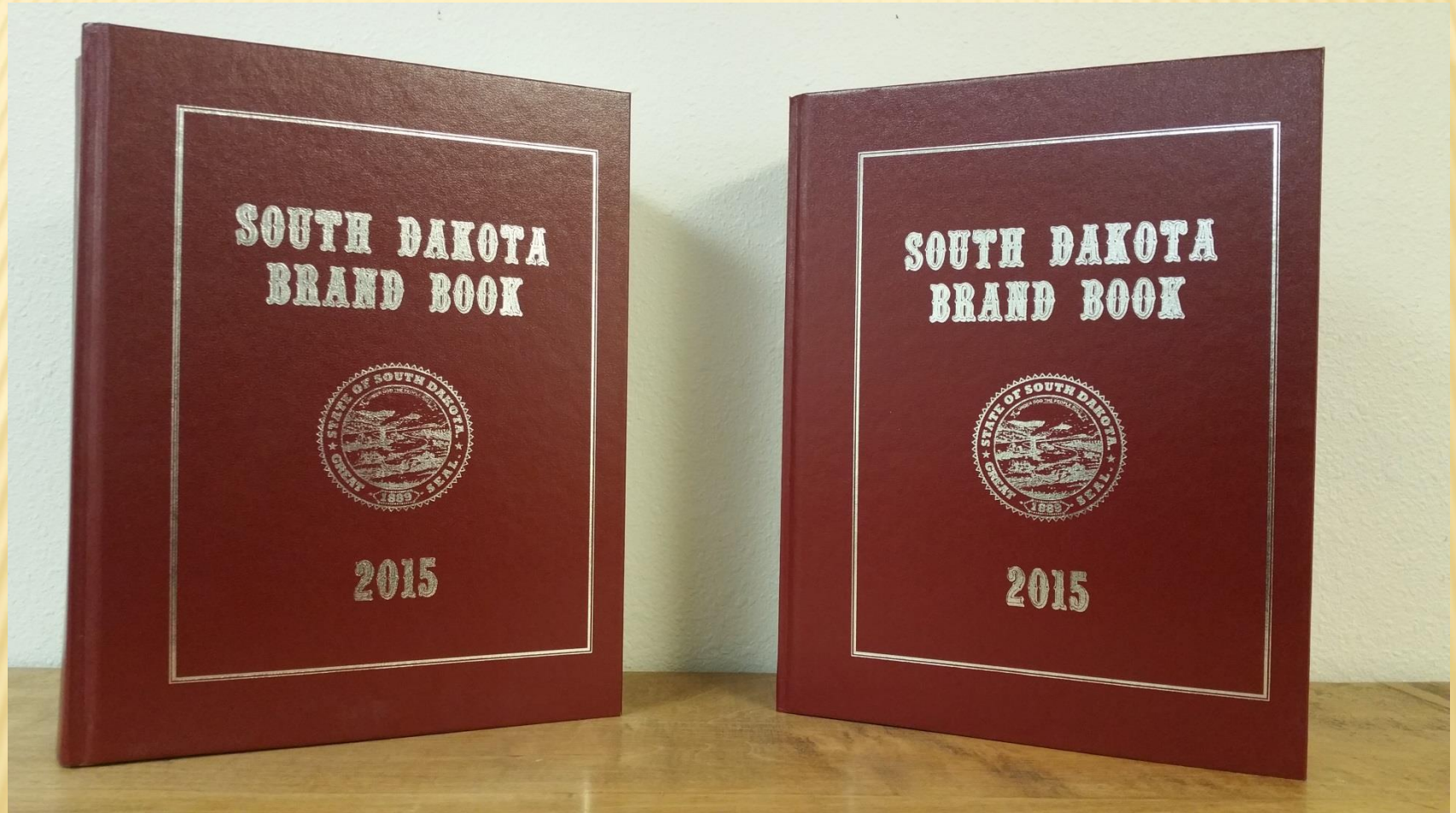


SOUTH DAKOTA BRAND BOARD



SOUTH DAKOTA BRAND BOARD

- Created by the legislature in 1937 to administer livestock brand registrations. The livestock ownership inspection function was added in 1943. Authority granted in SDCL chapters 40-18 through 40-22 and 40-29.
- Attached to Department of Agriculture for reporting purposes.

