

Agency 039 - NEBRASKA BRAND COMMITTEE

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

The 1941 Legislature created the Nebraska Brand Committee to protect Nebraska brand and livestock owners from livestock theft through brand recording, brand inspection and livestock theft investigation programs. It is a cash fund agency, totally self-supported. Statutory reference 54-191.

VISION:

The Nebraska Brand Committee has a primary vision of a more service oriented group of employees who will be responsive to the needs of the livestock industry. Special emphasis will be given on increased training of personnel at the supervisory level and advanced methods of record retention, and available technology to improve employee overall accuracy and effectiveness.

MISSION AND PRINCIPLES:

The Nebraska Brand Committee provides individual herd identification through brand recording, ownership protection through brand inspection at markets, packing plants, during private treaty sales, and when leaving the state and/or brand inspection area; investigations of cases which involve fraud in marketing cattle, and theft of livestock.

GOALS:

The Nebraska Brand Committee has a priority goal of utilizing the increase in inspection fees to develop an electronic brand inspection document system and utilize technology to improve efficiency and provide better service to the livestock industry. The electronic brand inspection system will improve the documentation for inspections and help decrease the number of errors involved with a paper based system.

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Financial Data

	FY16 Actual	FY17 Approp	FY18 Request	FY18 Recomm	FY19 Request	FY19 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	4,544,620	4,703,997	5,781,660	4,622,810	5,938,139	4,685,587
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	4,544,620	4,703,997	5,781,660	4,622,810	5,938,139	4,685,587
Aid Funding						
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Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Program 075 - NEBRASKA BRAND COMMITTEE

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

To administer and enforce Nebraska's Livestock Brand Act.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

The program objective is to administer, coordinate and implement the entities of administration, investigation, inspection, livestock identification and recording as a State Agency, as provided by Nebraska state law, and in compliance with Federal law.

Continue to participate in the International Livestock Identification Association and the Western States Livestock Investigators Association in order to communicate with other state agencies and the other states and Canadian provinces that also inspect livestock, investigate stolen and/or estray livestock, provide animal identification, and record livestock brands. The ILIA has developed a fax network as well as an e-mail system to enable the dissemination of reports of livestock thefts and associated information.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

The Nebraska Brand Committee strives to provide a service to the people of the cattle industry in a cost efficient manner in order to not impede commerce. To avoid shrinkage of live animals, which affects pricing, it is imperative to provide timely inspections on cattle being marketed or slaughtered. Inspectors inspected a five year average of 3,660,711 head annually. We have continued to provide quality service without an increase in staffing, but this issue is in need of re-evaluation due to overtime and mileage expense issues. The Brand Committee is a cash funded agency with fees generated by those in the cattle industry utilizing our services. Supporting information shows the successes of brand inspection and criminal investigations.

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