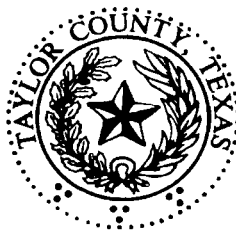


**LARRY G. BEVILL
COUNTY CLERK
Taylor County, Texas**

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PRESS RELEASE

August 2, 2011

It happens only every 10 years; it's almost time to register livestock marks and brands.

County Clerk Larry Bevill stated "livestock marks and brands in Texas must be re-registered during a six month period every ten years. The six month period begins on August 31, 2011 and lasts until February 29, 2012. Even if a livestock owner registered his brand in July this year, the brand must be registered again during this six month period. The dates are set by state law and must be strictly followed."

Registration of marks and brands are not just for cattle. There are registrations in Taylor County for horses, goats, pigs and sheep.

"If you don't register your brand by February 29, 2012 anyone can take ownership of your brand by registering it in their name," Bevill cautioned. Additionally, you must register in every county where you have these animals.

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association identifies a total of twenty-three locations for livestock marks and brands. Livestock owners may register their brand or mark in one location, multiple locations or all locations. The cost to register is \$16.00. Each additional location is \$5.00 or a total of \$126.00 for all locations.

"The cattle brand is one of the most iconic symbols in Texas", Bevill stated, "and so this period of registration is very important not only to the owners of livestock, but also to the Texas economy." After the brand or mark is registered, County Clerks from all over Texas will forward those registrations to the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association who assemble them into one large database. Having the brand registered in the County Clerk's office is a great benefit to the law enforcement officer investigating livestock theft.

Just as important to many Texans is the preservation of family history represented by a family brand. "My wife's family in Coleman County preserves several family brands that have been in their family for generations by continually registering them in the County Clerk's office.

If you have questions about the registration of your mark or brand contact the Taylor County Clerk's office at 325-674-1202 or e-mailing Larry Bevill at bevill@taylorcountytexas.org. Registration forms will soon be on-line at <http://taylorcountytexas.org/ips/cms/countyclerk/ccforms.html>

MARK AND BRAND APPLICATION/CERTIFICATE

(BRAND REGISTRATION IS FOR 10 YEARS – AUGUST 31, 2011, TO AUGUST 30, 2021)

Renewal of this Brand/Mark must be filed during the period August 31, 2021, to February 28, 2022

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF TAYLOR

The undersigned hereby makes application for the registration and recording of the following mark(s) and/or brand(s) by the County Clerk of **Taylor County, Texas**.

New: Renewal: Release: Transfer:

Name of Owner: _____



Ranch / Business Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Specie: Cattle: Horse: Other: _____ Ear Marks Only

Draw the Brand

Right Ear	Left Ear
	

Brand Location: Left Shoulder Flank Thigh
 Right Behind Shoulder Hip Jaw
 Side Loin Neck
 Butt Nose Back
 Tail All Locations Electronic Chip # _____

Brand Description: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____
(Owner/Agent)

I, Larry G. Bevill, Clerk of the County Court in and for Taylor County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Record of the Mark and Brand of _____ as entered in the Official Public Record of Taylor County.

Given under my hand and seal of office on this _____ day of _____, 20_____

Larry G. Bevill, County Clerk,
Taylor County, Texas

By: _____ Deputy

County Seal

Pursuant to Texas Agriculture Code 144.041, a copy of this application shall be forwarded to:

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association
1301 West Seventh St.
Fort Worth, TX 76102

Brand No: _____