BOARD MEMBERS

- Five member board appointed by the Governor for three year terms.
 - At least three members must reside in the brand inspection area – West of Missouri River
 - No more than three shall be of the same political party.
 - Current Brand Board members:
 - Pres. Wanda Blair – Vale
 - Vice Pres. Scott Vance – Faith
 - Bart Blum – Reliance
 - Lyla Hutchison – Wounded Knee
 - Myron Williams - Wall

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provides for the registration, transfer, cancellation, and renewal of livestock brands.
- Inspection of livestock for ownership identification.
- Enforcement of laws pertaining to:
 - Inspection
 - Sale
 - Branding
 - Ownership
 - Transportation
 - Theft of livestock within the state

STAFF

- ✕ The Brand Board employs
 - + Executive Director
 - + Chief Brand Inspector
 - + 11 full time brand inspectors at 10 livestock markets in western South Dakota
 - + 110 part time and local brand inspectors
 - + 4 office staff

PROGRAMS

The Brand Board administers

- Brand Program – registration of livestock brands
 1. New brands
 2. Brand transfers
 3. Brand renewals
- Brand Inspection Program – inspect cattle, horses, and mules for ownership within ownership inspection area
 - ★ Effective July 1, 2018 the brand board may do inspections east river if requested.

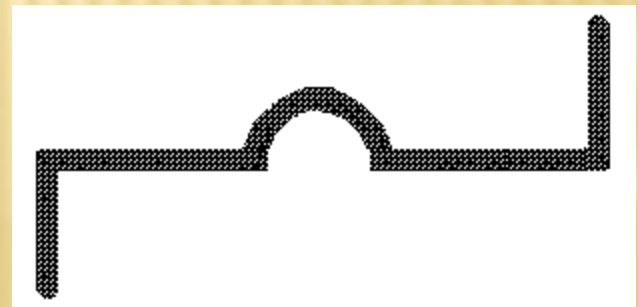
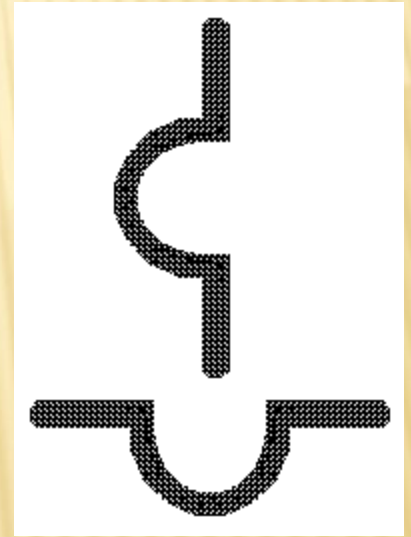
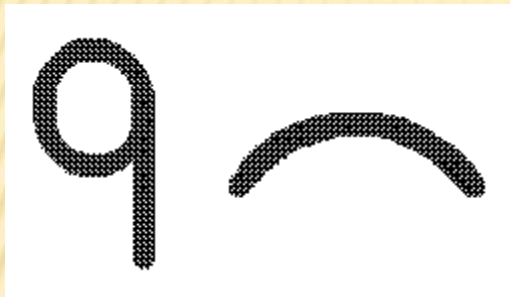
BRAND PROGRAM

- ✗ Brand laws apply **STATEWIDE**
- ✗ Registration of brands -
 - + **Cattle**
 - + **Horse**
 - + **Sheep**
 - + **Buffalo**
- ✗ Registered brands are considered *prima facie* evidence of ownership

