

at St-Hyacinthe; this service is also responsible for meat inspection and carries out sanitary inspection of meats in slaughterhouses and meat packing or processing plants operating under the "Quebec Approved" program. The animal husbandry section deals with dairy and butcher cattle, pork, fowl, sheep and horses, fur-bearing animals and domestic rabbits. The artificial insemination service works closely with breeders' groups. Twelve regional offices and five laboratories, an information section and a young farmers section are responsible for adult education, technical training, regional development and soils, and plant and animal development. The engineering section is concerned with mechanized operations, farm buildings and agricultural water services. The plant production section advises and assists farmers on field crops, horticulture, maple products and apiculture. The section is also responsible for assessing damage to uninsured crops, and the operation of two laboratories conducting soil and plant tissue analysis, the Manicouagan potato breeding centre, the pilot blueberry processing plant at Normandin and is responsible for the financial and administrative management of the St-Bruno blueberry freezing plant.

The Research, Education and Administration Branch consists of a research and education division, administrative and financial services and personnel services. Research and education is also responsible for various organizations and services, the La Pocatière and St-Hyacinthe institutes of agricultural technology and a research section dealing with crop protection, soils and research stations. 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 directing research into specific fields to meet the special needs of Quebec agriculture. Its work is co-ordinated with the Quebec Plant Products Board, the Quebec Animal Husbandry Board, and the Quebec Products Board and priorities are determined in co-operation with those organizations. In addition it maintains close liaison with federal government researchers. Administrative and financial services are also attached to this Branch. The personnel section, which makes up the rest of the Branch, includes farm labour and civil defence.

The Marketing Sector serves both agriculture and the consumer and includes a Marketing Branch and two divisions responsible for control of dairy and meat products and the prevention and elimination of fraud. The Marketing Branch carries out economic studies (production, distribution, analyses and forecasts), looks after marketing of agricultural products (publicity and search for markets) and provides technical assistance to the food industry (industrial development and business organization). Apart from its marketing role the Branch is responsible for quality control and the chemical foods laboratory.

Ontario. The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food conducts a variety of programs to develop a sound agricultural industry and to help farmers. Most assistance is given 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 committed to programs of farm enlargement and adjustment, rural resource development and assistance to rural industries to increase employment opportunities for rural people.

Agricultural Manpower Services co-operates with the Canada Department of Manpower and Immigration by recruiting and referring full-time farm workers, providing grants for the construction and renovation of housing for seasonal workers and financing transportation of Canadian workers into the harvest area.

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.

The Soils and Crops Branch conducts programs of applied research to provide farmers with specific recommendations for their areas. Soil and crop specialists frequently work with local branches of the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association to relay this information to the farmers. Specialists also supervise county inspectors who enforce the Weed Control Act. Extension horticulturists provide specialized advice to producers of fruit, vegetables, mushrooms, greenhouse crops and flowers.