

An Agricultural Research Council was established by the Department in 1957. It is a consultative body composed of professors from the senior agricultural colleges of the province. It has no laboratories but encourages research in all fields of agriculture, by means of subsidies to the faculties of agriculture of the provincial universities, to be carried out under the supervision of the university staffs. The Council also has a scholarship plan to encourage the education of young agricultural scientists. The findings of research projects undertaken under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture are published by the Council in *Recherches agronomiques*.

Ontario.—The Ontario Department of Agriculture provides financial assistance and administrative services through its Head Office, nine Branches, two Experimental Farms, and through research and extension work carried out at the Ontario Agricultural College, the Ontario Veterinary College, Macdonald Institute, Western Ontario Agricultural School, the Kemptville Agricultural School and the Horticultural Experiment Station.

The Department is divided into two main Divisions—the Division of Production and the Division of Marketing. Each is under the direction of an Assistant Deputy Minister, directly responsible to the Deputy Minister. The Division of Production is composed of the Live Stock Branch, Extension Branch, Agricultural and Horticultural Societies Branch, Field Crops Branch, Farm Economics and Statistics Branch, and the Milk Production Program. The Division of Marketing administers the affairs of the Markets Branch, Dairy Branch, Co-operative Loans Board, Milk Industry Board, Farm Products Marketing Board, Ontario Stock Yards Board, Ontario Food Terminal Board, and the Farm Products Inspection Service.

The Live Stock Branch promotes livestock improvement policies with particular attention to the health of animals, gives support to purebred livestock associations, licenses artificial insemination centres, community sales, wool warehousemen and egg grading stations.

Through a staff of Agricultural Representatives, one of whom is located in each county and district, the Extension Branch carries on an educational and extension service, gives leadership to 4-H Club work and to the Ontario Junior Farmers' Association. This Branch also administers policies providing assistance to farmers and settlers in northern Ontario in connection with land clearing and breaking and improvement of farms and livestock. The Home Economics Service, which is part of the Extension Branch, gives leadership to organized activities of rural women.

The Agricultural and Horticultural Societies Branch provides assistance to agricultural and horticultural fairs and exhibitions, ploughing matches and other competitions and administers the Community Centres Act.

The Field Crops Branch assists in the development of good cultural practices, promotes the use of improved strains of seed and works for the improvement of pastures. It also administers the Weed Control Act.

The Farm Economics and Statistics Branch carries on research in farm business including cost analysis, marketing, and land use. In co-operation with the Dominion Bureau of Statistics it gathers and publishes statistics of agricultural production.

The Markets Branch administers the Farm Products Marketing Act; the Farm Products Grades and Sales Act; the Co-operative Loans Act; the Grain Elevator Storage Act; and the Farm Products Containers Act.

The Dairy Branch provides an inspection, instruction and supervision service to all dairy factories and promotes the production of clean milk on farms. The Milk Industry Board of Ontario, functioning under the authority of the Milk Industry Act, regulates and supervises the marketing of milk and cream.