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Overview

The Division of Weights and Measures, part of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture’s Bureau of Ride and Measurement Standards, was created to help ensure equity in the marketplace through laws and regulations, uniform inspection and test procedures, and certified and knowledgeable inspectors.

The division is empowered through the Consolidated Weights and Measures Act, Title 3 Pa C.S.A. Chapter 41 with additional regulations found in Title 70. The act requires the department to describe all relevant activities of the State Inspectors of weights and measures, certified examiners of weights and measures, and city and county sealers of weights and measures for the preceding calendar year.

The division is required to inspect weighing and measuring devices on a set schedule either an annual inspection or at some greater interval not to exceed every fifth year, depending on the device. The division conducts these inspections through its regionally assigned inspectors and supervisors and Certified Examiners of Weights and Measures. These inspectors and supervisors work with the remaining county and city sealers who conduct weights and measures activities in their respective jurisdictions through an ongoing Memorandum of Understanding with the department.

Included in the appendix of this report are the spreadsheets outlining the activities of the division’s personnel, county and city sealers and Certified Examiners of Weights and Measures for 2013. The appendix also includes a map which identifies the seven regions the division is broken into, the supervisors responsible for each region, the existing county and city sealer programs with their contact information.

Consumer Education and Outreach

As part of the commonwealth's transparency efforts, the division continues to use its online inspection database enable consumers to access inspection reports. This application can be found www.pda.state.pa.us/WMIinspections. Visit the database to see the latest inspection reports for local businesses and devices.

The screenshot shows the 'Weights and Measures Inspection Search' page. At the top, there is a banner for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Below the banner, there is a navigation bar with 'pennsylvania PA' and 'PA STATE AGENCIES ONLINE SERVICES'. The main heading is 'Weights and Measures Inspection Search'. A note below the heading states: 'Please note that the following counties have their own weights and measures inspection programs and inspection data may not be available online: Adams, Allegheny, Beaver, Blair, Bucks, Centre, Cumberland, Delaware, Elk, Greene, Huntingdon, Lancaster, Montour, Northampton, Northumberland, Westmoreland and York counties; and the cities of Meadville and Scranton. For help locating information on this database, contact the Bureau of Ride & Measurement Standards at 717-787-6772.' The search form includes a 'Business Name' field, a '*Device' dropdown menu (set to 'Fuel Dispenser'), a '*County' dropdown menu (set to 'All'), a '*Inspection Type' dropdown menu (set to 'Audit'), and a '*Date Inspected' field with 'From' and 'To' sub-fields. A note next to the date field says 'three years from the present date maximum'. There are 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons. A small note at the bottom of the form says '* Indicates a required field'. At the bottom right of the page, there is a navigation bar with '> ready > set > grow'.

The website also includes an online complaint form that consumers can use to alert the department to potentially inaccurate devices. The number of consumer complaints by location is included as part of the report spreadsheets in the appendix.

The "Tested and Approved" and "Rejected" seals placed on each item that is inspected by the department feature the state's toll-free number, 1-877-TEST-007, which consumers can use to register complaints or concerns about scales, gas pumps and other state-regulated measuring devices. The red rejected seal serves as a warning to consumers that the device it is affixed to is in need of service or repair. These seals indicate a pending issue and that the department is working with the device owner to correct it. In many cases a device with a rejected seal may still be in service if the issue is a repair that does not affect the accuracy of the device or if the accuracy of the device is in the consumer's favor. Devices found to be out of operational condition or beyond the acceptable tolerance levels and detrimental to the consumer are immediately taken out of service (made unusable by the consumer) until such time as repairs are made and the device is found to be operating within allowable tolerances.



Weights and Measures Inspections

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Division of Weights and Measures is responsible for inspecting devices such as scales – ranging from small-retail to large-capacity truck scales, truck-mounted fuel meters, liquid propane gas meters, retail fuel pumps, compressed natural gas meters, grain moisture meters, load rack meters, timing devices (except parking meters) and all consumer scanning systems (UPC/PLU).

Inspection Details

The division inspects all devices in 53 of Pennsylvania's 67 counties and provides support to the remaining 14 county sealer and two city sealer programs. The division is also responsible for ensuring consumer questions and concerns are addressed in a timely manner.

