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Ohio Agriculture Department Announces Weights and Measures Week

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (Feb. 27, 2009) – Whether pumping gas, shopping at the mall, or even at the grocery store, you can be sure you are getting what you’re paying for thanks to the Ohio Department of Agriculture Division of Weights and Measures. The division works closely with county and city weights and measures programs to assure accuracy of devices ranging from fuel meters to livestock scales to retail store scanners. This helps to protect both consumers and Ohio businesses.

“A strong marketplace economy is only as good as its standards and the people enforcing those standards,” said Ohio Agriculture Director Robert Boggs. “Thanks to our partnership, Ohioans can enjoy a strong level of consumer protection.”

According to the National Conference on Weights and Measures, an inaccuracy of slightly more than one tablespoon per five gallons of gas costs consumers and businesses \$125 million nationally. At the grocery, if every pound of meat was weighed inaccurately by one-hundredth of a pound, it would mean an error of 500 million pounds of meat nationally.

The department administers a National Type Evaluation Program laboratory, one of only four in the nation. In the laboratory, the employees test and evaluate new scale designs and technology. For more information on the department’s Division of Weights and Measures, visit www.agri.ohio.gov.

National Weights and Measures Week is March 1 – 7.

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