

payments to producers in western Canada for farm-stored threshed wheat, oats and barley. The rate of advance payment is prescribed by regulation annually, and the rate of repayment is the same as the rate of advance. The maximum total advance is governed by quota levels, also prescribed by regulation, and may not exceed \$15,000 for any individual producer for the crop year.

The act also contains provisions for special advance payments covering unharvested grain and the drying of grain. The maximum total advances receivable for these special advances are \$3,500 and \$1,500 respectively.

## Provincial government services

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### Departments of agriculture

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**Newfoundland.** Government agricultural services in Newfoundland are provided by the Department of Forestry and Agriculture. Under the general direction of the minister, the deputy minister is responsible for administration of the department and three assistant deputy ministers are responsible for program evaluation and development for the principal branches of the organization: Agriculture, Lands and Forestry. Programs are carried to the public by the Regional Services Branch. Three regional supervisors, with agricultural representatives, each serve the public in a specified area known as an agriculture management unit.

Departmental policies in support of the agriculture industry include: a land clearing grant for private farmers; a capital assistance grant for purchase of buildings and equipment; subsidized provision of agricultural limestone; bonus payments for retention of quality breeding stock; grants-in-aid for construction of vegetable storage facilities; a subsidized regional pasture program; grants to agricultural societies; and technical information and farm management services.

Departmental assistance is also given under the provincial Farm Development Loan Board, the Newfoundland Marketing Board and the Newfoundland Farm Products Corporation.

**Prince Edward Island.** The Prince Edward Island Department of Agriculture and Forestry is composed of the following branches and divisions: the Field Services Branch which consists of the Farm Management Section, the District Offices Section, the Farm Development Section, the Livestock Section and the Crops and Engineering Section; the Forestry Branch, which consists of the Forest Nursery Division and the Bunbury Nursery Division; the Management Services Group which contains the Economics, Marketing and Statistics Division, the Information Division, Administration, and Grain Elevators; the Technical Services Branch; and the Veterinary and Dairy Branch.

The work of the department is aimed at serving the needs of farm families in PEI, especially in efforts to stabilize farm incomes and improve farm management ability. Programs and policies range from 4-H soil-testing competitions and developing individual plans for the family farm development program to crop insurance promotion, working with commodity groups and providing up-to-date production recommendations.

**Nova Scotia.** The Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Marketing directs the government's agricultural program by implementing provincial agricultural policies. The department is administered by a minister, deputy minister and branch directors concerned primarily with extension and economics, horticulture and biology, livestock services, market development, soils and crops, and formal agricultural education through the Nova Scotia Agricultural College located in Truro. The department is particularly interested in encouraging rural people to help themselves through such organizations as the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture, the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association and other commodity-oriented groups.