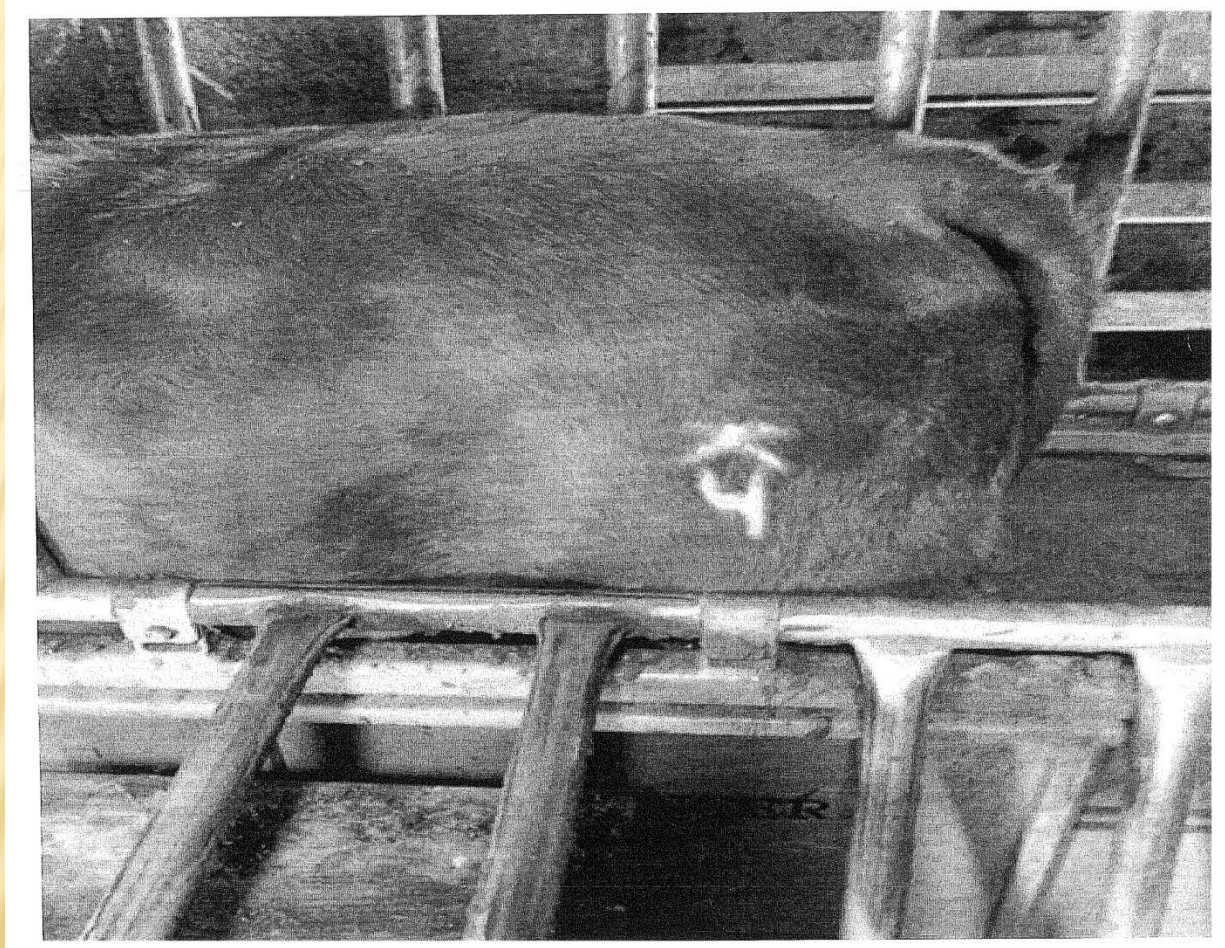
✖ New Brand

1. File application – no fee
Three brand images per application
Choice of six locations
2. Brand image is checked against registered brands for conflicts
3. Approved - fee is \$25 plus renewal fee
4. Denied – brand image not available

