ATTENTION

2011

LIVESTOCK SCALE INSPECTION NOTICE -- PLEASE READ

TO: Owners/Operators of Livestock Scales

FROM: Joe E. Gomez, Division Director

SUBJECT: Request for Livestock Scale Inspection

Historically, the Livestock Scale Inspection Program has always started in August and completed the same month. Due to budgetary restraints, the Livestock Scale Inspection Program will be changed starting in 2011. These inspections will now be conducted on a year-round basis and will continue to be by request only. For 2011 requested livestock scales will be inspected between August 1 and December 31, 2011.

If you are going to buy or sell over your livestock scale during 2011, a request for inspection must be received by July 25, 2011. (See requesting options on back)

If you are NOT going to buy or sell over your livestock scale during 2011, it would help our budget if you do not request an inspection. If you need your scale inspected in the future, you will have an opportunity to file a request for inspection anytime during the months of January, February, or March of that year.

The initial inspection during our scheduled program will be at no charge provided the request is received by the July 25, 2011, deadline.

A fee will be charged based on the current Fees for Weights and Measures Services of $60/man-hour, $25/equipment/hour, and $1.00/mile, portal to portal if:

• the request for inspection is received after the July 25 deadline.

• you need your scale inspected before the time we have it scheduled.

• you request an additional inspection in the same calendar year.

• the initial scale inspection for the year 2010 resulted in rejection of a scale with an inspection status of TC (tagged/c) as indicated on the enclosed Request Form.
re-inspection is requested of a scale previously inspected during 2010 with results as “No Test” because of a dirty beam box/house with excessive rodent nests or droppings.

re-inspection is requested of a scale that was previously inspected and rejected during inspection year 2010.

If you have sold or leased your property, please forward this information to the new owner/operator or have the new owner notify this office. If you know of anyone with scales that may need to be inspected, please ask him or her to contact the department for information on our Livestock Scale Inspection Program.

If you have any questions regarding our Livestock Scale Inspection Program, contact me or Raymond Johnson at (575) 646-1616, rjohnson@nmda.nmsu.edu, or the address shown above.

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3 REQUESTING OPTIONS

(1) MAIL New Mexico Department of Agriculture Standards and Consumer Services MSC 3170, P.O. Box 30005 Las Cruces, NM 88003-8005

(2) FAX NO. (575) 646-2361 Attn: Corina Acosta

(3) REGISTER ONLINE:***
http://www.nmda.nmsu.edu 2011 Livestock Scale Inspection Request Form

***NOTE: IF YOU ARE REGISTERING ONLINE, A RECEIPT ACKNOWLEDGMENT WILL BE SENT VIA E-MAIL WITHIN 2-5 DAYS. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED A RECEIPT ACKNOWLEDGMENT WITHIN THE 2-5 DAYS, PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY.

• One Request Form is required for each scale being requested for inspection.

• July 25, 2011: Deadline for receipt of all completed Livestock Scale Inspection Request Form(s).

• August 1, 2011: Start date for NMDA to begin their Livestock Scale Inspection Program.

• If you have any questions, you may call (575) 646-1616.