The Nebraska Department of Agriculture’s (NDA) Weights and Measures program works to verify the accuracy of weighing and measuring devices throughout the state. Approximately 19% of inspectors’ time is spent testing meters on gas pumps to make sure they are accurately dispensing fuel.

NDA-inspected gas pumps receive a Weights & Measures approval sticker with the inspection year clearly marked. The sticker signifies the device is functioning correctly and the customer may expect a fair transaction.

Weights and Measures officials work to save customers money and to safeguard vendors’ businesses.

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**PROTECT YOURSELF AT THE PUMP**

1. **Choose a gas pump nearest to the attendant.** Installers of skimming and shimming devices tend to prefer pumps out of view of the station attendants.

2. **Look for a tamper proof, serial numbered piece of tape** over the pump access panels. If the tape is damaged in any way, do not use the pump and alert the station attendant.

3. **Look for a shimmer on the pump you intend to use** by comparing it to other pumps at the station. If it looks different, do not use the pump and alert the station attendant.

4. **Consider paying inside the station. Use a credit card** rather than a debit card. If using a debit card, protect your PIN number.

5. **Monitor your account frequently** and report any fraudulent charges immediately.

In addition to gas pumps, Weights and Measures inspectors check more than 12,900 scales, ranging from those used to weigh grain and livestock trucks to those in grocery stores used for weighing meat and produce. They even check the accuracy of scales used in jewelry stores when purchasing precious metals.