

with the control and utilization of those resources. Through the Departmental Act and other associated statutes, provision is made for the construction of works to control and use water, and to provide technical and financial assistance to junior levels of government for construction, maintenance, and operation of such works.

**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, marketing and income are collected and farm information dispensed daily over seven private radio stations.

The Agricultural Representative Service has a technical staff of 58, comprising a director, an assistant director, 40 agricultural representatives, six assistant agricultural representatives, four area supervisors, five farm management specialists and one audio-visual aids supervisor. 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; they 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. District Boards, with representatives from each municipality, assist the agricultural representative in planning and developing a district agricultural improvement program. Through an Earned Assistance Program, the Department pays one-half the cost of local group development projects. 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.

The Animal Industry Branch has four divisions: the Dairy Division administers dairy herd improvement programs, 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, and registers brands, licenses livestock dealers and agents and promotes programs on insect control, feeding and management; the Poultry Division maintains poultry and turkey testing and banding services under Saskatchewan Hatchery Supply Flock Policies, licenses produce dealers and poultry buyers, hatcheries and hatchery agents, assists with poultry shows and field days, and otherwise promotes flock improvement; the Veterinary Division assists students in veterinary science under a scholarship plan, administers the Veterinary Service District Act, disease testing and vaccination programs, and co-operates with Federal Government officials and local veterinarians in disease prevention and control.

The Conservation and Development Branch provides engineering services for irrigation development, usually in co-operation with the Federal Government, and for drainage programs and projects. Reclamation of land by drainage, development of misused land and under-utilized land, and construction of provincial community pastures all come within its jurisdiction. The Branch provides engineering assistance to conservation and development areas, water users' districts, and irrigation districts in connection with water control projects.

The Lands Branch administers Crown, school and Land Utilization Board lands, except forest reserves and parks in the settled area of the province; classifies it according to the use for which it is best suited; disposes of such lands under long-term leases; secures land control for land utilization projects; supervises new settlement projects; pays for clearing and breaking by farmers on provincial leases; and operates provincial community pastures.