

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 testing and banding services, licenses produce dealers and buyers, hatcheries and hatchery agents, and otherwise promotes flock improvement; the Veterinary Division assists students in veterinary science under a scholarship plan, administers the Veterinary Service District Act and the calfhood vaccination program, provides a laboratory service for the livestock and poultry industries 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 water utilization and control projects. Land reclamation and development, and construction of provincial community pastures also come within its jurisdiction. The Branch administers the ground and surface water of the province and provides for regulated use of water for all purposes.

The Lands Branch administers Crown and Land Utilization Board lands, except forest reserves and parks in settled areas; 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.

The Plant Industry Branch conducts grassland improvement programs and programs for crop improvement and protection, and gives advice on soil conservation, horticultural problems, and weed and pest control. The Seed Plant Division carries on custom cleaning of forage seeds and registered cereals. The Apiary Division advises on beekeeping and honey production and conducts continuous inspection.

The Agricultural Machinery Administration carries out detailed tests on agricultural machines being sold in Saskatchewan to evaluate their structural and functional performance and inspects and licenses farm implement vendors. Other services to the public are provided through an agricultural machinery extension program.

Farmers are assisted by the Family Farm Improvement Branch which gives technical advice at the farm on the construction of farm buildings and on farmstead planning, mechanization and materials handling. The Branch conducts research for farm water and sewage works.

The Economics and Statistics Branch undertakes research and investigations required to formulate and evaluate policies and programs that will ensure a high level of growth and efficiency in Saskatchewan's agriculture; it collects, analyses and distributes economic information and principles to assist people interested in or engaged in agricultural pursuits. Data on crop conditions, production, marketings and income are available from the Statistics Division.

Farm information is dispensed daily over private radio stations, over TV stations and to the press by the Information Division.

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

The Field Crops Branch administers programs and policies relating to crops and soils. A Supervisor is in charge of each division, namely, Crop Improvement, Crop Protection and Pest Control, Weeds and Soils, Horticulture, Apiculture, and Special Projects. A crop diagnostic service is offered through the Crop Clinic at Edmonton. The Horticultural Station at Brooks and the Tree Nursery at Oliver offer services in horticulture and provide trees for farm planting.

The Livestock Branch administers policies to aid in general livestock improvement and sire distribution. This includes setting standards for and approving public sales of