

### **Market Permits**

- Market Permits may be used when livestock are shipped directly to:
- ⇒ Licensed livestock market,
- ⇒ Licensed slaughter facility,
- ⇒ Authorized shipping point in an adjacent county.
- Each owner must obtain a separate permit.
- Animals are not inspected when the permit is issued, but will be inspected at the permit destination.
- ◆ The fee for each permit is \$1.00.
- Permits may be obtained online: forms.mt.gov/LIV/market

## **Sheep Permits**

- Sheep must have a permit to cross county lines or leave Montana.
- Sheep are not required to be inspected.
- Sheep permits are \$1.00 and may be obtained online: forms.mt.gov/LIV/sheep



### **Annual Per Capita Fees**

- Montana livestock owners must pay per capita fees each year on cattle, horses, mules, asses, sheep, goats, domestic bison, llamas, alpacas, ratites, and captive cervids.
- Per capita fees fund many MDOL programs.
- Livestock owners must report by
  March 1st of each year how many
  livestock owned as of February 1st.
- ♦ Per capita payment due May 31st.
- ♦ Current fees available at liv.mt.gov.

Report Livestock Crimes to Montana Livestock Crimestoppers 1-800-503-6084

MT Department of Livestock Brands Enforcement Division 301 North Roberts St Helena, MT 59620-2001

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# Montana Department of Livestock

Livestock Movement Requirements 2024







# **Brand Inspection for Cattle and Equines**

Brand inspection for cattle and horses is required before:

- ⇒ Crossing a county line or leaving MT,
- ⇒ Change of ownership (the seller is responsible for this inspection),
- ⇒ Sale at licensed livestock auction,
- ⇒ Slaughter at a licensed facility.

Inspections must be done in daylight.

Inspections are only issued when ownership can be proven with:

- ⇒ A bill of sale signed by the seller and adequately describing the livestock, or
- ⇒ An inspection in the current owner's name.

Duplicates of lost inspections may be obtained from MDOL for \$10.

### **Brand Inspection Fees**

- ♦ Annual Equine Inspection: \$10
- ⇒ Allows movement within the state of Montana for 12 months.
- ♦ Lifetime Equine Inspection: \$30
- ⇒ Allows travel anywhere in the US or Canada (in addition to Animal Health and other import requirements).
- ♦ Cattle Inspection: \$1.00 per head

#### **Animal Health**

Always contact the state of destination for current import requirements when moving animals across state lines: www.liv.mt.gov/ah/statevets/.

All animals crossing state lines must have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI or health certificate). Animals entering Montana must also have an import permit. This includes animals leaving and re-entering the state for shows, etc.



## **Grazing Permits**

- Grazing permits for livestock are available if animals are:
  - ⇒ Moving to an adjacent county.
  - ⇒ Will return within 8 months of movement.
  - ⇒ Branded with the livestock owner's Montana registered brand.
  - ⇒ Being moved to and from land controlled by the owner or his agent.
- Grazing permits are only issued by state inspectors.

•	Separate permits	# Animals		Fee
	must be issued for	1 - 100	\$	30
	each owner.	101 - 200	\$	40
		201 - 300	\$	50
•	Any animals moved	301 - 400	\$	60
	during the interim	401 - 500	\$	70
	must be inspected.	501 - 600	\$	80
		601 - 700	\$	90
•	A state employee	701 - 800	\$	100
	may enter the	801 - 900	\$	110
	destination premises	901 - 1000	\$	120
	and inspect animals on the grazing permit			
	or any animals comingled with them.			



