

corporation. The department produces and sells to farmers swine breeding stock which is free of specific diseases and which results from a controlled breeding program.

Prince Edward Island. The agriculture and forestry department is composed of the following branches and sections: a field services branch with a farm management section, district offices section, farm development section, livestock section, and crops and engineering section; a forestry branch, with a forest nursery division and Bunbury nursery division; a technical services branch; and a veterinary and dairy branch. The office of management services provides support to the four branches through its administration, information and economics, marketing and statistics sections. Management services also co-ordinates program planning and evaluation.

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

Nova Scotia. The agriculture and marketing department directs the government's agricultural program. The department is concerned primarily with administration, extension, economics, horticulture and biology, livestock services, market development, soils and crops, and formal agricultural education through the Nova Scotia Agricultural College 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.

New Brunswick. Provincial government agricultural policy and programs are directed by the agriculture and rural development department. Branches are concerned with administration, extension, livestock and poultry, veterinary services, communications and marketing, plant industry, agricultural engineering, home economics, credit unions and co-operatives, and planning and development. The province also has a farm adjustment board, farm products marketing commission, dairy products commission, and forest products commission.

Quebec. The Quebec agriculture department promotes agricultural development by providing technical and other assistance to help farmers modernize facilities, improve production and increase their standard of living. The department is responsible for boards and commissions administering programs concerning farm credit, agricultural product marketing, crop insurance, stabilization of farm income, encouraging new initiatives in food production and a provincial sugar refinery. The department's four branches deal with production, marketing, administration, and research and education.

Through the production branch, farmers in Quebec may call upon the expertise provided by 12 regional offices, five laboratories, and a young farmers' section, with staff specialized in information, technical training, and regional and resource development. An engineering directorate is responsible for mechanized operations, farm buildings and machines, and agricultural water services. Veterinary services run the contributory animal health insurance plan as well as the provincial animal pathology laboratories at Quebec and St-Hyacinthe. Also available are animal husbandry services, a swine insemination centre in St-Lambert, and an artificial insemination centre in St-Hyacinthe. Plant production services operate a Manicouagan potato breeding centre, a pilot blueberry processing plant at Normandin, a St-Bruno blueberry freezing plant, a St-Norbert maple products centre, Deschambault beekeeping centres, a soil laboratory at La Pocatière, and a plant laboratory in St-Hyacinthe.

The marketing sector serves both the farmer and the consumer. A marketing branch includes marketing, economic studies, and technical assistance to the food industry. A food inspection branch deals with crop products, dairy products and meat products, provides quality control and fraud suppression services, and food analysis at laboratories at Quebec and St-Hyacinthe.