

The Veterinary Laboratory operates a diagnostic laboratory for animal diseases, the services of which are available to veterinarians and live-stock owners.

Saskatchewan.—The Department of Agriculture in Saskatchewan maintains the following services: (1) Administration; Information and Radio Division, which supplies up-to-the-minute information of value to farmers; and the Statistics Branch which, in co-operation with the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, maintains a crop-reporting service and gathers data on production, marketing and income. (2) The Agricultural Representative Service is the extension branch. The Province is divided into Agricultural Conservation and Improvement Districts in which a program of agricultural improvement is carried on, featuring stability in agriculture by soil conservation and improved live stock, grain and forage production. An Agricultural Co-operative Extension program functions in this Province in collaboration with the Federal Government and the University of Saskatchewan. The Director of the Representative Service is also Director of the Farm Labour Division which, in co-operation with the Federal Department of Labour and the National Employment Service, directs the larger movements of farm labour into and out of the Province. (3) The Apiary Branch registers beekeepers, inspects apiaries and promotes better management practices. (4) The Conservation and Development Branch promotes the organization of activities to conserve or develop the soil and water resources, assists the Federal Government in the installation and administration of province-wide projects and operates irrigation and dry-land winter-feed farms, licenses water users and the sale of farm implements. (5) The Dairy Branch licenses and inspects dairy manufacturing plants and frozen-food locker plants, licenses cream graders and milk and cream testers, and promotes herd improvement through cow-testing centres and organized Herd Improvement Associations. (6) The Field Crops Branch promotes good cropping, tillage and soil conservation practices, encourages the improvement of native meadows and farm pastures, the maintenance of fodder and feed and seed grain reserves, administers emergency policies in fodder and feed grain, encourages control measures for insect and weed pests, encourages the use and distribution of good quality seed and operates a seed-cleaning plant. (7) The Lands Branch administers lands in the settled part of Saskatchewan owned by the Province which are used for agricultural or pasturage purposes, classifies Crown land according to the use for which it is suited and disposes of such land under long-term lease or reservation for inclusion in a private unit or a land-utilization project. (8) The Live Stock Branch, encourages the use of suitable animals for breeding purposes by establishment of pure-bred sire areas, gives assistance in purchase and distribution of stallions, bulls, boars and rams, examines and licenses stallions, arranges for exhibits of live stock, registers brands, bonds and licenses live-stock dealers and agents, wool-warehouse operators, wool collectors and buyers, promotes warble fly and other live-stock insect control and advises on live-stock feeding and management. (9) The Poultry Branch maintains flock-culling and turkey-grading and -banding services, administers an approved hatchery policy, licenses wholesalers and first receivers of poultry products, hatcheries and hatchery agents, bonds produce dealers and poultry buyers, and promotes flock improvement. (10) The Veterinary Branch investigates conditions with a view to safeguarding the health of live stock and poultry and co-operates with Federal Government officials and practising veterinarians in disease control.

Alberta.—The Department of Agriculture is divided into a number of branches, each concerned with a particular phase of the industry. (1) The Field Crops Branch deals with all matters pertaining to the utilization of the soil and production of