

TIPS FOR FARMERS FRESH MARKET VENDORS: GETTING A LEGAL FOR MARKET SCALE

1. BEFORE YOU PURCHASE A SCALE, make sure it can be certified in Alaska. Look for the NTEP (National Type Evaluation Program) designation and a Certificate of Conformance by the National Conference on Weights and Measures (NCWM).
2. GET YOUR SCALE CALIBRATED. Scales imported from out-of-state typically weigh high (due to geographic differences in specific gravity) and need to be re-calibrated to weigh accurately. See the attached list of scale repair companies who provide this service. Peninsula Scale Co. (Tom VanVleet) in Soldotna is the closest. AVOID SURPRISES -- Whatever service provider you choose, be sure to discuss the fee beforehand.
3. REQUEST TO HAVE YOUR SCALE CERTIFIED – Send an email to the Alaska Div. of Measurement Standards letting them know you have a scale you want certified. They'll let you know when they're making their annual trip to the area. In the meanwhile, you may want to use a method other than "direct sale by weight," e.g. by weight in prepackaged form or by count.

Scale Repair Companies Operating in Alaska As of June, 2013

Wakefield Inc (Palmer)
Jeff Wakefield
696-4757
440-7406cell

Peninsula Scale Co. (Soldotna)
Tom VanVleet
398-4874

Cheyenne Scale Co (Seattle)
Cheyenne Humphreys
206-933-7904

Phillips Scale Co (Anchorage)
Kurt Burroughs
344-2134

Polar Scale Co (Anchorage)
Gary Chance
907-441-8179

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Clint Schirard
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NorthStar Scale Co (Wasilla)
John Madish
242-2049

Alaska Scale Co (Wasilla)
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242-2027

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