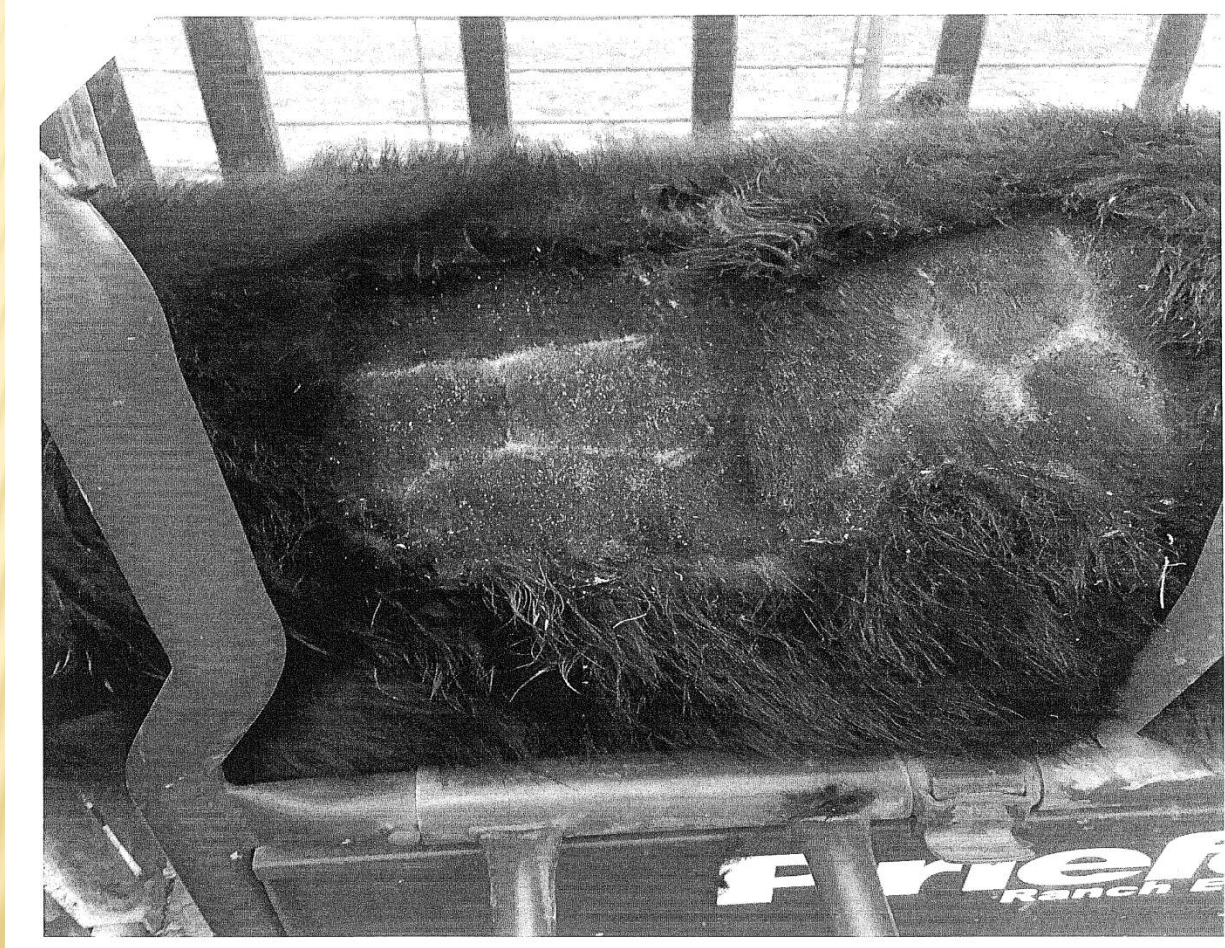
BRAND IMAGES



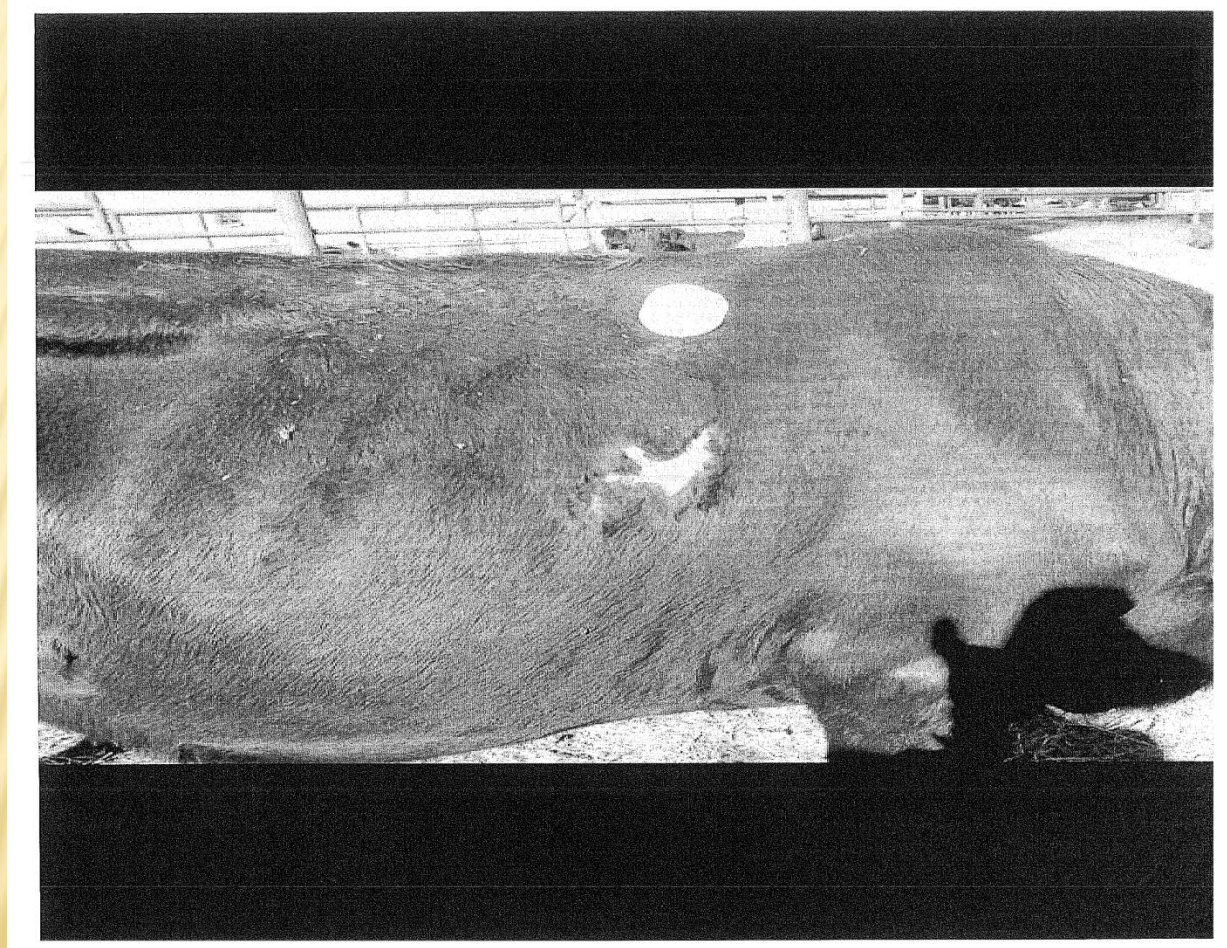
BRAND IMAGES



BRAND IMAGE



BRAND IMAGE



✖ Brand Registration Transfer

- + Transfer the brand registration to another name
- + Fee is \$25

✖ Brand Renewals

- + Every five years
- + January 1 – May 1 in years ending in 0 and 5
- + Fee is \$10/year
- + Rerecord period is 2 years following renewal period

BRAND BOOK

- ✖ Published every five years
- ✖ Monthly updates are sent to brand inspectors
- ✖ Yearly supplements are printed and sent out to inspectors

REVENUE SOURCES – BRAND FUND

- ✖ Three Areas where brand funds are generated:

