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Brand Board Legislative Report for Calendar Year 2017

This report is compiled to meet the requirements for SDCL 40-18-18. The South Dakota Brand Board operates on funds generated from the brand registration program and brand inspection program. The Brand Board does not receive general fund appropriations. The livestock inspection area in South Dakota is west of the Missouri River. Any livestock leaving this inspection area must have a livestock inspection or transportation permit prior to leaving. The registration and use of brands apply to the entire state. Members of the Brand Board are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Current Brand Board members are Wanda Blair, Vale; Bart Blum, Reliance; Scott Vance, Faith; Lyla Hutchison, Wounded Knee; and Myron Williams, Wall. The Brand Board employees 12 full time brand inspectors stationed at 10 livestock markets in western SD and an additional 95 part-time /local brand inspectors in addition to office staff.

Livestock Inspections

In CY2017, a total of 1,826,424 head of livestock were inspected. A breakdown of the inspections is the following: Livestock Markets – 1,255,045 head, Local Inspections – 566,029 head, Locker Plants – 4,508 head, Lifetime Horse Permits - 842. This compares with CY2016 inspections of 1,662,495 head. The CY2016 inspections were the following: Livestock Markets – 1,126,994 head, Local Inspections – 529,940 head, Locker Plants - 4,737 head, Lifetime Horse Permits - 824. Holds placed on livestock sales decreased in 2017 to 14,615 head compared with 19,825 head in 2016. Sixty 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 CY2016 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 2017.

CY 2017 Month	Livestock Markets	Locker Plants	Local Inspections	Horse Lifetime Permits	Total Inspected	Holds per Head
January	93,091	511	40,546	26	134,174	868
February	130,971	410	41,295	31	172,707	2,260
March	106,799	347	34,411	39	141,596	442
April	81,832	515	31,974	59	114,380	1,165
May	56,089	316	33,580	81	90,066	1,498
June	53,209	394	48,000	95	101,698	1,288
July	72,997	388	35,279	123	108,787	1,434
August	36,614	266	38,286	127	75,293	1,529
September	43,411	421	30,427	97	74,356	238
October	76,280	261	55,547	50	132,138	571
November	299,818	365	108,732	47	408,962	1,509
December	203,934	314	67,952	67	272,267	1,813
TOTALS	1,255,045	4,508	566,029	842	1,826,424	14,615

Table 2. SD Brand Board Livestock Inspections and Holds by Month for CY 2016.

CY 2016 Month	Livestock Markets	Locker Plants	Local Inspections	Horse Lifetime Permits	Total Inspected	Holds per Head
January	77,240	505	32,916	24	110,685	1,985
February	119,693	428	34,832	55	155,008	2,280
March	101,252	466	27,039	48	128,805	1,661
April	68,755	509	37,666	50	106,980	1,982
May	59,823	292	44,583	69	104,767	1,748
June	45,862	344	28,349	106	74,661	1,196
July	53,656	606	44,502	98	98,862	3,495
August	32,210	275	24,259	120	56,864	1,578
September	41,581	493	46,705	109	88,888	485
October	62,360	356	92,799	93	155,608	387
November	287,967	236	85,578	32	373,813	1672
December	176,595	227	30,712	20	207,554	1356
TOTALS	1,126,994	4,737	529,940	824	1,662,495	19,825

Table 3 shows the total number of inspections per month for 2013 thru 2017 and average inspections for each month.

Table 3. Total Livestock Inspected per Month and Monthly Average in years 2013-2017.

Month	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Average
January	127,529	121,247	122,826	110,685	134,174	123,292
February	132,891	143,979	140,584	155,008	172,707	149,034
March	105,568	112,383	120,092	128,805	141,596	121,689
April	112,104	85,485	88,878	106,980	114,380	101,565
May	105,914	96,213	104,670	104,767	90,066	100,326
June	130,931	77,712	85,434	74,661	101,698	94,087
July	80,262	60,554	62,972	98,862	108,787	82,287
August	33,969	34,887	36,178	56,864	75,293	47,438
September	62,903	55,992	53,728	88,888	74,356	67,173
October	118,480	142,139	128,025	155,608	132,138	135,278
November	299,542	326,683	362,629	373,813	408,962	354,326
December	264,176	246,333	275,399	207,554	272,267	253,146
TOTALS	1,574,269	1,503,607	1,581,415	1,662,495	1,826,424	

Deposits for Inspection

Monthly inspection receipts for 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 CY2016 fees are included for comparison purposes.

