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March 1-7, 2015 is National Weights and Measures Week

Cumberland County, PA- Cumberland County is recognizing the ongoing efforts of its Weights and Measures Office. One of the oldest professions of modern times, the role of Weights and Measures departments is vital to economies worldwide, as it ensures fairness between consumer and seller. The County Vector Control/Weights and Measures Office is responsible for the annual testing and inspection of commercial weighing and measuring devices including:

- ✓ Gas, Diesel, E85, & Bio Diesel Fuel Pumps
- ✓ Small and Medium Capacity Scales
- ✓ Precious Metal Scales
- ✓ Shipping/Parcel Scales
- ✓ UPC Scanners, Mulch / Tanbark & Firewood are tested based on consumer complaints
- ✓ Parking Meters are tested every 3 to 5 years (Carlisle, Newville, and Shippensburg Boroughs)

Today, quantities are determined in all business sectors using the latest advancements in technology. Gasoline stations and supermarkets employ state of the art weighing and measuring equipment. Regardless of the technology in place, inspectors are well trained to secure accuracy and equity.

Throughout Cumberland County, Weights and Measures inspects over 3,200 fuel pumps and more than 1,060 scale devices annually for accuracy. Even the smallest errors matter. Devices are tested and removed from service with errors as minor as 3 ounces for fuel tests and just one one-hundredth of a pound on a scale test.

Weights and measures inspectors are keeping pace with rapidly advancing technologies to ensure fairness in the marketplace. By maintaining accurate gas pumps and scales, the Weights and Measures Office reaffirms the trust built into every transaction between consumer and merchant.

For more information on Weights and Measures visit www.ccpa.net/vector or phone 717-240-6349.