1. **Renewals** - \$10/year

- Paid every five years
- Fee at the cap set in 1999

2. **Registration** - \$25/brand

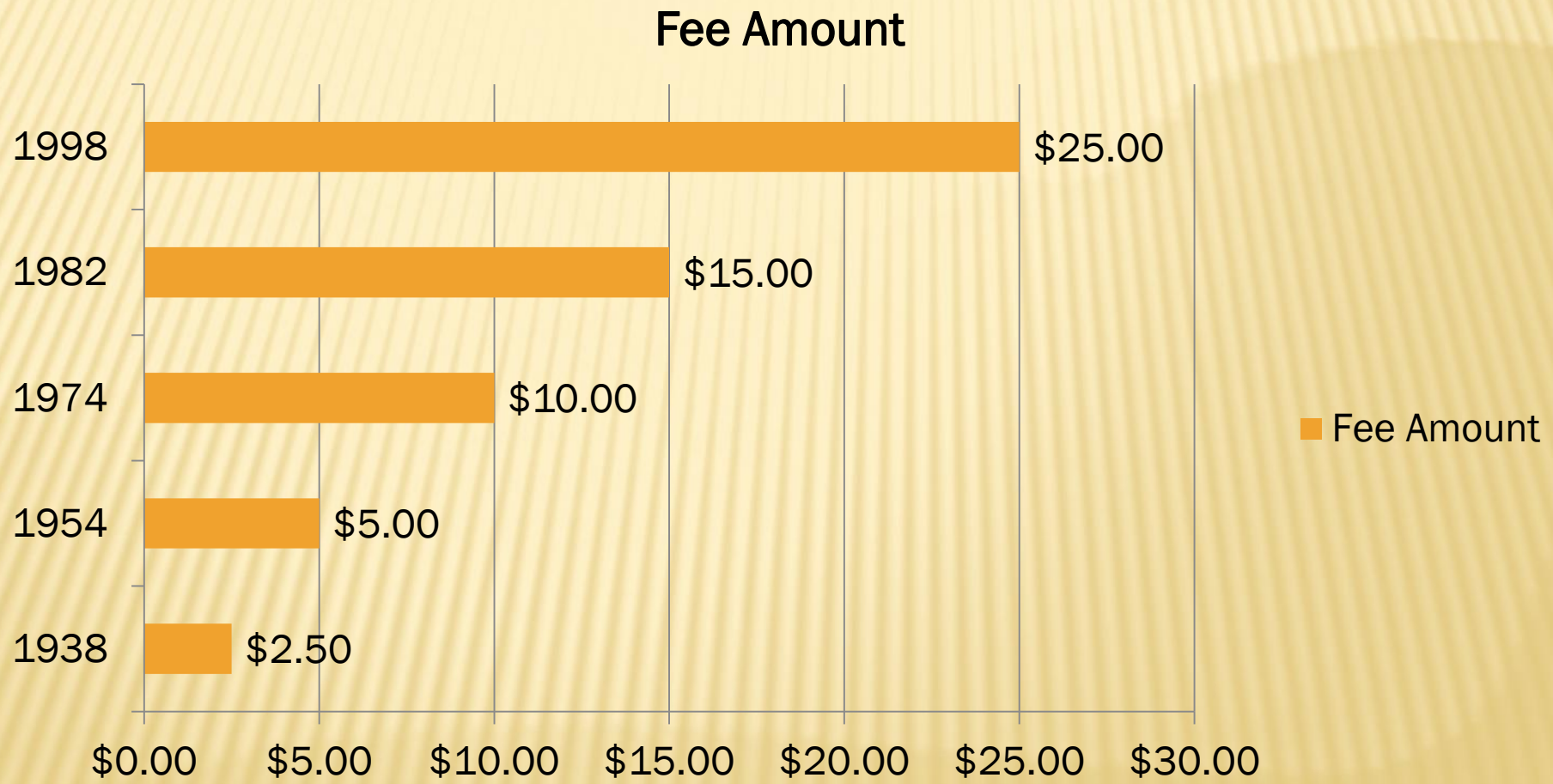
- Cap set in 1988
- Fee set at cap in 1998

