

Brands

Every 10 years, the State of Texas requires that brands be re-registered in the county or counties in which you operate. The next brand re-registration period begins August 31, 2021, and concludes February 28, 2022.

The form that will be registered with the Houston County Clerk is required to be signed in front of the County Clerk Deputy. The form that is supplied by the TSCRA does not meet this requirement.

[Please download the approved Houston County Clerk application form here.](#)

Texas Agricultural Code 144

Sec. 144.041. MARKS AND BRANDS TO BE RECORDED.

- (a) Each person who owns cattle, hogs, sheep, or goats shall record that person's earmarks, brands, tattoos, and electronic devices with the county clerk of the county in which the animals are located.
- (b) A person who owns a horse shall record an identification mark authorized by Section 144.001(b) with the county clerk of the county in which the animal is located.
- (c) The county clerk shall keep a record of the marks and brands of each person who applies to the clerk for that purpose.
- (d) A person may record that person's marks and brands in as many counties as necessary.
- (e) A person may record any mark or brand that the person desires to use if no other person has recorded the mark or brand, without regard to whether that person has previously recorded a mark or brand.
- (f) Not later than the 30th day after the date a county clerk receives a record relating to cattle or horses under this section, the clerk shall forward a copy of the

record to the association authorized to inspect livestock under 7 U.S.C. Section 217a.

(g) The recording of marks and brands at a point of sale for use by an association authorized to inspect livestock under 7 U.S.C. Section 217a does not serve as a record under this chapter. An association authorized to inspect livestock under 7 U.S.C. Section 217a has no duty to verify ownership at a point of sale.