

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 Lands Branch administers Crown land, except forest reserves and parks in settled areas; classifies it according to the use for which it is best suited; disposes of such land 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.

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 sires, record-of-performance programs for beef cattle, sheep and swine and extension and control of artificial insemination. The Branch also administers supervision of Feeder Associations; brand registration; brand inspection; licensing of butchers, livestock dealers and stockyards; pound districts and sale of horned cattle.

The Dairy Branch administers the Dairymen's Act, the Frozen Food Act and the Margarine Act. The testing, grading and purchasing of raw produce by all dairy plants are under regulation, as are standards of construction, manufacture, processing, sanitation, and temperature control for dairy and frozen-food plants. A regular cow-testing service to provide the basis for breeding, feeding and culling dairy cattle is available to dairy producers and the Branch laboratory conducts chemical and bacteriological analyses needed for industrial directives.