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Press Release

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New Equipment to Increase Fuel Inspection Efficiency

Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture & Commerce Lester Spell announced the use of a new unit to speed the accuracy testing of pumps at gas stations. Spell said the truck mounted 255-gallon capacity unit allows inspectors to check over 50 pumps in rapid succession. This replaces an older, slower and more labor intensive method that required inspectors to return fuel to the station's main fuel storage tank after testing each individual pump at a gasoline station.

Spell said, "This equipment will enable our inspectors to increase the number of gas pumps they check to insure Mississippians are getting what they pay for at the gas pumps."

The first new unit will be used in several coastal area counties. Spell plans to eventually provide units for each of the fuel inspectors in districts statewide.