10/19	BB457	1						\$495.82
12/10/19	BB458		1					\$770.93
12/10/19	BB459			2				\$1,313.47
TOTALS		29	12	3	11	3	11	\$51,124.79

Brand Board Holds - Paid to Producers 2019

Date Received	Hold Number	Cow	Heifer	Calf	Steer	Bull	Horse	Amt Held	Date Paid	Paid to
11/19/18	BB415	1	1					\$1,509.50	1/16/19	Thomas Burke
12/4/17	BB379	1						\$886.07	2/27/19	Leigh Severyn
7/24/18	BB397	1						\$849.07	4/25/19	Kenneth Carlsen & Producers Livestock Marketing
3/6/19	BB428	1						\$479.65	6/13/19	Zack Alexander
12/21/17	BB381		1					\$978.94	7/17/19	Curtice Randall & Stockman Bank
12/20/16	BB322		1					\$620.66	7/17/19	Harley Morgan & State Bank
8/15/17	BB369	1						\$691.67	7/17/19	George Fairbanks & First Fidelity Bank
11/8/17	BB373						1	\$150.00	7/30/19	Glenn Puckett
11/12/17	BB376				47			\$59,009.58	7/31/19	Nebraska Beef & First National Bank
10/15/18	BB410	2		1				\$1,070.71	7/31/19	Michael O'Connell & Pinnacle Bank
6/21/19	BB438	8						\$12,824.16	10/16/19	Mike Rowe & Sentinel Federal Credit Union
7/23/19	BB446		1					\$820.06	10/13/19	Jason McLennan & Pioneer Bank and Trust
TOTALS		15	4	1	47	0	1	\$79,890.07		

Brand Board Holds - Theft and Prevention Fund 2019

Date Received	Hold Number	Cow	Heifer	Calf	Steer	Bull	Horse	Amount	Hold Hearing Date	Theft and Prevention Fund
4/16/18	BB384					1		\$1,044.00	3/27/19	Hold hearing - T&P Fund - Estray - No Ownership Established
4/16/18	BB385						1	\$270.70	3/27/19	Hold hearing - T&P Fund - Estray - No Ownership Established
7/2/18	BB394				1			\$741.35	3/27/19	Hold hearing - T&P Fund - Estray - No Ownership Established
7/24/18	BB399			1				\$255.74	3/27/19	Hold hearing - T&P Fund - Estray - No Ownership Established
1/23/17	BB335						1	\$324.24	6/26/19	Hold hearing - T&P Fund - Estray - No Ownership Established
2/13/17	BB338	2			1			\$1,927.51	6/26/19	Hold hearing - T&P Fund - Estray - No Ownership Established
9/6/17	BB372	1						\$994.88	6/26/19	Hold hearing - T&P Fund - Estray - No Ownership Established
11/8/17	BB373						1	\$110.33	6/26/19	Hold hearing - T&P Fund - Estray - No Ownership Established
4/16/18	BB386	1						\$1,094.26	6/26/19	Hold hearing - T&P Fund - Estray - No Ownership Established
5/31/18	BB390						5	\$1,081.47	6/26/19	Hold hearing - T&P Fund - Estray - No Ownership Established
6/20/18	BB393						9	\$1,191.83	6/26/19	Hold hearing - T&P Fund - Estray - No Ownership Established
9/25/18	BB405	1						\$678.05	6/26/19	Hold hearing - T&P Fund - Estray - No Ownership Established
9/25/18	BB406		1					\$708.08	6/26/19	Hold hearing - T&P Fund - Estray - No Ownership Established
9/25/18	BB407	1						\$717.58	6/26/19	Hold hearing - T&P Fund - Estray - No Ownership Established
2/25/19	BB430		1					\$912.40	6/26/19	Hold hearing - T&P Fund - Estray - No Ownership Established
2/25/19	BB431		1					\$739.78	6/26/19	Hold hearing - T&P Fund - Estray - No Ownership Established
12/9/17	BB377					1		\$728.00	9/18/19	Hold hearing - T&P Fund - Estray - No Ownership Established
11/19/18	BB414		1					\$556.33	9/18/19	Hold hearing - T&P Fund - Estray - No Ownership Established
11/19/18	BB418						1	\$836.82	9/18/19	Hold hearing - T&P Fund - Estray - No Ownership Established
3/6/19	BB427	1						\$971.34	9/18/19	Hold hearing - T&P Fund - Estray - No Ownership Established
7/31/17	BB362		1					\$284.70	11/20/19	Hold hearing - T&P Fund - Estray - No Ownership Established
7/8/19	BB439					1		\$1,394.08	11/20/19	Hold hearing - T&P Fund - Estray - No Ownership Established
4/16/18	BB388	1						\$487.21	11/20/19	Hold hearing - T&P Fund - Estray - No Ownership Established
4/10/17	BB343	1						\$632.93	11/20/19	Hold hearing - T&P Fund - Estray - No Ownership Established
TOTALS		9	5	1	2	3	18	\$18,683.61		

