

Department of Weights and Measures

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The purpose of the **Weights and Measures Department** is to stand between the buyer and the seller to see that the interests of both are safeguarded. The Director visits stores, markets, warehouses, wholesale houses, gas stations and other establishments to test and verify the accuracy of weighing and measuring devices. Using calibrated containers, fluid measuring devices such as gasoline pumps are tested. Standard weights are used to check for accuracy in meat, produce and platform scales. The Director seals these pumps, metering devices and scales when they are found to be accurate within the allowable tolerances. The Director responds to consumer complaints by investigation or testing as the occasion demands. The contents of pre-packaged foods are examined and checked to determine the accuracy of the labeling practices. The Petroleum Quality Program was initiated in 1992 to test for the parameters in gasoline and diesel including octane and cetane ratings.