

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

August 17, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

**Ohio Department of Agriculture
Bromfield Administration Building
Hearing Room 133 (Seminar “B”)
8995 East Main Street
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-3399**

In accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code, the Ohio Department of Agriculture will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of soliciting comments regarding the adoption, amendment and rescission of rules.

The public hearing will **begin at 9:00 am** and continue until all parties in attendance have had the opportunity to be heard.

The following rules are proposed for amendment:

Food Safety Chapter 901:3-8: The Division of Food Safety inspects food processing establishments. The rules in this package regulate the handling, processing, and transportation of shellfish products in the state of Ohio. Pursuant to the Legislative Service Commission’s guide on administrative rule drafting, the Department has proposed to rescind the existing rules found in Chapter 901:3-8 and replace them with a new rule setting forth that Food Safety Chapter 901:3-8, regarding shellfish processing, will incorporate by reference the “National Shellfish Sanitation Program Guide for the Control of Molluscan Shellfish.”

Weights and Measures Chapter 901:6-1-01: The Division of Weights and Measures proposes to amend rule 901:6-1-01 to update to the most current edition of the “National Institute and Technology Handbook 44” and the “National Institute of Standards and Technology Handbook 44.” These changes were recommended at an annual conference which has representatives from all fifty states and stakeholders in the weights and measures industry.

Dairy rule 901:11-5: The Dairy Division will accept testimony regarding the five-year rule review process.

Persons affected by the proposed rules may appear and be heard in person, by an attorney, or both, or may present their position, arguments, or contentions, orally or in writing. Persons may offer and examine witnesses and present evidence tending to show that the proposed rules, will be unreasonable or unlawful if enacted.



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More information on these rule packages, including a business impact analysis and copies of the rules, can be found by visiting The Ohio Department of Agriculture's website, administrative rules page, at <https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/legal-office/Admin-Rules> or by visiting the Register of Ohio at www.registerofohio.state.oh.us.

Any person who wishes to present his position, arguments, or contentions in writing, other than at the public hearing, may do so by either mailing their written comments to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, c/o Legal Section, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068; by email at ecomments@agri.ohio.gov, or by transmitting by facsimile at (614) 995-4585. Written comments sent by mail shall be postmarked no later than the day of the hearing. Written comments transmitted by facsimile shall be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

