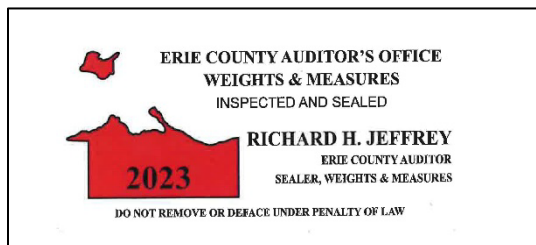


## Weights and Measures' Week: March 1-7, 2023

Erie County Auditor Richard Jeffrey announces Weights and Measures' Week March 1-7, 2023. These dates are designated every year to commemorate Presidents John Adam's signing of the first United States weights and measures law on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1799.

Ohio law provides that the county auditor shall be the county sealer of Weights and Measures. Look for a county "seal" on local weighing and measuring devices to ensure that devices have been inspected within the past year. "Seals" can be found on Gas pumps (Retail motor fuel devices) and commercial weighing devices, (I.e. Retail scales, point-of-sale scales, vehicle scales, etc.)



The county auditor employs inspectors who shall see that all state laws relating to weights and measure are strictly enforced. The Auditor is the Sealer of Weights and Measures for the entire County, maintaining "Equity in the Marketplace." It is an inspector's job is to ensure that both the buyer and seller are protected in business transactions and procedures. Inspectors fulfill this role by conducting package checks, price audits and device inspections.

The Auditor is charged with the legal responsibility of ensuring that all State and National Laws relating to Weights and Measures are strictly enforced. The Ohio Department of Agriculture – Weights and Measures Division, tests and certifies weights and measures' equipment used by Erie County inspectors. In addition, the Ohio Department of Agriculture assists county inspectors in tests of certain meters and scales, including vehicle scales and meters on bulk fuel and propane trucks based in Erie County. These inspections are conducted to ensure accuracy and equity in the marketplace. The Department of Agriculture also assists with annual training and periodic recommendations. Inspectors are required to keep up with annual training. The National Institute of Standards and Technology and the National Type Evaluation Program develop training material as well as provide data and conduct research in regards to weights and measures and a number of other topics. Weights and measures affect everyone and is one of the government's most impactful consumer protection services. Sealers perform inspections, and test on both commercial and some non-commercial devices to insure those devices meet the criteria of the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the National Type Evaluation Program.

"Maintain Equity in the Marketplace;" the Goal of the Erie County Auditor's Office, Weights and Measures Division. Andrew Gwinner is the primary inspector and is eager to help with any questions or concerns pertaining to Weights and Measures. Please don't hesitate to call (419) 627-7746. For more information concerning Weights and Measures go to [www.ncwm.net](http://www.ncwm.net) and be sure to check out the page <http://savvyconsumer.org/help/money/whatupay/whatupay.htm> a Consumer's Guide to Getting What You Pay For. It is very informative. For more information on weights and measures check out the [National Institute of Standards and Technology](http://www.nist.gov).