

Livestock Board

❖ *Mission and philosophy*

The mission of the Wyoming Livestock Board is to serve the livestock industry to ensure it remains a mainstay of the economy. The Livestock Board shall exercise general supervision over the livestock interests and protect them from theft and disease and shall recommend legislation that, in its judgement, will foster the industry. The philosophy is captured in the agency mission statement, "Safeguarding the Wyoming Livestock Industry Today and for the Future."

The philosophy is in keeping with the time-honored tradition of Wyoming. The Wyoming Livestock Board will be open, ethical, responsive, accountable and dedicated to the public it serves. It will pursue its goals with the best available technology and trained personnel, within the economic means. The people of Wyoming will be respected for their opinions and concerns, and served to the best of the board's ability. The Livestock Board and agency strive to create and maintain animal health and identification programs that are a standard in the United States and that insure the marketability of Wyoming's livestock.

❖ *Results of outcomes*

In results of the objective to protect livestock from diseases, there has been favorable response to the new brucellosis program; no longer is Wyoming's cattle industry being considered for sanctions by other states. The sheep industry in Wyoming is able to export animals freely due to the newly adopted chapter 13 rules on scrapie. The swine industry is also exporting freely due to stage-five status pseudorabies- and brucellosis-free status. Over 80,000 cattle brucellosis tests were conducted with no positives found. Wyoming is brucellosis-free. Approximately 17,343 swine were also tested for pseudorabies and swine brucellosis during this same period, and their tests were negative.

Quarantines were recorded at 285, market licenses at 31, enforcement efforts for animal health reported 255 cases, and 64 incidents were cooperative interstate enforcement efforts. The agency issued 4,999 permits for import. The Animal Health and Enforcement unit has increased its informational releases as requested and in response to public need with brochures, press releases and town meetings to inform Wyoming residents about livestock laws and health issues.

The objective to protect the ownership of livestock resulted in 2,344,466 brand inspections for the fiscal year. Enforcement efforts through the brand inspections reported 191 incidents. The identification and holding of stray livestock had 6,024 incidents. Livestock worth approximately \$ 3,951,262 was returned to the owners for the fiscal year. The new brand recording and verification system has

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Year established

1933

Statutory references

The agency's statutory authority was established under Chapter 85, Laws 1933. Its activities are described in:

Title 6,	Chapter 6, Statute 6-1-101
Title 7,	Chapter 2, Statute 7-2-101
Title 9,	Chapter 2, Statute 9-2-1102
Title 11,	Chapter 6, Statute 11-6-201 and 11-6-210
	Chapter 18, Statutes 11-18-101 through 11-18-113
	Chapter 19, Statutes 11-19-101 through 11-19-506
	Chapter 20, Statutes 11-20-101 through 11-20-409
	Chapter 21, Statutes 11-21-101 through 11-21-104
	Chapter 22, Statutes 11-22-101 through 11-22-118
	Chapter 23, Statutes 11-23-101 through 11-23-305
	Chapter 24, Statutes 11-24-101 through 11-24-115
	Chapter 26, Statute 11-26-101
	Chapter 27, Statutes 11-27-101 through 11-27-107
	Chapter 28, Statutes 11-28-101 through 11-28-108
	Chapter 29, Statutes 11-29-101 through 11-29-113
	Chapter 30, Statutes 11-30-101 through 11-30-113
	Chapter 31, Statutes 11-31-101 through 11-31-301
	Chapter 32, Statutes 11-32-101 through 11-32-104
	Chapter 37, Statutes 11-37-102 and 11-37-107
Title 31,	Chapter 5, Statute 31-5-102

Number of authorized personnel

14

Organizational structure

Administration, Animal Health, Brand Recording, Brand Inspection. The livestock board is a separate operating agency with its seven members appointed by the Governor.

Clients served

Livestock producers, licensed veterinarians, general public.

Budget information

General funds	\$766,563
Federal funds	0
Trust and agency funds	0
Other earmarked funds	3,160,533
Total	\$3,927,096

recorded updates of 840 new brands/transfers, and 987 brand applications/transfers were processed.

❖ ***Strategic plan changes***

The intent of the current administration is to enforce the brand and health regulations in Wyoming and to increase public awareness of Livestock Board regulations. The board also intends to strengthen Wyoming's livestock marketability to other states through animal health programs.

Livestock Board organization chart

