

**New Brunswick.** Provincial government agricultural policy and programs in New Brunswick are administered and directed by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. Under the minister, the department is administered by a deputy minister, an assistant deputy minister and the directors of branches concerned with administration, extension, livestock and poultry, veterinary services, communications and marketing, plant industry, agricultural engineering, home economics, credit unions and cooperatives, and planning and development. It also has a Farm Adjustment Board, a Natural Products Control Board, a Dairy Products Commission, and a Forest Products Commission.

**Quebec.** The aim of the Quebec Department of Agriculture is to promote agricultural development through the best possible use of the province's resources by providing up-to-date advice and technical assistance to farmers. Modernization of agriculture and raising the standard of living in rural areas are of particular concern.

The minister responsible for agriculture directs the department and the Quebec Sugar Refinery, the Farm Credit Bureau, the Agricultural Marketing Authority and the Crop Insurance Administration, the Société québécoise d'initiatives agro-alimentaires and the Commission administrative des régimes d'assurance-stabilisation des revenus agricoles, each operated by an autonomous board of directors. Under the general direction of the minister, the deputy minister is responsible for administration of the department, information, special projects, agricultural organizations, policy coordination and the planning and 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 makes its principal services and divisions directly available to the farmer: veterinary services, animal husbandry, artificial insemination, regional offices and laboratories, engineering and plant products. Veterinary services include work in the health of animals field, the contributory animal health insurance plan and the provincial laboratories at Quebec and St-Hyacinthe as well as the veterinary medicines distribution centre at St-Hyacinthe. 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 assesses damage to uninsured crops, and operates two laboratories conducting soil and plant tissue analysis, the Manicouagan potato breeding centre, and the pilot blueberry processing plant at Normandin. It is also responsible for financial and administrative management of the St-Bruno blueberry freezing plant.

In the Research, Education and Administration Branch, the Research and Education Division is 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 coordination 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 coordinated with the Quebec Plant Products Board, the Quebec Animal Husbandry Board, and the Quebec Products Board and priorities are determined in cooperation with those organizations. In addition it maintains close liaison with federal government researchers. Administrative and financial services are also attached to this branch, as is the personnel section, which includes civil defence.