



ODA Brand Inspection Staffing

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

QUESTION: How was staffing in ODA's brand inspection program affected by the state's COVID-19 vaccine mandate?

- 53 of the 63 brand inspection staff have complied with the COVID-19 vaccine mandate and are providing inspection services across Oregon.

QUESTION: With fewer brand inspectors what can I expect if I need a brand inspection?

- Please plan and give ODA at least 24 hours' notice before an inspection is needed.
- Fewer staff in some cases may result in longer wait times.
- Brand inspectors from other regions or ODA staff serving other programs could respond to your request for inspection.

QUESTION: How can ODA ensure all brand inspectors are trained?

- All ODA staff performing brand inspections will meet the Department's job qualifications to be a brand inspector and will have a minimum of 2 years livestock experience.

QUESTION: Will brand inspection work take longer?

- It is a possibility that brand inspections may take longer due to staff being unfamiliar with the livestock brands in an area which they don't normally work. Please be patient with the inspectors.

QUESTION: How long will ODA's brand inspection program experience a staffing shortage?

- ODA has open recruitments in multiple areas of the state and will begin to fill the gaps as quickly as possible.

QUESTION: Whom do you call if our previous brand inspector is no longer with the agency?

- To arrange for livestock inspection services, please contact the local supervisor or the ODA Salem office at (503) 986-4681.

QUESTION: What are the best days to schedule an inspection?

- It is best to avoid scheduling an inspection on the same day as your local auction's sale day.