

provided to the various branches of the Department, to producers and to agribusiness. The Veterinary Services Branch operates a diagnostic laboratory for animal diseases, administers the Veterinary Services District Act and the Veterinary Scholarship Fund Act, and works in close co-operation with practising veterinarians and the federal Health of Animals Branch in the control of livestock and poultry diseases.

The Technical Services Branch provides programs in agricultural engineering, entomology and beekeeping, and carries out a rural water service of technical assistance to rural residents installing modern farm water systems.

The Community and Family Programs Branch carries out educational and developmental programs in home economics, 4-H and youth, agricultural manpower, community affairs, rural counselling and resource analysis; it also administers the Agricultural Extension Centre at Brandon for adult education programs. The Communications Services provides a regular flow of press, radio and television services to all mass media outlets and produces and distributes over 300,000 booklets, leaflets and circulars each year. The Regional Division is made up of five regions containing 38 district offices, each staffed with agricultural representatives; district home economists are located at 15 of these locations. The major role of this Division is the extending of educational and advisory information in agriculture, homemaking and rural development to rural residents through meetings, field days, short courses and individual contact.

Saskatchewan. The Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture is composed of the following branches and services. The Agricultural Extension Branch, the main extension agency of the Department, has the primary objective of maintaining and increasing the over-all efficiency of agricultural production. It provides a basic extension program designed to ensure that the most modern farming techniques and the latest research findings are made available to farmers; provides leadership and general guidance in agricultural adjustment programs needed to bring about necessary social and economic progress; and co-ordinates and administers field programs and policies sponsored by other branches for the purpose of encouraging desirable adjustments in agricultural production and to cope with emergency situations. The Branch maintains close co-operation with other branches of the Department as well as with the University of Saskatchewan and the Canada Department of Agriculture in the three-way co-ordination of agencies known as the co-operative extension program.

The Production and Marketing Branch comprises three major Divisions: Animal Industry, Plant Industry and Veterinary. The first two provide specialist services to agricultural representatives and agriculture in field crops, weed and insect control, soil conservation, horticulture, apiculture, livestock and poultry, and administer related Acts and programs. The Veterinary Division administers the Veterinary Service District Act, the Diseases of Animals Act, and provides diagnostic laboratory services and co-operates with the federal government and local veterinarians in disease prevention and control.

The Conservation and Development Branch provides engineering services for flood control and water use projects and for irrigation development. It is responsible for construction of works for the Saskatchewan River Irrigation Project and does much of the development work for the community pastures.

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 and disposes of it through lease or sale. The Branch also secures land for land utilization projects, supervises new settlement projects, pays for clearing and breaking by farmers on provincial leases, operates provincial community pastures and operates training farms for people of Indian ancestry.

The Family Farm Improvement Branch gives farmers technical advice on farm buildings, farmstead planning, mechanization and materials handling. The Branch conducts research for farm water and sewage works, provides technical and financial assistance for their installation and administers the Agricultural Implements Act and the Pollution (by livestock) Control Act.

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, analyzes and distributes economic information. The Farm Management Division carries out an extension program in farm business management. Data on crop conditions, production, marketings and income are available from the Statistics Division.