

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 is directly concerned with organizing weed control districts which employ full-time weed supervisors. Educational programs for general weed control include demonstrations, literature, farm meetings, etc.

The Agricultural Publications and Statistics Branch publishes and distributes annually approximately 125,000 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. It 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.

The Water Control and Conservation Branch administers, through the Water Rights and the Water Power Acts, the water resources of the province and all works in connection 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 local governments for the construction, maintenance, and operation of such works. Under the direction of the director and chief engineer, the Floodway Division is responsible for co-ordinating all matters in respect to design and construction of the proposed Red River Floodway.

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 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 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