

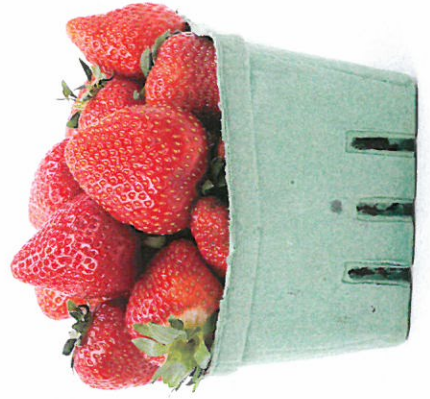
## Weighing and Measuring Device Laws

**Registration** - In Washington weighing and measuring devices, like a scale, used for commercial purposes must be registered annually through the Washington State Department of Revenue Business Licensing Service. This is required by the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 19.94.015

**Accuracy** - All weighing or measuring instruments or devices used for commercial purposes must be accurate and correct, per RCW 19.94.165

**Certification** - Commercial scales must have a National Type Evaluation Program certificate of conformance (COC). The COC number can be found on the scale in the same place as the model and serial numbers. This is required by Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 16-662-105

Beware of counterfeit scales. Purchase scales from a reputable source.

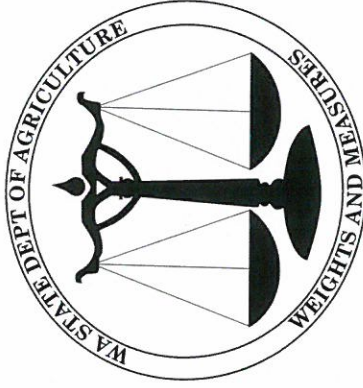


## Contacts

**Washington State Weights and Measures:**  
(360) 902-2035  
Email: [wtsmeasures@agr.wa.gov](mailto:wtsmeasures@agr.wa.gov)  
Web: [agr.wa.gov/Inspection/WeightsMeasures/](http://agr.wa.gov/Inspection/WeightsMeasures/)

**City of Seattle - Weights and Measures:**  
(206) 386-1298  
Email: [seattle.consumer-affairs@seattle.gov](mailto:seattle.consumer-affairs@seattle.gov)

**Washington State Business Licensing Service:**  
(360) 705-6744  
Email: [bls@dor.wa.gov](mailto:bls@dor.wa.gov)  
Web: [bls.dor.wa.gov/weightsandmeasures.aspx](http://bls.dor.wa.gov/weightsandmeasures.aspx)



Washington  
State Department of  
Agriculture

### For more information contact:

Washington State Department of Agriculture  
Weights and Measures Program  
PO Box 42560, Olympia, WA 98504  
Phone: 360-902-2035  
[agr.wa.gov/wm](http://agr.wa.gov/wm)

AGR PUB 819-350 (R/3/17)

Do you need this publication in an alternate format? Please call the WSDA Receptionist at 360-902-1976 or TTY 800-833-6388.

# Vendor Scales at Farmers Markets

Vendor and manager responsibilities and what to expect from a weights and measures inspector

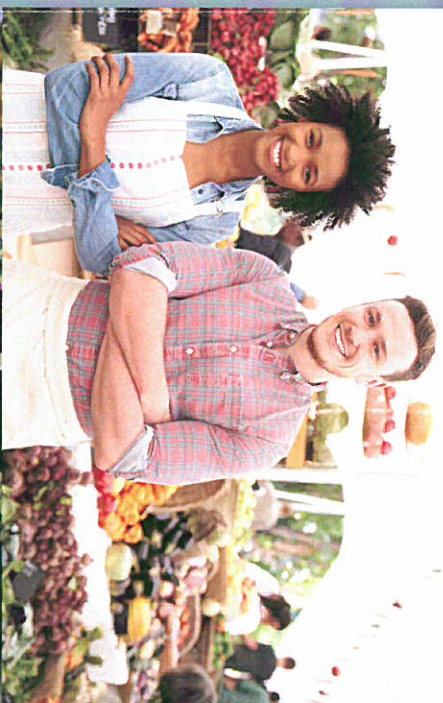


Washington  
State Department of  
Agriculture

**PLANT PROTECTION DIVISION**  
Weights and Measures Program

## VENDOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Vendors must use scales registered with the Washington State Department of Revenue Business License Service. Vendors can contact DOR's Business License Service at [business.wa.gov/bls](http://business.wa.gov/bls) or (360) 705-6744.
- Vendors must use the correct type of scale and ensure it weighs accurately. Portion scales and scales displaying "not legal for trade" are not suitable for sales.
- Scales must be positioned so customers can observe the weighing operation and the weight displayed.
- All sales must be conducted using net weight. Net weight means the weight of the product only, excluding the wrapper, labeling, and container weight.
- All prepackaged products require a label identifying the product and the net weight. If the product is packaged off-site, you must indicate the name and address of the business packing the product.
- You can find out if your scale has a Certificate of Compliance at the National Conference on Weights and Measures website at [ncwm.net/nctep/cert\\_search](http://ncwm.net/nctep/cert_search).



## MARKET MANAGER RESPONSIBILITY

- Ask to see vendors' master business license issued by the Washington State Department of Revenue (DOR), Business Licensing Service (BLS) to ensure the vendor has their scales registered.

## WEIGHTS AND MEASURES INSPECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Inspect scales for accuracy and suitability.
- Inspect scales for correct placement and use.
- Check for the registration of a scale on the vendor's Master Business License.
- Apply an approval seal after a satisfactory inspection.
- Leave a Notice of Correction identifying deficiencies if necessary. Deficiencies must be corrected by a registered scale service agent or the scale must be replaced.
- Provide a registration form if your scale needs to be registered with the DOR Business Licensing Service.
- Answer your questions and provide assistance.