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March 2021 Newsletter Topics



NATIONAL WEIGHTS AND MEASURES WEEK:

These dates are designated every year to commemorate President John Adams' signing of the first United States weights and measures law on March 2, 1799.



PRODUCT PACKAGING:

FDACS regulates all commodities sold by weight to ensure that consumers are provided the full amount of what is paid for. To better serve consumers, package labels must comply with certain standards.



PETROLEUM INSPECTION, SAMPLING, AND TESTING:

With dedicated inspectors and laboratory staff across the state of Florida, FDACS has a petroleum inspection program that monitors the accuracy of gas pumps and the quality of fuel sold.



NATIONAL CONSUMER PROTECTION WEEK:

This is a time to highlight the resources available to consumers and to help them understand their consumer rights and make well-informed decisions.



UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FRAUD:

While most consumers look for their W-2 forms for wages and 1099 forms for non-wage income, some consumers may find themselves victims of identity theft in the form of Form 1099-G fraud or unemployment benefits fraud.



TERMITE AWARENESS WEEK:

Termites cause billions of dollars of damage annually in the United States and in many cases the damage they cause goes undetected in areas behind walls, in the crawlspace, or in the attic.

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The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is the state's clearinghouse for consumer complaints, protection and information. Consumers who would like information about filing a complaint against a business or who believe fraud has taken place can visit us online at FloridaConsumerHelp.com or contact the department's consumer protection and information hotline by calling 1-800-HELP-FLA (435-7352) or 1-800-FL-AYUDA (352-9832) for Spanish speakers.

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