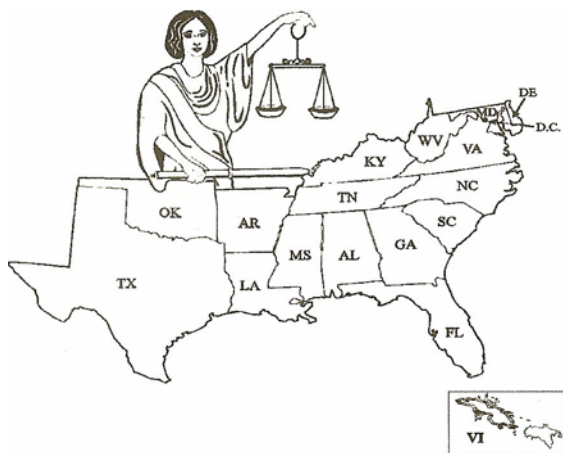


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JURISDICTIONAL NEWS

GEORIGIA

The Fuel & measures Division has been busy with its usual winter time activities. We have been checking Firewood, making sure that it is being sold legally. Firewood should be sold by the cord or fractions of a cord or by cubic measure. Many times people sell firewood by the “truckload”, which is not a legal measurement.



We are also taking samples Kerosene. Those samples are tested at the Fuel Lab for contamination. It is very important this time of year to make sure that Kerosene offered for sale is not contaminated with a foreign substance, especially gasoline. Since people primarily use Kerosene in home heaters, it would create a very dangerous situation if it was contaminated with gasoline.



Another winter time product is anti-freeze. All brands of anti-freeze sold in Georgia are registered by our Division and are approved by the Fuel Lab. Part of our inspectors' job is to look for unregistered brands, which would be both unapproved and illegal.

We are pleased to announce that Rich Lewis recently won 2nd place in the Departments Annual Chili Cook-off in Atlanta. 🏆



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Consumer Protection:

Prior to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, inspectors from the Consumer Protection Division conduct package check inspections on holiday favorites sold by random weight, such as turkeys, hams, ducks, and hens, to ensure that consumers do not over-pay.

This year, inspectors performed 255 store inspections, which included 12,760 packages. Of those, 1,794 were found to contain tare errors. The reasons for the problems were varied, ranging from scale errors to employee errors to lack of education on tare procedures.

Those foods without adequate tare were placed off-sale until they displayed the correct labeled weight and price.

Petroleum Division:



Petroleum Division staff, Clay Mason and Jennifer Thompson, recently participated in a training program offered to the agency by the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). The program, designed to mirror Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) protocol, was a 2 day session offering training in the Incident Command System (ICS) and ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents as well as National Response Framework and National Incident Management Systems (NIMS). Multiple divisions under the Mississippi Department of Agriculture participated in the program.

In other news, the Department has also been granted a permanent mandatory injunction against a company located in Guntown, MS, for multiple violations of the rules and regulations of the Petroleum Products Inspection Division.

The division has collected over \$7,200 in administrative penalties which will be deposited in the State of Mississippi's General Fund.

Weights and Measures:



David Smith

Weights & Measures is honored to have David Smith as new Southern inspector for livestock scales, vehicle scales and dairy tank calibrations.

Jason Lancaster inspector in Weights & Measures is very appreciative to have a new livestock scale / heavy scale test truck.



Jason Lancaster

Greg Gholston, our Weights and Measures Supervisor, is proud to announce the birth of his grandson Clark Thomas Short. 🎉

Something to make us stop and think.

Try this quiz:

- 1. Name the ten wealthiest people in the world.
- 2. Name the last ten Heisman trophy winners.
- 3. Name the last ten winners of the Miss America contest.
- 4. Name eight people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer prize.
- 5. How about the last ten Academy Award winners for best picture...
- 6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do?
The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz.
See how you do on this one:

- 1. Think of three people you enjoy spending time with.
- 2. Name ten people who have taught you something worthwhile.
- 3. Name five friends who have helped you in a difficult time.
- 4. List a few teachers who have aided your journey through school.
- 5. Name half a dozen heroes whose stories have inspired you. Easier?

The lesson?

The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the credentials, but the ones that care.

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