



# Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

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## **Weights and Measures Week is March 1-7** *"Tradition and Technology"*

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Weights and Measures Week is March 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> each year. We celebrate during this week to commemorate John Adams signing the first weights and measures law on March 2, 1799. On an annual basis we test commercial devices in Tulare County, assuring their accuracy.

In 1901, the federal government established the National Bureau of Standards which is now known as the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). Soon after that the state directors met for the first time to discuss weights and measures issues and the National Conference of Weights and Measures was born (NCWM).

The California Department of Food and Agriculture's Division of Measurement Standards is a part of the NCWM and together works with NIST to help standardize protocols for testing commercial devices. As new technologies such as GPS with mobile applications and alternative fuels such as electricity and hydrogen become more common, the National Conference on Weights and Measures provides a national forum to discuss these technologies providing a standardized protocol for testing these new technologies.

As time marches on so does technology. We at the Tulare County Office Sealer of Weights and Measures test devices from the simple hanging scale to the more complicated digital scales; from the simple gravity flow meters to the more complicated compressed natural gas meters.

As technology gets more complicated the common thread still holds true.....you should get what you pay for...no more...no less. The staff in our Weights and Measures Division is ready to step up to the challenges while keeping that common thread in place, protecting both the consumer and the business owner.

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