



**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE**

ANDY GIPSON
COMMISSIONER

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 1, 2021

Contact: Paige Manning, Director of Marketing and Public Relations
(601) 359-1163 / cell: (662) 312-5897
Paige@mdac.ms.gov

Hannah East, Marketing Specialist
(601) 359-1179
HannahE@mdac.ms.gov

MDAC Recognizes National Weights and Measures Week

JACKSON, Miss. – The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce (MDAC) recognizes the week of March 1-7, 2021, as National Weights and Measures Week. The National Conference on Weights and Measures designates these dates every year to acknowledge the importance of fairness, health and safety in the agriculture consumer industry.

“National Weights and Measures Week is a great promotion that raises awareness of the versatility of state agriculture departments as they work hard to provide the essentials that sustain our citizens,” said Commissioner Gipson. “Many people don’t realize that when you buy something in the state of Mississippi, our department has inspected every aspect of that product exchange, including the very scales companies and consumers use. Our Bureau of Regulatory Services ensures fairness and equity in the marketplace on a daily basis.”

The Bureau of Regulatory Services is charged with the responsibility of the calibration and testing of most scales and measurement equipment used in commerce and trade. Inspectors within the Bureau’s Weights & Measures, Petroleum and Consumer Protection Divisions make routine inspections on all types of commercial weighing and measuring devices including grocery store scales, railroad scales, vehicle scales, livestock scales, hopper scales, floor scales, bench scales and those used to weigh precious metals and stones, and gas pumps.

The standard weights and volume measures used by MDAC and service companies that install, repair and test scales and gas pumps used for commerce are calibrated at the Mississippi Metrology Laboratory located on the campus of Alcorn State University in Jefferson County. The laboratory, operated by MDAC, is accredited by the National Institute of Standards and Technology for the testing of mass, volume and length.

For more information about the Bureau of Regulatory Services and other divisions within the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, visit www.mdac.ms.gov or the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce on Facebook.

###