

The milk industry branch is responsible for all regulative and administrative work required under the Milk Act, Oleomargarine Act, and Edible Oil Products Act, and regulations under the Farm Products Grades and Sales Act. The branch administers milk quality, fluid milk, milk products, plant record audit, farm inspections, and central milk testing programs.

A farm products inspection branch inspects fruit and vegetables for grade, and promotes improved methods of disease control, grading, packaging, marketing, handling, storing and transportation. The farm products marketing board administers 21 producer commodity boards covering some 44 commodities with a total market value of approximately \$1 billion annually.

The province's food council is responsible for finding methods to improve domestic and export market opportunities for Ontario agriculture and food products. An Ontario food terminal, operating under the Ontario Food Terminal Act, offers farmers 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 agricultural research institute reviews research programs and recommends priorities. The provincial entomologist reports on insect control programs and the provincial apiarist reports on the bee and honey industry.

The extension branch, through agricultural representatives at 54 county and district offices, relays information on research development and advice on farm management to farmers. Agricultural engineers work throughout the province. Northern Ontario assistance policies are also administered by the branch, which assists 4-H clubs and a junior farmers' association of Ontario.

The home economics branch conducts extension programs for rural adult groups and for young people's 4-H homemaking clubs on foods, nutrition, clothing, textiles, home furnishings, home crafts, and family and community life.

The information branch distributes publications, news releases, radio tapes and television film clips. A film library distributes more than 2,000 films annually. The market information service provides up-to-date commodity quotations to the media and individual producers daily using radio and audio-tape facilities.

The agricultural and horticultural societies branch offers advice and financial aid to agricultural and horticultural societies and plowmen's associations and manages an international plowing match and farm machinery show. The economics branch researches marketing, policy, production, land use and dairying, and works with Statistics Canada to collect and publish statistics on farm production and marketing.

The food land development branch provides an agricultural perspective to land-use planning. Staff contribute to and comment on official plans, amendments to plans and subdivision applications, and project plans for hydro, highways, pipelines and other facilities. Interim management of government-owned agricultural lands is accomplished through a land-lease program. The branch administers the Drainage Act and the Tile Drainage Act to provide loans and grants for draining agricultural lands. Staff also provide policy recommendations on alternative land-use programs.

Manitoba. The agriculture department serves through four divisions: marketing and production; rural development; regional; and management and operations. These divisions include the following branches.

An animal industry branch encourages improvement and efficient production of all classes of livestock, and helps to improve the quality of dairy products at producer and processor levels through inspection, consultation, education and laboratory quality control.

A soils and crops branch encourages development, production and improvement of cereal, forage and special crops and horticulture, and promotes policies that encourage good field crop husbandry, soil conservation, land development and weed control. An economics branch deals with educational and development programs in farm management and agricultural economics, carries out special studies and supervises farm diversification. A marketing branch conducts market development research and analysis to establish long-term markets for farm products. A veterinary services branch operates