3. **Transfers** - \$25/brand

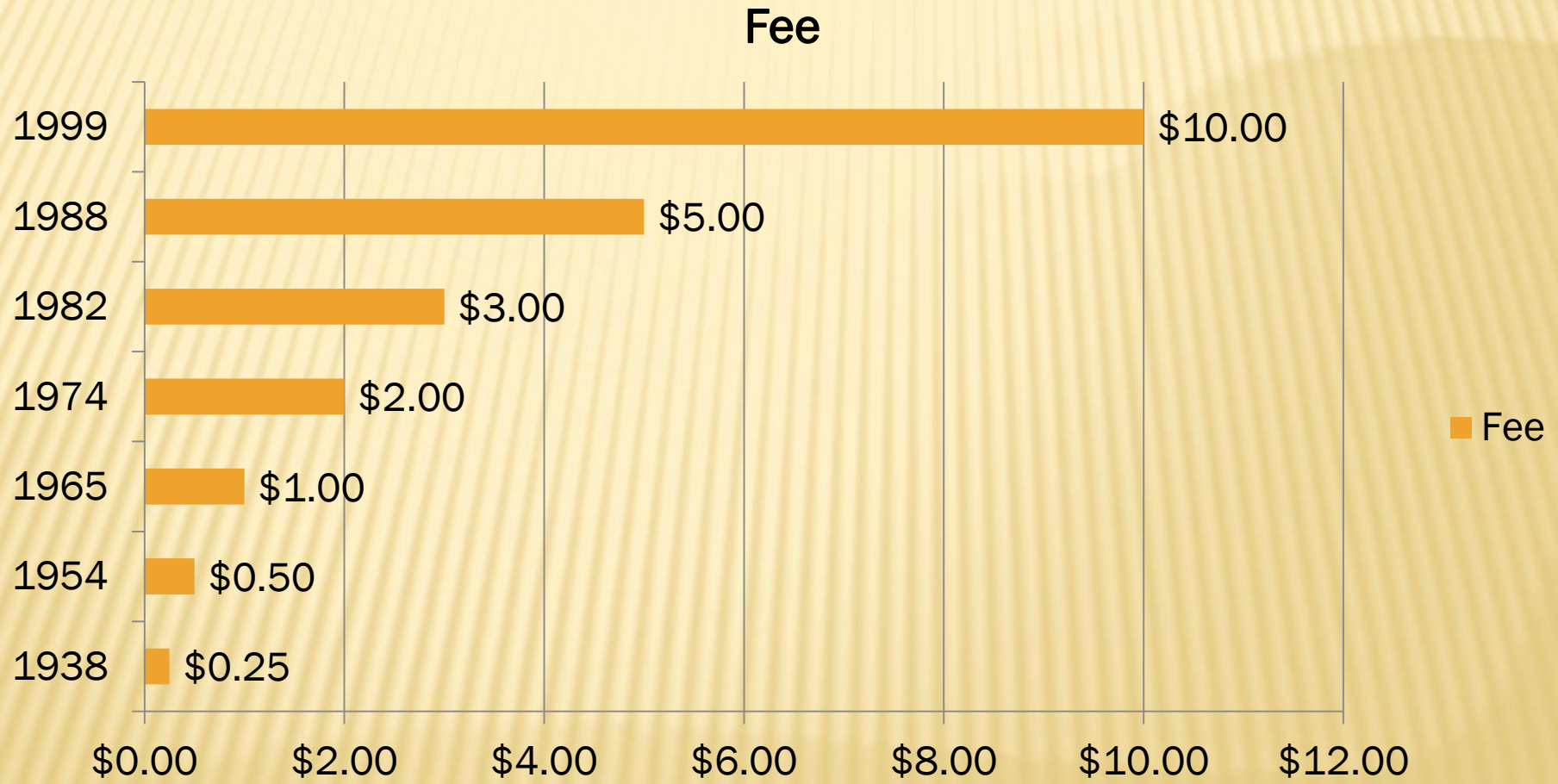
- Cap set in 1988
- Fee set at the cap in 1998

- ✖ Maximum amounts are set in statute

BRAND REGISTRATION FEE



RENEWAL FEE



LIVESTOCK INVESTIGATORS

- ✖ As of July 1, 2011 employed by the Attorney General's office
- ✖ Stationed in Pierre – currently one agent
- ✖ Producers should always contact their local sheriff regarding missing livestock
- ✖ Cases are submitted to State's Attorneys - they decide if it will be charged out