Brand Board Holds - Received 2019 Pending

Date Received	Hold Number	Cow	Heifer	Calf	Steer	Bull	Horse	Amt Held	Livestock Market	Date Sold	Type of Livestock	Status
1/22/19	BB424						8	\$2,061.22	Faith L/S	09/22/18	8 Mixed Horses / Faith, SD	Ownership still pending
1/22/19	BB425				1			\$880.89	Mobridge L/S	10/23/18	1 BWF Steer / McLaughlin, SD	Ownership still pending
2/19/19	BB426	1						\$1,251.27	Belle Fourche L/S	11/30/18	1 Black Cow / Belle Fourche, SD	Ownership still pending
2/25/19	BB429	3						\$2,969.90	Belle Fourche L/S	07/12/18	3 Cows / Napoleon, ND	Ownership still pending
4/8/19	BB432						1	\$392.55	Philip L/S	02/20/18	1 Mare / Cannonball, ND	Ownership still pending
4/8/19	BB433				1			\$1,016.88	Philip L/S	10/25/17	1 Steer / Interior, SD	Ownership still pending
4/8/19	BB434	1						\$612.61	Philip L/S	03/20/18	1 Cow / Interior, SD	Ownership still pending
4/8/19	BB435						1	\$236.95	Philip L/S	05/15/18	1 Horse / Eagle Butte, SD	Ownership still pending
6/1/19	BB436					1		\$854.59	Crawford L/S	05/17/19	1 Bull /	Ownership still pending
6/20/19	BB437				1			\$878.09	Belle Fourche L/S	05/02/19	1 Steer /	Ownership still pending
7/15/19	BB440	6						\$4,607.61	Belle Fourche L/S	01/03/19	6 Black Cows / Piedmont, SD	Ownership still pending
7/15/19	BB441				6			\$1,370.59	Belle Fourche L/S	12/20/18	6 Steers / Belle Fourche, SD	Ownership still pending
7/18/19	BB442			1				\$686.91	Faith L/S	10/29/18	1 Baldy Calf / Eagle Butte, SD	Ownership still pending
7/18/19	BB443					1		\$325.18	Faith L/S	06/24/19	1 Bull / Eagle Butte, SD	Ownership still pending
7/18/19	BB444	2						\$1,519.98	Faith L/S	06/02/19	2 Cows / Mud Butte, SD	Ownership still pending
7/18/19	BB445						1	\$648.05	Faith L/S	09/22/19	1 Gelding / Platte, SD	Ownership still pending
7/30/19	BB447		1					\$878.40	Fort Pierre L/S	03/08/19	1 Red Heifer / Isabel, SD	Ownership still pending
7/30/19	BB448		5					\$1,663.43	Fort Pierre L/S	04/05/19	5 Black or BWF Heifers / Timber Lake, SD	Ownership still pending
8/2/19	BB449	1						\$820.36	Saint Onge L/S	05/17/19	1 Cow / Beulah, WY	Ownership still pending
9/6/19	BB450	1						\$890.11	Bowman L/S	06/17/19	1 Black Cow /	Ownership still pending
9/30/19	BB451	1			1			\$981.42	Presho L/S	07/25/19	1 Red Yearling Steer & 1 BWF Cows / Hamill, SD	Ownership still pending
11/12/19	BB452				1			\$1,473.62	Fort Pierre L/S	08/16/19	1 Black Steer Calf / Ft Pierre, SD	Ownership still pending
11/12/19	BB453		1					\$928.66	Fort Pierre L/S	10/25/19	1 Black Heifer / Presho, SD	Ownership still pending
11/12/19	BB454		1					\$851.53	Belle Fourche L/S	07/11/19	1 Heifer /	Ownership still pending
11/20/19	BB455	1						\$816.82	Fort Pierre L/S	07/19/19	1 Black Cow / Midland, SD	Ownership still pending
12/5/19	BB456	1						\$785.48	Philip L/S	11/19/19	1 Black Cow / Murdo, SD	Ownership still pending
12/10/19	BB457	1						\$495.82	Martin L/S	10/28/19	1 Cow /	Ownership still pending
12/10/19	BB458		1					\$770.93	Martin L/S	11/04/19	1 Heifer /	Ownership still pending
12/10/19	BB459			2				\$1,313.47	Martin L/S	10/28/19	2 Calves /	Ownership still pending
TOTALS		19	9	3	11	2	11	\$32,983.32				