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## Press Release

County Clerk Teresa Kiel: The state of Texas requires Marks and Brands to be re-registered every 10 years.

The Guadalupe County Clerk reminds farmers and ranchers that the next brand re-registration period opens August 31, 2011 and concludes February 29, 2012. The State of Texas requires that brands be re-registered in the county or counties where the owner operates.

Guadalupe County, TX, August 26, 2011: From August 31, 2011 through February 29, 2012, any person may re-register one or more brands/marks with the County Clerk's office. County Clerk Teresa Kiel stated, "All Marks & Brands, registered during the registration period beginning August 31, 2011, whether new or renewal registrations, will be effective until August 31, 2021." The cost to register a brand/mark in Guadalupe County is \$16.00 per location per animal. The registration of a brand/mark is valid for ten years. Kiel said, "For your convenience, a registration form can be found on the county's web site at <http://www.co.guadalupe.tx.us/>. Click on Departments / County Clerk / Common Online Forms / County Clerk's Forms / Mark and Brand Application. The form may be filed in person at the County Clerk's office located in the Justice Center (1<sup>st</sup> Floor) 211 West Court Street, Seguin, TX 78155. The registration form & applicable fee may also be mailed to: Teresa Kiel, Guadalupe County Clerk, Recording Department, 211 West Court Street, Seguin, TX 78155. For more information you may contact the County Clerk's office at 830-303-8859 or email [tkiel@co.guadalupe.tx.us](mailto:tkiel@co.guadalupe.tx.us)".

Kiel stated, "Our area farmers/ranchers who currently have registered marks or brands should note there is a 6 month grace period in which they are able to retain their current marks and brands. However, if they have not re-registered their current marks/brands by February 29, 2012, then their marks/brands are no longer secured for their exclusive use. We want to make this process as stress-free for our community as possible. We will do our best to assist you in any way we can."

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