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Fairfield County Auditor Announces 2024 Weights and Measures Excellence Awards

Lancaster, Ohio – The Fairfield County Auditor’s Office is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2024 Weights and Measures Excellence Awards. Six agricultural businesses throughout Fairfield County as well as the Fairfield County Agricultural Society and Bay Market/Bay Packing were recognized for their exemplary customer service, dedication to fairness in the marketplace, and excellent accuracy with Weights & Measures.

This year’s Excellence Award winners are: **Rushcreek Feed & Supply Co.** located in Bremen; **Ruff’s Seed Farm** located in Amanda; **Nutrien Ag Solutions** located in Thurston; **Walnut Creek Seeds LLC** located in Carroll; **Ochs Fruit Farm** located in Lancaster; and **Hugus Fruit Farm** located in Rushville.

The **Fairfield County Agriculture Society** recently replaced their livestock scales used for weigh-in events to update their equipment. Additionally, they recently invited the County Auditor and Weights and Measures team to demonstrate the certification of a scale to the Fairfield County Jr. and Sr. Fair Board. There was a lot of good discussion at that event.

Also recognized this year is **Bay Market/Bay Packing**. Bays has been serving the community since 1932. They are the only fully inspected red meat facility in Fairfield County.

These businesses were chosen by Patrick Brighton and Carter Corcoran, Weights & Measures Inspectors, for how the organizations met three criteria of exemplary customer service, dedication to fairness in the marketplace, and excellence in accuracy.

Dr. Carri Brown, County Auditor, stated, “The Weights & Measures inspectors check a variety of scales to ensure customers are getting what they are paying for and to ensure businesses are properly compensated for their products and services. Items inspected include food scales, livestock scales, and gump meters.”

Upon request, the inspectors also test scales and equipment that constituents believe to be incorrect. For example, there were recent improvements within retail stores based on testing.

For more information or questions regarding Weights & Measures, or other matters, please contact the Auditor’s Administrative Office at (740) 652-7020.

Fairfield County Board of Commissioners

A Proclamation Recognizing Weights and Measures Excellence

WHEREAS, it is the pleasant responsibility of the Fairfield County Commissioners to recognize people, organizations, and occasions of outstanding achievement and significance;

WHEREAS, the following agriculture focused organizations and businesses are being recognized for their customer service, dedication to fairness, and accuracy with Weights & Measures:

Fairfield County Agriculture Society has done a lot for the community. They recently replaced their livestock scales used for weigh-in events supporting their dedication to fairness and accuracy. They recently invited the County Auditor and the Weights and Measures team an opportunity to demonstrate the certification of a scale to the Fairfield County Jr. and Sr. Fair Board members.

Agriculture businesses located across the county proudly partner with the Weights and Measure's team to ensure their scales are accurately calibrated for consistent measuring standards.

Rushcreek Feed & Supply Co. Inc located in Bremen, Ohio.

Ruff's Seed Farm located in Amanda, Ohio.

Nutrien Ag Solutions located in Thurston, Ohio.

Walnut Creek Seeds LLC. located in Carroll, Ohio.

Ochs Fruit Farm located in Lancaster, Ohio.

Hugus Fruit Farm located in Rushville, Ohio.

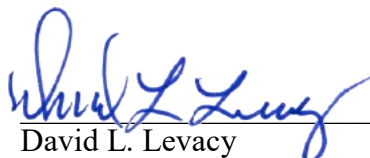
Bay Market/Bay Packing has been serving Lancaster and the surrounding communities since 1932. They are the only fully inspected red meat facility in Fairfield County. They are always courteous and supportive with our Weights and Measures inspections.

WHEREAS, the diligence of these agriculture supported organizations and businesses ensure their customers and the community are receiving what they are paying for serves as an example of excellent service;

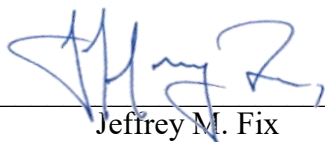
NOW THEREFORE, the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners does hereby formally declare its respect for and recognition of exceptional accountability with Weights and Measures to:

*Fairfield County Agriculture Society
Fairfield County Agriculture Businesses
Bay Market/Bay Packing*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names and caused the seal of the County of Fairfield to be affixed to this Proclamation on the 3rd Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four.



David L. Levacy
Commissioner



Jeffrey M. Fix
Commissioner



Steven A. Davis
Commissioner