

Livestock Inspection



Livestock Inspection Bureau
Animal Industry Division
Utah Dept. of Agriculture & Food



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- ❧ The Livestock Inspection Program is designed to deny a market to potential thieves & to detect the true owners of livestock.
- ❧ It is the mission of the Livestock Inspection Bureau to provide service to the livestock men and women of the state, in an effort to protect the livestock industry from theft and disease.



Missing Livestock Numbers

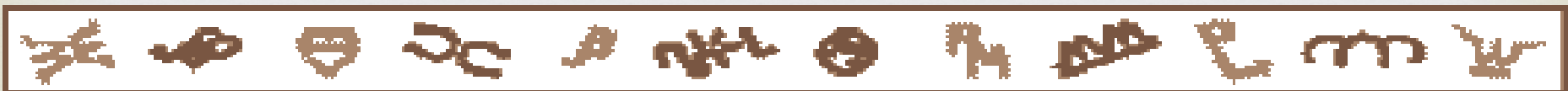
- ❧ In 2012, The bureau noticed an upward trend in the number of missing livestock and missing livestock reports.
- ❧ There was also a downward trend in the number of inspections being completed by inspectors.



Reevaluate



- ❧ What is the goal of the program?
 - ❧ Collect Fees
 - ❧ Inspect livestock
 - ❧ Protect the Livestock industry and producers
- ❧ How do we reach that goal?
 - ❧ Back to basics
 - ❧ Like it is the beginning and we are announcing our arrival



Proactive Approach



- ❧ The Bureau decided to take a more proactive approach to our job
- ❧ Educational Courses and Seminars
- ❧ Statewide Surveillance Plans
- ❧ Having a presence at POE, Rodeos, Shows, etc.
- ❧ Enforcement



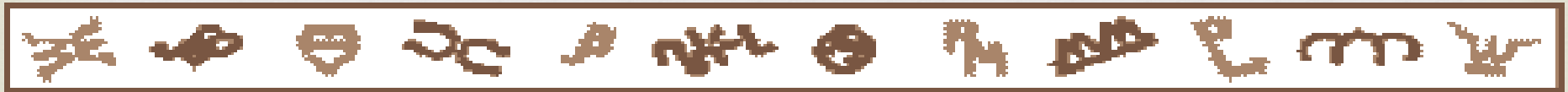
Education



- ❧ Sent letters to associations, clubs, rescues, law enforcement, and other entities that deal with livestock.
- ❧ The inspectors continue to take on any educational opportunity.
- ❧ Rodeo and show policy that educated contestants and producers of the state brand and health laws
- ❧ Increased interaction with Sheriff's Departments in the State.



Identifiable Presence



Surveillance



LIVESTOCK SURVEILLANCE

In an effort to protect the livestock industry in our state, The Utah Department of Agriculture has adopted a surveillance program.

A Brand Inspector was recently in the area helping to protect both property and animals.

You can help us in this effort by reporting any suspicious activities to the local sheriff department or by contacting the local inspector:

**LIVESTOCK INSPECTOR
DUSTIN LEMON**

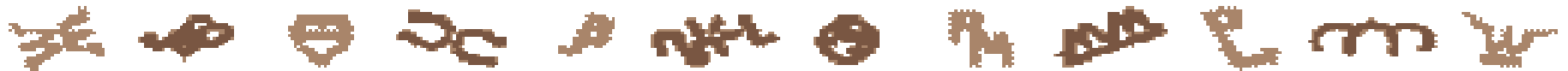
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Animal Identification & Theft Protection

Enforcement



- œ 65 citations written in 4 year period
- œ Most people, especially producers are willing to follow the law if they know how to and why.
- œ There was no need to due a huge Enforcement push, but just enough to have people know that it is out there



Inspection Numbers

FY 2012

FY 2013



☞ 487,150 head inspected

☞ 491,203 head inspected

☞ 1191 lifetimes

☞ 1192 lifetimes



Inspection Numbers



2015

- Almost 600,000 individual cattle, horses, sheep, and elk.
- over 23,000 inspection certificates issued

2016

- 833,036 total head inspected
- 816,132 cattle; 13,873 horses; 3,031 elk, 15,006 sheep



Missing Livestock



- ❧ 2013: 31 reports 728 head,
- ❧ 2014: 51 total reports, 376 total head
- ❧ 2015: 43 Total reports; 253 head reported missing
 - ❧ A 66% drop in missing livestock since 2013.
- ❧ 2016: **37** reports of missing livestock for a total of **361** head, 24 reports of cattle for 155 head; 7 reports of horses, total 9 head, 2 report of sheep, 170 head; 1 report of goats, 27 head.



Future of the program



- ❧ add full time people in strategic places, where missing livestock reports were higher than normal across the state
- ❧ Increase our training and equipment to better handle the evolving livestock trade and theft industries.
 - ❧ POST certify officers to better assist with theft investigations.