


You are ready to register your mark, brand or tattoo. So how much is the registration fee?

The registration fee will be \$26.00 for any mark, brand or tattoo in any location on the same animal. The location is the area (s) of the animal on which the brand is to be placed.



For example, your brand is , a rocking G and you want it branded on the left hip of cattle. You will pay \$26.00 for the registration of the brand. If you want to also place the same brand on the right hip of the cattle, the fee would be an additional \$26.00. So, if you branded your cattle with one brand and placed it on both hips your total fee would be \$52.00.

If you also want to brand horses, you will pay \$26.00 for the first location, and \$26.00 for each additional location on the horse, even if it is the same brand.

Registering any other mark, brand or tattoo is calculated the same, regardless of the animal species you are going to mark or brand.



Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association



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How To Read A Brand

Brands are read from left to right, from the top down or from the outside to the inside.

If a letter or symbol is made backwards from its normal position, it's read as a reverse.



A letter partially over on its face or back is said to be tumbling.



If a letter lies horizontally on its face or back, it is called lazy.



Letters with a curving flare at the top and rounded angles are called running



Adding a dash to the left and right of a letter, at the top, is called a flying letter.



Add legs and it is called a walking letter.



A letter placed so the bottom touches the quarter circle is said to be rocking. In this instance, the brand would probably be called the anchor.



Curves not attached to letters are known as quarter circles or half circles, depending on the arc.



Letters or symbols formed together are called connected, except when one is below the other. In that case, the lower symbol is said to be swinging or hanging.






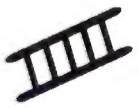


In registered brands, owners sometimes omit the words "connected" or "swinging," thus, it might be read simply Diamond J, rather than Diamond Swinging J.



Besides the traditional letter and figure brands, there are marks known as character or picture brands.

Some commonly used picture brands are:

Turtle	
Pitchfork	
Rocking chair	
Key	
Spade	
Ladder	

Use this site to learn about the livestock brand registration process, how to contact your county clerk and to find the form you'll need to register your brand.

For more information, please call the law enforcement department of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, 1-800-242-7820.

TSCRA traces its beginning to 1877, when a group of ranchers formed an association to combat livestock theft. As the largest and oldest livestock association in Texas, TSCRA represents more than 15,000 beef cattle producers, ranching families and businesses who manage approximately 4 million head of cattle on 51.5 million acres of range and pasture land, primarily in Texas and Oklahoma. TSCRA provides law enforcement and livestock inspection services, legislative and regulatory advocacy, industry news and information, insurance services and educational opportunities for its members and the industry.



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Register Your Brand

Your brand is your proof of ownership and the best way to identify your livestock.

A brand record contains a description of the design or elements of your brand, where on the livestock you place your brand, and any ear marks you use to identify your livestock.

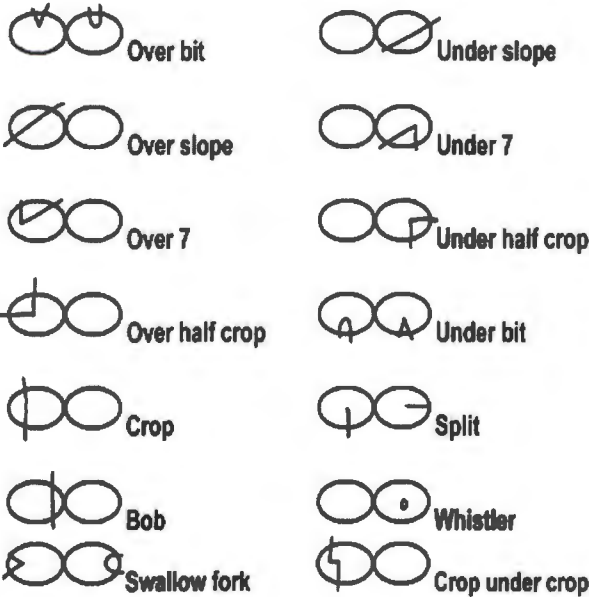
To register your brand in the county or counties in which you run cattle, please download and print out the **"Mark and Brand Registration"** form.

Fill the form out completely and take it to the county clerk in the county or counties in which you operate.

Some counties may offer methods to submit the form for brand registration and re-registration. Please **contact your county**.

Brand locations:

- Left or right: shoulder, side, rib, flank, hip, loin, or thigh
- Jaw, face, tail, back, leg, or nose
- Sometimes, multiple locations may be used for one record
- Ear marks must be designated right or left and registered with the brand



Brand records are used:

- In criminal investigations by Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) special rangers and by local, state and federal law enforcement;
- By **Texas Animal Health Commission** and **USDA Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)** for animal disease traceback;
- By agricultural lending institutions to secure livestock loans;
- By county sheriff offices to determine ownership of stray livestock;
- By judges and attorneys who reference brands in many types of civil litigations involving livestock; and
- By county clerks who may be subpoenaed to testify in court about the accuracy of their brand registration procedure.

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Helpful resources:

TEXAS AGRICULTURE CODE REGARDING MARKS & BRANDS

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

TEXAS FARM BUREAU

TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN CATTLE RAISERS

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