Enforcement Actions

The state, through Act 155 of 1996, adopts many of the federal standards created by the National Institute of Standards and Technology as found in its Handbook 44, Handbook 130 and other related publications. As devices and systems are found to be faulty or beyond the acceptable tolerance levels, action is taken to formally acknowledge the concerns of the state and bring the device into compliance. Written warnings are the first step in acknowledging an issue with a device or with a business/vendor. The number of warnings, citations and prosecutions are included as part of the report spreadsheets in the appendix.

Certified Examiner of Weights and Measures Program

Act 155 of 1996 amended PA C.S.A. Chapter 41, § 4110 (a)(4) and authorizes the department to use private industry professionals who have been trained and certified to conduct field level inspections on behalf of the department. With this use of department trained, tested and certified professionals, the role of the weights and measures division personnel moves to serve as the quality control auditors who monitor this program's implementation and provide the final assurances that the law is being upheld and that the certified examiners are protecting the consumers they represent.

The CEWM program applies only to devices under the direct responsibility of the department to inspect. Understanding the need to monitor these inspections, the department is diligent in its duty to conduct random and thorough inspections and audits of all CEWM program inspections, as mandated.

Certified UPC/PLU Inspector Program

In line with the Consolidated Weights and Measures Act, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Division of Weights and Measures developed a Certified Universal Product Code (UPC) and Price Look-Up (PLU) Inspector Program. Scanning systems and devices are inspected annually by the division or private business, as allowed by the act. PLU/UPC device inspectors complete a training course conducted by the division every three years.

Appendix

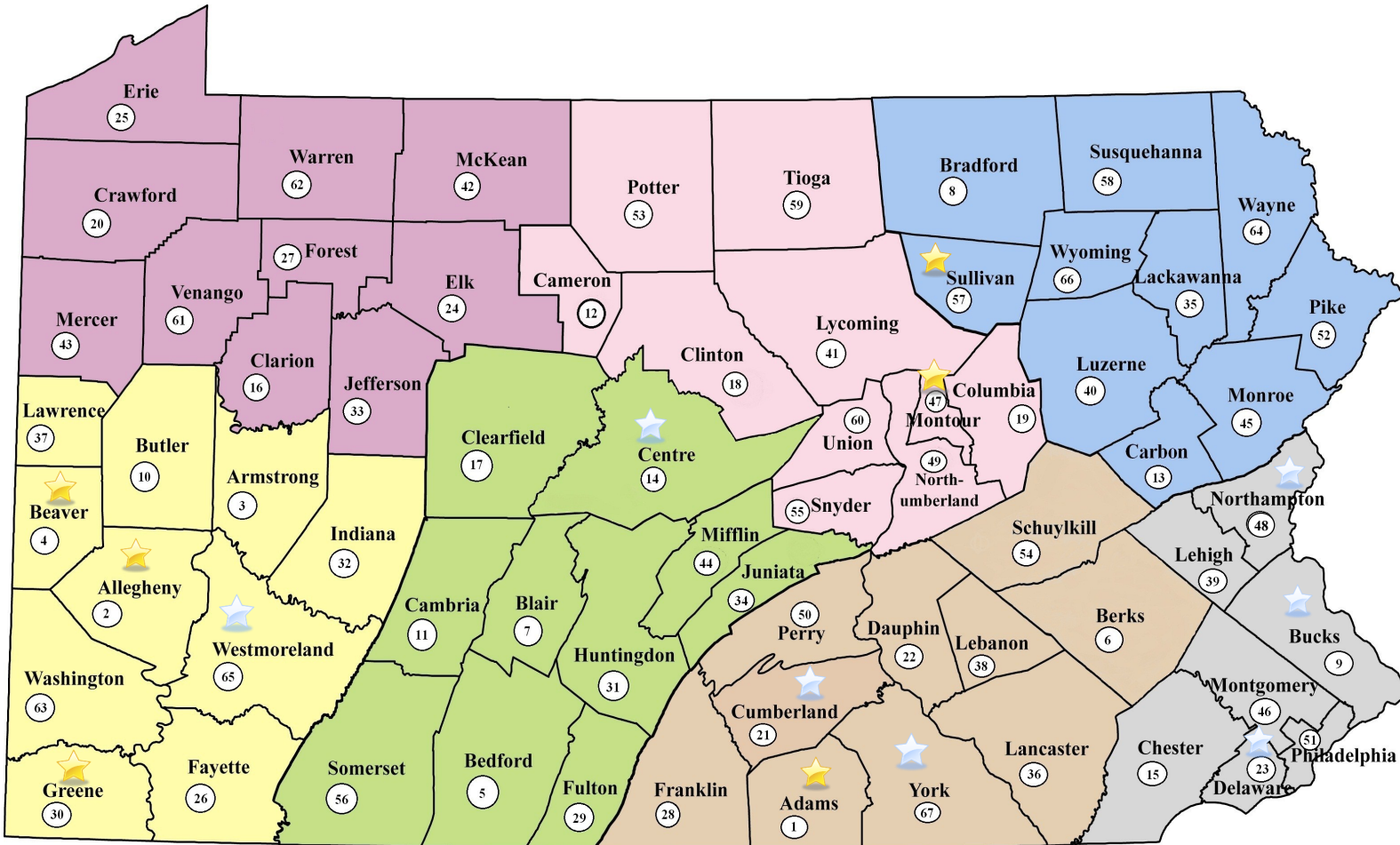
Please see the following appendices, including:

