

Field Crops, Horticulture, Livestock and Dairy Herd Improvement, Marketing and Poultry branches. Special Services includes the Engineering, Soils, Entomology, Plant Pathology, Veterinary, Dairy and Youth Development branches. The British Columbia Marketing and Milk Board report directly to the minister.

In addition to the headquarters staff at Victoria, the department maintains 19 district offices in various parts of the province, a veterinary laboratory and poultry-testing station at Abbotsford, a beef-testing station at Kamloops and dairy and entomology laboratories at Vancouver and Cloverdale respectively; soil-testing facilities are installed at Kelowna.

11.3.2 Agricultural education

All of the provinces of central and western Canada have agricultural colleges associated with universities giving undergraduate and postgraduate courses in agricultural science and home economics. Ontario, Quebec and Saskatchewan have degree-granting veterinary colleges. In addition, all of these provinces have agricultural colleges, schools of agriculture or diploma courses offering basic training to young people intending to return to farms or interested in employment in businesses allied with agriculture.

In Alberta the three agricultural colleges — Fairview, Olds and Vermilion (now Lakeland College) — have broadened their curricula in agriculture, maintained their applied research interests, and met the diversified interests of rural communities by offering programs in business education and trades training. During 1975 the 62-year-old Vermilion Agricultural College lost its identity as an agricultural college through its incorporation into the newly established inter-provincial Lakeland College. Although the college administrative office is located in Lloydminster, Vermilion campus facilities serve the agricultural education needs of Alberta and Saskatchewan residents in the Lakeland region.

In Quebec agricultural science is taught at McGill and Laval universities. The Department of Education offers a course in farm management and operation at two CEGEPs, and 15 school boards offer vocational training in agriculture in secondary schools. The Quebec Department of Agriculture also operates two institutes of agricultural technology. The Education, Research and Special Services Division of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food offers five diploma-course programs at the Ontario Agricultural College, University of Guelph, as well as at the colleges of agricultural technology at Centralia, Kemptville, New Liskeard and Ridgeway. In the Atlantic provinces, agricultural education is centred in the Nova Scotia Agricultural College at Truro, NS. This college provides the first two years of a BSc program in Agricultural Science (three years in Agricultural Engineering) with the final two years provided by other faculties in eastern Canada. In addition, the college offers several technical programs associated with farming and agribusiness and a variety of vocational courses designed to update farmers and other industry personnel.

11.4 Yearly statistics of agriculture

The collection, compilation and publication of statistics relating to agriculture is the responsibility of Statistics Canada. Valuable information is obtained through the censuses, through partial-coverage mailed questionnaire surveys, through probability surveys, and from the administrative records of government operations.

Statistics Canada collects and publishes primary and secondary statistics of agriculture on an annual and monthly basis. Primary statistics relate mainly to reporting crop conditions, crop and livestock estimates, wages of farm labour and prices received by farmers for their products. Secondary statistics relate to farm income and expenditure, per capita food consumption, marketing of grain and livestock, dairying, milling and sugar industries and cold storage holdings. In the collection of annual and monthly statistics, the Canada Department of