Table 4. Inspection Receipts Deposited for Calendar Years 2016 and 2017.

Month	2016 Market Inspections	2016 Local Brand Inspections	2016 Brand Inspection Total	2017 Market Inspections	2017 Local Brand Inspection	2017 Brand Inspection Total
Jan	\$85,480	\$29,597	\$115,077	\$84,741	\$34,502	\$119,243
Feb	\$109,175	\$34,391	\$143,566	\$122,557	\$24,496	\$147,053
Mar	\$107,785	\$34,818	\$142,603	\$137,996	\$48,966	\$186,962
Apr	\$81,189	\$36,121	\$117,310	\$87,698	\$31,754	\$119,452
May	\$60,830	\$26,615	\$87,445	\$56,552	\$52,067	\$108,619
Jun	\$45,620	\$53,065	\$98,685	\$51,713	\$40,465	\$92,178
July	\$51,250	\$33,941	\$85,191	\$71,635	\$43,030	\$114,665
Aug	\$33,475	\$34,414	\$67,889	\$40,844	\$40,975	\$81,819
Sept	\$42,894	\$49,602	\$92,496	\$43,135	\$37,708	\$80,843
Oct	\$62,716	\$47,478	\$110,194	\$76,881	\$39,976	\$116,857
Nov	\$277,091	\$99,704	\$376,795	\$268,774	\$33,688	\$302,462
Dec	\$174,281	\$67,976	\$242,257	\$185,443	\$132,045	\$317,488
TOTALS	\$1,131,786	\$547,722	\$1,679,508	\$1,227,969	\$559,672	\$1,787,641

Missing or Stolen Livestock

The number and type of livestock which were reported missing or stolen in CY2017 are listed in Table 5. The numbers reported for CY2016 are listed in Table 6. Some of the livestock report missing or stolen may be the result of a civil dispute between producers or lenders taking possession of their security. 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 Strayed or Stolen in 2017.

Month	Cows	Calves	Yearlings	Bulls	Horses	Sheep	Buffalo	Found/ Recovered
Jan	5	18	4	0	0	0	0	0
Feb	0	0	3	0	4	0	0	0
Mar	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	0
Apr	187	90	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	1	1	15	0	0	0	0	14
June	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	4
July	3	3	0	1	0	0	2	0
Aug	126	140	0	2	0	0	0	256
Sept	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	1
Oct	43	54	13	4	0	0	0	12
Nov	41	60	2	0	0	0	0	9
Dec	11	22	4	4	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	419	396	46	14	5	0	2	296

Table 6. Number and Type of Livestock Reported Strayed or Stolen in 2016.

Month	Cows	Calves	Yearlings	Bulls	Horses	Sheep	Buffalo
Jan	8	9	0	3	0	0	0
Feb	6	2	0	0	0	0	0
Mar	4	6	9	0	0	0	0
Apr/May	20	3	4	0	0	0	0
June	8	20	0	1	0	0	0
July	24	3	2	4	0	0	0
Aug	0	9	0	0	10	0	0
Sept	18	28	7	2	2	0	0
Oct	23	55	0	1	1	0	0
Nov	28	27	0	3	1	0	0
Dec	17	16	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	156	178	22	14	14	0	0

As a service to livestock producers, the *Tri-State Livestock News*, *Cattle Business Weekly*, *The Aberdeen News Farm Forum Green Sheet* 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 2013 thru 2017.

Table 7. Number and Type of Livestock Recovered by Brand Inspection 2013 thru 2017.