- 2013 Yearly Inspection Activity Table
- Regional and County Sealer Map

	SCALES						MISC *		TIME DEVICE		METERS										UPC / PRICE		PKG CHECK		TOTAL DEVICES INSPECTED	CONSUMER COMPLAINTS	WRITTEN WARNINGS	PROSECUTIONS & FINES
	0 to 1,000		1,001-10,000		10,001 +		Tested	Reject	Tested	Reject	FDM		VTM		LPG		LRM		GMM		VERIFICATION		LOTS					
	Small	Reject	Medium	Reject	Large	Reject					Tested	Reject	Tested	Reject	Tested	Reject	Tested	Reject	Tested	Reject	System	Reject	Tested	Reject				
State Bureau	2,558	192	57	6	132	26	170	61	174	7	5,760	718	211	60	21	2	3	0	21	2	209	20	27	1	9,343	23	26	0
Region 1	1,983	71	29	2	150	17	0	0	210	0	3,286	322	144	13	0	0	7	0	53	4	24	1	0	0	5,886	32	6	0
Region 2	3,567	151	83	18	232	59	8	0	1,844	138	6,335	617	435	28	86	23	9	1	0	0	483	23	201	14	13,283	51	18	3
Region 3	2,158	113	43	1	160	10	1	0	12	0	6,219	1,151	209	22	47	13	0	0	22	2	0	0	16	0	8,887	49	23	3
Region 4	2,084	57	117	17	326	31	39	16	0	0	4,324	534	269	28	98	7	4	0	25	2	121	8	0	0	7,407	16	3	0
Region 5	6,651	193	150	17	496	80	3	0	576	0	11,573	2,007	299	52	99	25	0	0	4	0	60	0	6	2	19,917	90	12	4
Region 6	10,750	1,469	277	57	320	60	0	0	144	30	18,132	4,581	388	104	1	1	0	0	20	0	136	7	554	25	30,722	170	3	0
Region 7	Total	29,751	2,246	756	118	1,816	283	77	2,960	175	55,629	9,930	1,955	307	352	71	23	1	145	10	1,033	59	804	42	95,445	431	91	10
Counties / Cities	Adams	887	67	53	8	0	0	0	0	0	813	87	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,753	15	0	0
Allegheny	4,159	53	0	0	0	0	49	0	3,262	2	10,504	406	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,260	59	59	14	19,293	121	1	0
Beaver	531	13	6	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	1,347	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	1,974	27	1	3
Bucks	3,057	103	176	3	0	0	54	2	1,597	114	3,173	123	244	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	849	70	183	133	9,333	68	2	0
Centre	706	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	906	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	1	0	0	1,702	9	3	0
City of Meadville	44	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	0	0	0
City of Scranton	330	19	0	0	0	0	7	0	750	1	348	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,435	10	2	0
Cumberland	1,052	68	5	0	0	0	0	0	813	34	2,629	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,499	53	0	0
Delaware	2,516	67	0	0	0	0	1	0	2,525	123	1,714	256	197	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	633	10	58	6	7,644	22	14	0
Greene	180	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	2	145	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	390	1	0	0
Montour	115	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	234	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	449	0	0	1
Northampton	1,419	24	2	0	0	0	159	10	1,684	8	2,571	93	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	4	0	0	5,863	21	1	0
Northumberland	466	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	466	0	0	0
Sullivan	54	4	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	125	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	182	0	0	0
Westmoreland	1,110	64	0	0	0	0	70	0	396	20	4,534	539	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	473	22	0	0	6,583	4	5	18
York	1,935	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,057	146	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,992	8	0	0
Total	18,561	609	242	11	0	0	397	14	11,192	304	33,136	1,884	445	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,365	166	300	153	67,638	359	29	22

