

# Marks and Brands

## Earmarks, Brands, Tattoos and Electronic Devices

The county clerk is required to maintain a record of all livestock marks and brands. All marks and brands expire on a set ten year period by the state. Current marks and brands will expire on August 30, 2011. Anyone wishing to file a Mark/Brand that is not currently taken will need to fill out an application with the County Clerk and the filing fee is \$16.00. A person may record marks and brands in as many counties as necessary.

In accordance with Article 144.044 of the Agriculture Code "*Recording*", the County Clerk's Office will begin the process of renewing brands beginning Tuesday, August 30, 2011. Wednesday, February 29, 2012 is the deadline for renewing your registration. Any brand that is not renewed becomes "void" on March 1, 2012, in accordance with the Agriculture Code. Any brand that becomes "void" then becomes an "open brand" for the general public.

The recording fee will be \$16.00 per brand. Additional locations filed at the initial filing will be \$5.00 per location. *Example: C on left hip would be \$16.00. C on left hip, left rib, left shoulder, and left thigh, all filed at the same time would be \$31.00.*

If you have brand/brands registered in Ector County or in other counties in the State of Texas, it will be necessary for you to contact the office of the County Clerk in that county to renew your registration.

The renewing of your registration does **require your signature on several different forms**. Therefore, it will be necessary to come to the County Clerk's Office located at 300 N. Grant, Room 111, Odessa, Texas between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday to renew your registration.