

The Live Stock Branch administers the Animal Husbandry Act, develops and administers policies that encourage the improvement and production of livestock, and works in close co-operation with the Veterinary Laboratory Service and the federal Health of Animals Division in the control of livestock diseases.

The Dairy Branch administers the Dairy Act, supervises the grading of cream, inspects creameries and cheese factories, gives instruction in cheese and butter making, issues licences to makers of dairy products and to cream graders and conducts a dairy-cost study among milk producers. Extension activities include addressing meetings and preparing articles and leaflets on dairy farm problems.

The Soils and Crops Branch deals with grain and forage crops, conservation and fertility and provides liaison between the Government of Manitoba and the Government of Canada in regard to PFRA projects. The Branch develops and administers policies that encourage good field crop husbandry and conservation practices. The Weeds Section directs the activities of 18 municipal weed control units comprising 70 rural municipalities engaged in eradicating deep-rooted, persistent, perennial weeds; supervising weed demonstrations; investigating weed problems; conducting weed surveys; and preparing weed literature, mounted weed specimens, etc.

The Agricultural Publications and Statistics Branch publishes and distributes annually approximately 100,000 bulletins, circulars, posters, leaflets, etc. It provides the public with agricultural statistics relating to Manitoba agriculture, and maintains an information service which uses the media of the press, radio and TV.

The Co-operative Services Branch takes care of the registration and supervision of co-operatives and credit unions and the administration of the Acts governing them. The Branch also collects and compiles statistics on co-operative activity throughout the province.

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

**Saskatchewan.**—The Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture is organized in the following branches and services.

The Administration Branch handles general staff records and accounts. Data on crop conditions, production, marketings and income are collected and farm information dispensed daily over seven private radio stations.

The Agricultural Representative Service has a field staff of 38 agricultural representatives, four area supervisors and specialists in farm management, farm mechanics, and visual aids. This extension field staff serves all Branches of the Department as well as the other agencies operating within the Co-operative Agricultural Extension Program. Agricultural representatives are active in all federal, provincial and university farm services. In farm labour matters, co-operation is maintained with the federal Department of Labour and the National Employment Service in directing annual movements of farm labour in and out of the province. Agricultural representatives work through Agricultural Conservation and Improvement Committees in each rural municipality and local improvement district to supply the farmer with scientific and practical information. Committees study local farm problems and initiate improvement programs. Through an Earned Assistance Program the Department pays one-half the cost of local group development projects.

The Animal Industry Branch has four divisions. The Dairy Division administers dairy herd improvement programs and assists producers with management and production problems; inspects and licenses dairy manufacturing and frozen-food locker plants; and administers dairy, locker plant and margarine legislation. The Livestock Division encourages the use of suitable animals for breeding purposes by the establishment of purebred sire areas and by assistance in the purchase and distribution of stallions, bulls, boars and rams. It registers brands, licenses livestock dealers and agents and promotes programs on insect control, feeding and management. The Poultry Division maintains flock testing and turkey grading services; administers an approved hatchery policy; licenses produce