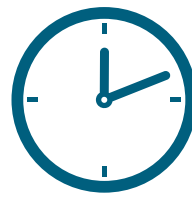




The Nebraska Department of Agriculture's (NDA) **Weights and Measures** program works to verify the accuracy of weighing and measuring devices throughout the state.

**15** **field inspectors** check **38,600+ devices** every year across the state, from Scottsbluff to Omaha.



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 **yellow, Nebraska-shaped sticker** with the inspection date clearly marked. The sticker signifies the device is functioning properly and that the consumer may expect a fair transaction.

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

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**Pay attention at the pump** if using a debit or credit card. Always check first to see if anything has been tampered with.

**Skimming devices** are located **inside of gas pumps** and are hard for consumers to spot. **Card shimming devices** are a bit easier for consumers to notice as they **are placed over the external card reader** on the gas pump.

## 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 a variety of 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.