

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 encourages the development, production and improvement of cereal, forage and special crops, and promotes proper land use through soil conservation programs. Also, weed control is co-ordinated through administration of the Noxious Weeds Act. The Branch develops and administers policies that encourage good field crop husbandry, soil conservation and weed control, and co-operates with other agencies toward this end.

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 Secretary of Statistics collects data on crop conditions, production, marketings and income. Farm information is dispensed daily over private radio stations, over TV stations and to the press by the Radio and Information Division. The Agricultural Representative Service has a technical staff comprising a director, an assistant director, 40 agricultural representatives and three assistants, 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. District Boards with representatives from each Committee assist the agricultural representative in planning and developing a district agricultural improvement program. Through an Earned Assistant 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 employs livestock specialists who provide technical information through Agricultural Representatives, press, radio and directly to producers and who administer the ROP program for beef cattle. For administrative purposes, the 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