



# South Dakota Brand Board

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Joint Appropriations Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to present the Brand Board report to you today and chance to answer your questions.

In answer to Representative Wink's question on missing and stolen livestock, I have provided the following information.

## **Strays returned by brand inspectors at livestock markets and through local inspection**

July 1, 2008 – Jan 31, 2009

Steers	Cows	Heifers	Calves	Bulls	Horses	Total
42	47	28	46	10	3	176

## **Missing/Stolen livestock reported to investigators - July 1- Dec 31, 2008**

# Head reported stolen\* 118 112 cattle and 6 horses

# Head reported missing 247

Total	365
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# Missing/stolen recovered by owner 69 Usually, the owner does not report that missing livestock were found or returned.

#Missing/stolen recovered by investigator 2

#Missing/stolen recovered by inspectors 1

Total recovered	71
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#Still missing 293

\*Livestock reported stolen – These are livestock that the owners felt were stolen and not just missing.