



Nevada
Department
of Agriculture

REMINDER:

Calves without brands, or with brands that have not healed and peeled, must receive place of origin brand inspections

The Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) reminds you that brand inspections for shipping or transferring ownership of calves without brands, or with brands that have not healed and peeled, must be conducted at the place of origin.

Per [Nevada Administrative Code \(NAC\) 565.300](#), a calf being sold or shipped without a brand, or without brands and marks healed and peeled, must be inspected while paired with its mother immediately before sale or shipment. (This step must be performed for all calves without brands or without brands and marks healed and peeled.) In the case of unbranded leppy calves or freshly branded calves, one of the following steps must be performed:

- A statement signed by the producer verifying ownership of the calves must be written on the brand inspection clearance certificate at the time of inspection; or
- An affidavit of ownership must be completed by the producer or brand inspector and attached to the original brand inspection clearance certificate.

Similarly, per [NAC 565.220](#), a livestock movement permit is not valid for the transportation of calves without a brand, unless the calves are traveling with their mother or accompanied by a brand inspection or other proof of ownership. A producer cannot use a livestock movement permit to transport branded but not healed and peeled calves, unless they are transported with their mothers.

Absent a legal definition for “calf” or “calves” in [Nevada Revised Statute \(NRS\) 565](#), industry standards will be used as a guiding principle in determining a definition for weaned calves. After weaning has occurred, the industry standards have been consistent in treating these weaned calves the same as other cattle. [NAC 565.300 \(5\)](#) applies only to calves that have not been weaned. Calves that are weaned but are unbranded, or branded but not healed and peeled, are considered “cattle” and cannot be paired with the mother and brand inspections may be issued by a brand inspector at the place of origin and accompanied with an affidavit. The brand inspection and completion of an affidavit will occur at the place of origin and will apply to unbranded weaned calves, or calves with marks and brands that have not yet healed and peeled. NAC 565.300 sections 1-3 will be applied for these weaned cattle.

NAC 565.300 was established in 1972 and recently updated in 2006. NRS and NAC 565 were established to protect livestock owners from theft and to aid in the recovery of stolen livestock. The NDA’s mission of preserving, protecting and promoting Nevada agriculture is carried out by ensuring that all livestock producers receive equity in having Nevada’s rules and regulations applied fairly across all livestock owners.

Register a brand at agri.nv.gov/Livestock_ID. If you believe your livestock is being claimed by other individual or has gone missing, please contact an NDA Agricultural Police Officer at 775-353-3637.

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