

**Production and Marketing Branch.**—The Production and Marketing Branch represents a consolidation of the former Production Service and Marketing Service and also includes the Agricultural Stabilization Board and the Agricultural Products Board. The regulatory functions of the Department of Agriculture are thus centred in one branch.

The Health of Animals Division administers the Animal Contagious Diseases and the Meat Inspection Acts, and also operates Animal Pathology laboratories. Besides its responsibility in carrying out various disease prevention measures, the Division operates programs for the eradication of bovine tuberculosis and brucellosis and gives health certificates for livestock entering export trade. The Animal Pathology laboratories, in addition to their research function, manufacture diagnostic reagents and biological products and provide analytical and diagnostic services for domestic and wildlife diseases. District laboratories across the country give routine diagnosis and research services.

The Livestock Division administers the Livestock Pedigree Act, Record of Performance for dairy cattle, beef cattle and swine, supervision of race track betting, the grading of meat, wool and fur and the compiling and interpreting of market information.

The Poultry Division carries out the policies of the National Poultry Breeding Program, including Record of Performance for poultry and hatchery inspection, and administers the regulations for the grading of poultry products.

The Fruit and Vegetable Division administers legislation having to do with the grading of fruit and vegetables in both fresh and processed form, maple products, and honey.

The Dairy Products Division is responsible for the administration of legislation covering grades and standards of dairy products, including butter, cheese, concentrated milk products and ice cream.

The Plant Products Division administers Acts and regulations respecting seeds, feed-stuffs, fertilizers and pest control products, conducts field inspection and maintains regional testing laboratories.

The Plant Protection Division is responsible under the Destructive Insect and Pests Act for safeguarding against the introduction of serious plant insects or diseases into Canada or their spread in Canada, for certifying freedom from disease and pests in plant exports, and for seed potato certification.

The Consumer Section helps to promote proper use of Canadian agricultural food products through experimental work, carried on by its home economists, on cooking foods and preserving perishables.

The Transportation, Storage, and Retail Inspection Section administers the Cold Storage Act dealing with the payment of subsidies for the construction of public cold storage; cargo inspectors at the main Canadian ports check the handling of goods moving to export, and inspectors make spot checks on retail outlets to see that food products meet the prescribed standards for quality and grade.

*Agricultural Stabilization Board.*—The functions and operations of this Board, established in 1958 under the Agricultural Stabilization Act for the purpose of supporting the prices of agricultural products, are described in the Domestic Trade Chapter of this volume in a special article which deals with "Controls over Pricing and Marketing of Farm Products other than Grain"

*Agricultural Products Board.*—The Agricultural Products Board, first established in 1951 under the Emergency Powers Act, was reappointed under the Agricultural Products Board Act dated Jan. 23, 1952. The Board was established as an auxiliary or facilitating body for the purpose of purchasing, selling or delivering agricultural products pursuant to any agreement or contract made by the Government of Canada as may seem appropriate, as agent for the Agricultural Stabilization Board.