

administration of the Department, for policy co-ordination and for the execution of programs established under these policies. Three Assistant Deputy Ministers are responsible for the principal Branches of the organization: Production; Research, Education and Administration; and Marketing.

The Production Branch is the largest in the Department; its major services and divisions are made directly available to the farmer. The Branch is responsible for veterinary services, animal husbandry, regional offices and laboratories, special projects, engineering and plant products. Veterinary services include work in the health of animals field, meat inspection and the provincial laboratories at Quebec and St-Hyacinthe as well as the veterinary medicines distribution centre at St-Hyacinthe; this service is also responsible for the sanitary inspection of meats in slaughterhouses and meat packing or processing plants operating under the "Quebec Approved" program. The animal husbandry section includes work in artificial insemination and animal diseases. The engineering section covers agricultural machinery, mechanized operations, farm buildings and agricultural water services. The plant production section covers field crops, horticulture, damage to uninsured crops, and the soils and plant husbandry laboratory. Agricultural extension and young farmers' programs are administered by the regional offices and laboratories of the Production Branch which are also charged with the operation of joint programs.

Through the Research, Education and Administration Branch, the Department carries out practical research directly applicable to agriculture at the farm level, pursues an agricultural education program, and provides for efficient administration of the budget.

Research and education cover crop protection, soils, apiculture and maple products, research stations and the La Pocatière and St-Hyacinthe institutes of agricultural technology. The Assistant Deputy Minister in charge of the Branch is the president of the Quebec Research Council, the co-ordination and promotion centre for most of the agricultural research carried out in Quebec. The Council directs research into specific fields to meet the special needs of Quebec agriculture. It maintains close liaison with federal government research organizations, and in drawing up its priorities also consults with the Quebec Plant Products Board and the Quebec Animal Production Board.

The administrative and financial services attached to this Branch include archives, land grants, travelling expenses, supplies, and grants and awards. The personnel section which makes up the rest of the Branch includes farm labour and civil defence.

The Marketing Branch, through the dual nature of its services and divisions, serves both agriculture and the consumer. The marketing aspect of the Branch includes economic studies (production, distribution, compilation and forecasts), marketing of agricultural products (publicity and search for markets) and technical assistance to the food industry (industrial development and business organization). Apart from its marketing role, the Branch includes those services and divisions responsible for control of dairy and meat products, supervision of warranties, prevention and elimination of fraud through quality control, and the chemical foods laboratory.

**Ontario.** The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food conducts a wide variety of programs to develop a sound agricultural industry and to help farmers. Most assistance is through self-help programs which benefit the individual farmer. The Ministry administers 48 separate legislative Acts, some of which are regulatory, on an industry-wide basis. The Ministry has 54 county and district offices located throughout the province.

Under the Federal-Provincial Rural Development Agreement, 1970-75, the province shares equally with the Government of Canada the cost of certain rural development programs. In Ontario, ARDA is heavily committed to programs in farm enlargement and adjustment, rural resource development and assistance to rural industries to increase employment opportunities for rural people.

Agricultural Manpower Services assists in recruiting, moving and placing farm workers during the planting and harvesting seasons. This service operates under a provincial agricultural manpower agreement negotiated each year by the federal and provincial governments.

The Co-operative Loans Board makes loans to agricultural co-operative associations for the construction of cold storages, feed mills, processing plants, grain elevators, potato storages, dairies, creameries and cheese factories.