

processing; red beets, apples, peaches, grapes, sweet and sour cherries, pears, set onions, seed onions, coloured beans, new seeding and flue-cured tobacco, a burley tobacco, seed corn and flax. The total cost of administration is paid by the Ontario government and 50% of the premium is paid by the federal government.

The Milk Commission of Ontario is an administrative tribunal to which dairy producers, processors and others may appeal. The commission cooperates with the Ontario Milk Marketing Board and the Ontario Dairy Council in dairy policy planning and development.

The Milk Industry Branch was established in 1973 to assume responsibility for all regulative and administrative work required under the Milk Act, the Oleomargarine Act, and the Edible Oil Products Act which was previously done by the Milk Commission of Ontario. The branch administers the milk quality, fluid milk, milk products, plant record audit and central milk testing programs which also includes the operation of infra-red analyzing of milk for butterfat, protein and lactose.

The Farm Products Inspection Branch inspects fruit and vegetables for grade, and promotes improved methods of disease control, grading, packaging, marketing, handling, storing and transportation. Under the Ontario Farm Products Marketing Board, a branch of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, 21 producer boards market some 40 commodities with a total market value of approximately \$1 billion annually.

The Ontario Food Council Branch has the broad responsibility of finding methods to coordinate better the marketing of Ontario agricultural and food products in Ontario, other Canadian provinces and abroad, and comprises representatives of producers, processors, wholesalers, distributors and consumers. The Ontario Food Terminal, operating under the Ontario Food Terminal Act, offers farmers the services of one of the largest volume wholesale fruit and vegetable markets in Canada.

Research and education are administered by the Education and Research and Special Services Division. An advisory body, the Agricultural Research Institute of Ontario, reviews current programs of research and recommends priorities.

The provincial entomologist reports on insect control programs, and the provincial apiarist is responsible for reporting on the bee and honey industry.

The Extension Branch is represented in each of the 54 county and district offices. Research developments and advice on farm management are relayed directly to farmers by agricultural representatives. Agricultural engineers are located throughout the province. The northern Ontario assistance policies are also administered by the branch, which assists the 4-H clubs and the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario.

The Home Economics Branch conducts an extension program for rural adult groups and for young people's 4-H homemaking clubs. Programs deal with the study of foods, nutrition, clothing, textiles, home furnishings, home crafts and family and community life.

The Information Branch publishes and distributes several hundred publications on agriculture and food, home gardening and homemaking. News releases, radio tapes and television film clips are used to convey information to farmers. The film library distributes more than 2,000 films annually. The Market Information Service provides up-to-date commodity quotations and farm weather reports to the media and individual producers on a daily basis using radio and audio-tape facilities.

The Agricultural and Horticultural Societies Branch offers advice and financial aid to agricultural and horticultural societies and ploughmen's associations and manages the International Ploughing Match and Farm Machinery Show. The Economics Branch does research into marketing, policy, production, land use and dairying, and works with Statistics Canada to collect and publish statistics on farm production and marketing.