

The Co-operative Services Branch registers and supervises co-operatives and credit unions and administers the Acts governing them. It also collects and compiles statistics on co-operative activity throughout the province.

The Veterinary Services Branch provides a diagnostic laboratory for animal diseases; administers the brucellosis control program, the Veterinary Services District Act and the Veterinary Science Scholarship Fund Act; works in close co-operation with practising veterinarians and the federal Health of Animals Branch in the control of livestock and poultry diseases.

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. The Departmental Act and associated statutes provide for the construction of works to control and use water, and for technical and financial assistance to local governments for the construction, maintenance and operation of such works. The Floodway Division is responsible for co-ordinating all matters respecting design and construction of the Red River Floodway.

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

The Agricultural Representative Branch has a technical staff of 55, which 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 and to develop district improvement programs. The Department pays one half the cost of local group development projects. In farm labour matters, co-operation is maintained with the federal Departments of Manpower and Immigration and of Labour.

Animal Industry Branch specialists provide technical information to livestock producers and administer the record of performance program for beef cattle. The Dairy Division of the Branch 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 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 the 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 Apiary Division advises on beekeeping and honey production and conducts continuous inspection.