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## County Auditor's Office Celebrates Weights and Measures Month

**Lancaster, Ohio** – The Fairfield County Auditor's Office is pleased to announce we are highlighting August as Weights and Measures Month.

Throughout August, the office will highlight duties of the Weights and Measures Office. The department inspects a variety of scales to ensure customers are getting what they are paying for and to ensure businesses are properly compensated for their products and services. Items inspected include food scales, livestock scales, and gas pump meters. Upon request, the inspectors also test scales that constituents believe to be incorrect.

At the September 19<sup>th</sup> Commissioners Meeting, the Weights and Measures Staff will present Excellence Awards to businesses, chosen by Weights & Measures Inspectors Patrick Brighton and Carter Corcoran, for best meeting the three criteria of exemplary customer service, dedication to fairness in the marketplace, and excellence in accuracy.

Last year's Excellence Award winners were the Berry Family Farm in Pleasantville, Candy Cottage in Lancaster, Mid-State Wool Growers in Canal Winchester, La Dolce Nola in Pickerington, and Rushcreek Feed & Supply in Bremen.

Dr. Carri L. Brown, County Auditor, stated, "We are encouraged by the cooperation and participation in the Weights and Measures program from the business community. They have been strong partners in accountability for the public."

The County Auditor's Office works with the state of Ohio to test devices ranging from fuel meters to retail scanners to livestock scales. "Many people do not know about the role of Weights and Measures in the preparations for the County Fair, which makes August a perfect time to gear up on the efforts and prepare for Fall," added Brown.

Citizens can find resources about Weights and Measures on the state website: <u>https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/weights-and-measures</u>

For more information or questions regarding Weights & Measures, or other matters, please contact the Auditor's Administrative Office at (740) 652-7020 or Real Estate Office at (740) 652-7030.

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