* Includes Linear Measurements, DEF, and Package Audit Checks

Badge Id	SCALES						MISC *		TIME DEVICE		METERS										UPC / PRICE		PKG CHECK		TOTAL DEVICES INSPECTED	CONSUMER COMPLAINTS	WRITTEN WARNINGS	PROSECUTIONS & FINES				
	0 to 1,000		1,001-10,000		10,001 +						FDM		VTM		LPG		LRM		GMM		VERIFICATION		LOTS									
	Small	Reject	Medium	Reject	Large	Reject	Tested	Reject	Tested	Reject	Tested	Reject	Tested	Reject	Tested	Reject	Tested	Reject	Systems	Reject	Tested	Reject										
Badge 11	512	59	11	0	2	0	152	55	61	7	1,044	174	154	52	0	0	3	0	21	2	1	0	27	1	1,988	8	21	0				
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Badge 14	679	30	14	3	55	13	13	2	113	0	1,818	259	57	8	15	1	0	0	0	0	59	1	0	0	2,823	4	0	0				
Badge 15	713	79	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1,604	177	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	101	16	0	0	2,426	8	4	0				
Badge 20	372	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	210	0	70	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	652	28	4	0				
Badge 21	51	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,310	94	144	13	0	0	7	0	0	0	24	1	0	0	1,536	3	1	0				
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Badge 31	1,331	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	666	2	2,498	229	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	200	14	0	4,711	2	0	0				
Badge 32	212	12	83	18	232	59	0	0	153	4	296	55	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	980	6	7	1				
Badge 33	1,215	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,242	173	435	28	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	3,896	7	0	0				
Badge 34	490	25	0	0	0	0	8	0	1,025	132	660	90	0	0	86	23	0	0	0	463	23	0	0	0	2,732	5	0	0				
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Badge 50	89	3	8	4	9	1	0	0	0	0	78	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	0	0	0	0	191	7	0	0				
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Badge 53	1,223	46	37	5	20	0	38	16	0	0	2,406	379	0	0	48	3	4	0	16	1	42	5	0	0	3,834	3	1	0				
Badge 60	633	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	364	0	270	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	6	2	1,277	23	5	0				
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Badge 66	51	1	148	17	496	80	1	0	0	0	151	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	847	2	4	0				
Badge 67	2,034	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	159	0	4,232	661	51	5	47	10	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	6,525	23	1	2				
Badge 70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	17	0	0				
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Badge 79	1,416	186	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,821	398	122	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,359	17	0	0				
PT1	115	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	115	0	0	0				
Total	29,751	2,246	756	118	1,816	283	221	77	2,960	175	55,629	9,930	1,955	307	352	71	23	1	145	10	1,033	59	804	42	95,445	431	91	10				
CEWM Inspections																																
LPG- 398															14	1											14					
LPG- 402															33	6											33					
LPG- 406															19	0											19					
LPG- 408															36	4											36					
LPG- 432															21	2											21					
LPG- 441															2	0											2					
LPG- 442															1	0											1					
Total															126	13											126					
Statewide Totals	48,312	2,855	998	129	1,816	283	618	91	14,152	479	88,765	11,814	2,400	338	478	84	23	1	145	10	4,398	225	1,104	195	163,209	790	120	32				



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