Year	Cow	Heifer	Calf	Steer	Bull	Horse	Total
2013	178	91	172	87	10	2	540
2014	87	85	62	48	16	0	298
2015	85	63	107	44	12	8	319
2016	46	35	57	38	18	0	194
2017	91	95	38	35	13	0	272

Brand Board Holds

The number of holds implemented at the livestock markets, feedlots, locker plants and in local inspections are included in Tables 1-2. Information on holds submitted to the Brand Board office, following the 60 day period, is shown below in Table 8. Once a hold is received at the Brand Board office, the chief brand inspector reviews grazing reports, strayed and stolen reports, and obtains information from Animal Industry and from brand offices in surrounding states in an attempt to determine the owner. A detailed listing of 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 2017 and 2016

	Holds	Cow	Heifer	Calf	Steer	Bull	Horse	Amount
Holds Received CY2017	60	90	12	71	52	17	6	\$221,044
Paid to Livestock Owner	20	68	0	74	0	5	5	\$118,567
To T&P** by Board Action	17	8	0	2	2	2	3	\$12,934
Holds Received CY2016	36	25	6	4	1	6	8	\$41,712
Paid to Livestock Owner	6	7	0	0	4	1	0	\$14,460
To T&P** by Board Action	15	7	2	2	1	3	5	\$18,915

**Theft and Prevention Fund

Livestock Investigations

Livestock investigators are 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 expenses incurred by the investigators. The amount of expenses reimbursed by the Brand Board in Fiscal Year 2017 and Fiscal Year 2016 was \$151,489 and \$142,244 respectively. Livestock recovered either by livestock investigators or by livestock investigators assisting on cases were 2 head of buffalo and 257 head of cattle for a total of 259 head. Table 9 lists investigation information for 2017 and 2016.

Table 9. Livestock Investigative Information

Item	2016	2017
Cases Opened during the year	24	63
Cases Closed during the year	21	67
Cases Open as of yearend	18	41
Convictions	16	7
Arrests	20	5
Cases pending-turned over to State’s Attorneys	15	15
Outstanding Warrant	1	3
Road Checks – Number of Days Conducted	10	5
Information Reports	13	105

Other Information

The Brand Board office is also responsible for brand registration, transfers, and brand renewals. Table 10 shows the brand activity for 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017. Brands are renewed every five years. 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 last renewal year was 2015 with the re-record period ending May 1, 2017. After May, 1, 2017 brands that were not recorded were available for the public to apply for. The next renewal period is January 1 - May 1, 2020. The brand book is online and can be found on the Brand Board’s website www.sdbbrandboard.com.

Table 10. Brand Registration Activity.

Activity	2014	2015	2016	2017
Re-Recorded Brands	N/A	44	272	23
New Brands	415	212	393	342
Transferred Brands	624	1415	579	603
Applications Received	928	964	918	1145
Brand Books Sold	20	72	133	48

Appendix

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Disposition Detail of Brand Board Holds

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Brand Board Holds - Paid to Producers 2017

Date Received	Hold Number	Cow	Calf	Bull	Horse	Amt Held	Date Paid	Paid to
06/30/2016	BB303	1				\$1,161.37	01/13/2017	Spyglass Enterprise LLC & First Interstate Bank
01/23/2017	BB325		13			\$6,465.95	03/10/2017	Gene Klamert & Northwest Farm Credit Serv
08/18/2014	BB257				2	\$818.28	03/31/2017	Marsha Loafer (471.64) / Richard Loafer (346.64)
07/27/2016	BB309	1				\$996.16	04/06/2017	McFarland Land and Farm Credit (984.16) / WY Sec of State (12.00)
04/06/2017	BB342			1		\$871.35	05/18/2017	Moore and Sons Inc
08/05/2015	BB281	1				\$615.78	06/19/2017	Thunder Creek Ranch & Bank West Gregory
03/04/2016	BB293	1				\$1,333.70	07/06/2017	Alec Dostal
01/23/2017	BB332	2				\$2,142.56	07/19/2017	Todd Anderson & Dakota Western Bank
04/06/2017	BB345				1	\$341.70	07/19/2017	John Neumann
01/23/2017	BB331	1				\$1,534.38	07/27/2017	Ronald / Joann Shober
01/23/2017	BB330				1	\$497.95	08/10/2017	Donald Hockett
01/23/2017	BB333	1				\$1,238.09	08/10/2017	Bare Livestock
01/23/2017	BB326				1	\$438.86	08/25/2017	Scott Reder
05/02/2017	BB351	2				\$1,522.42	09/07/2017	Leanin B LLC
07/05/2016	BB304	1				\$1,844.05	08/31/2017	Riley Joseph Kammerer
07/31/2017	BB365		1			\$754.97	09/14/2017	Lyndon Busenitz & Sundance State Bank
06/19/2017	BB357	1				\$832.32	09/21/2017	Jerry Wyatt & Farm Service Agency
08/30/2017	BB370	52	56	4		\$90,327.45	11/07/2017	Betty & Denise & Daleray Sell & First Fidelity Bank
08/05/2014	BB253		4			\$1,593.34	11/27/2017	Larry Eisenbraun & First Interstate Bank
11/01/2016	BB319	4				\$3,235.82	12/29/2017	Tracy Dowling
TOTAL PAID		68	74	5	5	\$ 118,566.50		

