

What are the guidelines for commercial weighing?

Basic Responsibilities:

Scales used commercially in Oregon:

- Must be licensed annually with the department prior to commercial use, and
- Must meet state standards for design, readability, accuracy, and reliability, based on National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Handbook 44.

Operator's Responsibilities:

- Weighing devices must be positioned so that the indication may be read and the weighing operation observed from the customer's position.
- The user of the device is responsible for the accuracy of the scale at all times.

What type of devices can be used commercially?

Oregon regulations require all commercially used weighing equipment to have an active National Type Evaluation Program (NTEP) Certificate of Conformance.

How can I find out which scales have an active NTEP certificate?

You can contact the scale company or check the NTEP database online at www.ncwm.net.

Are there any exceptions for bench (spring) dial scales?

Yes. Non-NTEP approved scales may be used commercially provided they:

1. are non-computing scales of 50 kg (110 lb) capacity or less,
2. meet other Scale Code requirements in NIST Handbook 44,
3. have a minimum of 250 scale divisions,
4. are intended for Class III applications excluding precious metals and semi precious gem weighing, and
5. have a division size of 1 oz. or smaller if used for retail food sales and are less than 50 pounds capacity.

How do I acquire a license for my weighing device?

Contact the Measurement Standards Division to request a license application. Your application will be sent along with other informational handouts. Please see contact information on the reverse side of this brochure.

How much does a device license cost?

License fees are based upon the scale's manufacturer rated capacity. See the table below for license costs. License fees are for 1 year, spanning July 1st – June 30th.

TYPE	DESCRIPTION	FEE
A	0 – 400 Pounds	\$ 39.00
B	401 – 1,160 Pounds	\$ 80.00
C	1,161 – 7,500 Pounds	\$ 161.00
D	7,501 – 60,000 Pounds	\$ 242.00
E	Over 60,000 Pounds	\$ 242.00

When can I begin using my weighing device?

You may start using your scale as soon as you submit a license application with payment to the Measurement Standards Division. One of our field inspectors will make arrangements to test and certify your scale when they are in your area.

What method of sale can be used for berries and small fruits?

Berries and small fruits can be offered for sale and sold by weight or by volume. If sold by volume they must be:

- In measure containers that are either open or covered in uncolored transparent lids or wrappings.
- Have capacities of either:
 - SI Units – 250 milliliters, 500 milliliters, or 1 liter
 - Inch-Pound Units – 1/2 dry pint, 1 dry pint, or 1 dry quart.

What is considered to be berries and small fruits?

Berries include all fruits whose name ends in the term "berry."

Small fruits includes, but is not limited to, cherries, currants, and cherry tomatoes.

For More Information:

503-986-4670

Visit our website at www.oregon.gov/ODA/MSD

Welcome!

Your Farmer's Market manager and the Oregon Department of Agriculture, Measurement Standards Division, welcomes you to your local Farmer's Market.

In order to assist you in making your experience as quick and simple as possible, we have assembled this brochure with valuable information.

You will find information regarding:

- Guidelines for scale users
- Scale requirements
- Licensing
- Method of Sale

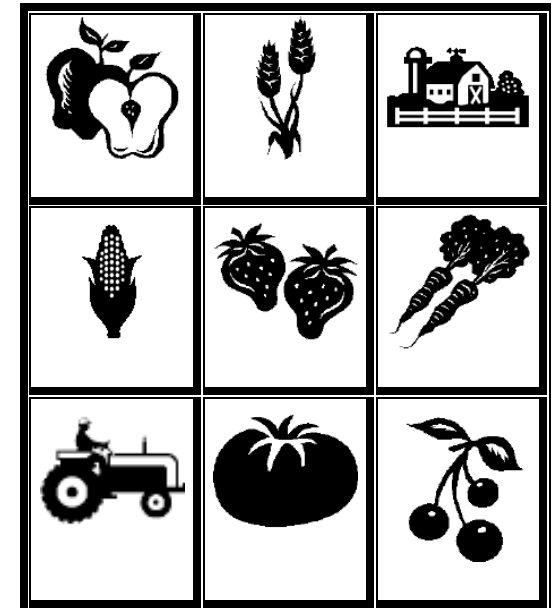
If you have any questions regarding any of the requirements or any information provided in this brochure, please contact our office at 503-986-4670 for assistance.



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