

## ***Bill 59 - Animal Identification Amendment Act***

- This Act was passed in May 2013
- Amended the Act to provide the necessary flexibility in how livestock brand inspection services can be offered in Saskatchewan
- Currently, Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture staff provide brand inspection services
- This service ensures rightful ownership of cattle and horses at point of sale
- No other province in Western Canada has government delivery of brand inspection
- In addition, no other agriculture commodity is purchased or sold in SK with a government service to verify ownership
- This change will bring SK in line with other provinces
- An advisory committee recommended an industry led entity be established to administer brand inspection
- This entity will include cattle, horse and auction mart associations
- Industry-led brand inspection will provide more efficient service
- The new industry organization will work with other provinces to explore efficiencies and possible integration in the future
- The new entity will also look to incorporate traceability programs into their business
- The Government of Saskatchewan maintains legislative responsibility for brand inspection
- This legislation allows greater flexibility and efficiency while maintaining a high level of service for brand inspection