Brand Board Holds - Theft and Prevention Fund 2017

Date Received	Hold Number	Cow	Heifer	Calf	Steer	Bull	Horse	Amount	Hold Hearing Date	Theft and Prevention Fund
03/13/15	BB268					1		\$2,100.86	02/08/17	No Ownership Established - Estray -T&P Fund
02/02/16	BB288			1				\$23.54	02/08/17	No Ownership Established - Estray -T&P Fund
02/09/16	BB289				1			\$912.26	02/08/17	No Ownership Established - Estray -T&P Fund
05/09/16	BB296	1						\$769.84	02/08/17	No Ownership Established - Estray -T&P Fund
06/30/16	BB298					1		\$791.43	02/08/17	No Ownership Established - Estray -T&P Fund
06/30/16	BB299						1	\$301.52	02/08/17	No Ownership Established - Estray -T&P Fund
07/05/16	BB306	1						\$1,058.36	02/08/17	No Ownership Established - Estray -T&P Fund
07/05/16	BB307	1						\$638.37	02/08/17	No Ownership Established - Estray -T&P Fund
07/05/16	BB308							\$820.30	02/08/17	No Ownership Established - Estray -T&P Fund
11/18/16	BB320			1				\$492.63	02/08/17	No Ownership Established - Estray -T&P Fund
06/17/15	BB274						1	\$242.30	04/26/17	No Ownership Established - Estray -T&P Fund
04/13/16	BB295	1						\$467.52	04/26/17	No Ownership Established - Estray -T&P Fund
01/23/17	BB334				1			\$552.23	06/21/17	No Ownership Established - Estray -T&P Fund
01/23/17	BB329	1						\$756.91	06/21/17	No Ownership Established - Estray -T&P Fund
06/30/16	BB302	2						\$1,698.17	06/21/17	No Ownership Established - Estray -T&P Fund
06/30/16	BB297	1						\$1,046.43	09/20/17	No Ownership Established - Estray -T&P Fund
08/15/16	BB310						1	\$261.23	09/20/17	No Ownership Established - Estray -T&P Fund
TOTALS		8	0	2	2	2	3	\$ 12,933.90		

Brand Board Holds -Received 2017 Pending

Date Received	Hold Number	Cow	Heifer	Calf	Steer	Bull	Horse	Amt Held	Type and Origin of Livestock
01/23/17	BB323					1		\$ 1,281.33	1 Black Bull / Eagle Butte, SD
01/23/17	BB324	3						\$ 2,709.31	2 Black Cows / Eagle Butte, SD
01/23/17	BB327						1	\$ 677.75	1 Horse / Nisland, SD
01/23/17	BB328	1						\$ 700.72	1 Black Cow / Sturgis, SD
01/23/17	BB335						1	\$ 324.24	1 Sorrel Gelding / Carlile, WY
02/13/17	BB336		1					\$ 861.75	1 Black Heifer / Cody, NE
02/13/17	BB337					1		\$ 871.61	1 Black Bull / Parmelee, SD
02/13/17	BB338	2			1			\$ 1,927.51	2 Black Cows & 1 Steer / Rosebud, SD
03/31/17	BB339	1						\$ 776.40	1 BWF Cow / Kyle, SD
03/31/17	BB340	1						\$ 775.42	1 Black Cow / Hot Springs, SD
03/31/17	BB341					1		\$ 1,478.31	1 Red Bull / Oelrichs, SD
04/10/17	BB343	1						\$ 632.93	1 Black Cow / Gregory, SD
04/10/17	BB344	1						\$ 780.35	1 Black Cow / Belle Fourche, SD
04/06/17	BB346	3						\$ 1,910.02	3 Black Cows / Hot springs, SD
04/06/17	BB347		5			1		\$ 6,881.66	5 Heifers & 1 Bull / Hot Springs, SD
04/28/17	BB348		1					\$ 1,043.10	1 Red Heifer / Quinn, SD
04/28/17	BB349	1						\$ 1,321.93	1 Black Cow / Billings, MT
04/28/17	BB350				1			\$ 637.47	1 Black Steer Calf / Red Lodge, MT
05/12/17	BB352	1						\$ 636.55	1 Cow / Eagle Butte, SD
05/22/17	BB353		1					\$ 1,031.15	1 Heifer / Whitewood, SD
05/22/17	BB354	1						\$ 692.52	1 Cow / Belle Fourche, SD
06/06/17	BB355	1						\$ 876.45	1 Black Cow / Ismay, MT
06/06/17	BB356	2						\$ 1,242.32	2 Black Cows / Volborg, MT
07/05/17	BB358				1			\$ 241.72	1 Black Steer / Faith, SD
07/24/17	BB359	1						\$ 1,198.52	1 Holstein Milk Cow / Gordon, NE
07/31/17	BB360				1			\$ 194.69	1 Black Steer / Gillette, WY
07/31/17	BB361					2		\$ 2,975.60	2 Bulls / Rapid City, SD
07/31/17	BB362		1					\$ 284.70	1 Heifer / Box Elder, SD
07/31/17	BB363	1		1				\$ 1,287.20	1 Cow & 1 Calf / Whitewood, SD
07/31/17	BB364	2						\$ 1,255.54	2 Cows / Sheridan, WY
08/07/17	BB366					1		\$ 902.87	1 Black Bull / Canby, MN
08/08/17	BB367					1		\$ 1,289.17	1 3yo Black Bull / Allen, SD
08/15/17	BB368	1						\$ 673.15	1 Black Cow / Porcupine, SD
08/15/17	BB369	1						\$ 691.67	1 Black Cow / Mission, SD

Brand Board Holds-Received 2017 Pending

Date Received	Hold Number	Cow	Heifer	Calf	Steer	Bull	Horse	Amt Held	Type and Origin of Livestock
09/01/17	BB371		1					\$ 879.77	1 Horned Hereford Heifer / Scenic, SD
09/06/17	BB372	1						\$ 994.88	1 Black Cow / Mud Butte, SD
11/08/17	BB373						1	\$ 260.33	1 Roan Stud Horse / Kyle, SD
11/12/17	BB374	1						\$ 804.32	1 Black Cow / Bowman, ND
11/12/17	BB375		1					\$ 1,089.27	1 Hereford Heifer / Scenic, SD
11/12/17	BB376				47			\$ 59,420.36	47 Steers / Gordon, NE
12/09/17	BB377						1	\$ 728.00	1 Black Bull / Interior, SD
12/09/17	BB378	1						\$ 586.42	1 Hereford Cow / Scenic, SD
12/04/17	BB379	1						\$ 886.07	1 BWF Cow / Vivian, SD
12/04/17	BB380	1						\$ 1,048.67	1 Black Cow / Isabel, SD
12/21/17	BB381		1					\$ 978.94	1 Char Heifer / St Onge, SD
12/21/17	BB382						3	\$ 4,023.92	2 Hereford 1 Black Bulls / Buffalo, SD
TOTALS		30	12	1	51	12	3	\$ 112,766.58	