

distributors, licensing and inspection of retail vendors, and investigating complaints regarding warranties and repair parts availability. The farm ownership board deals mainly with farmland ownership by non-residents and non-agricultural corporations.

Alberta. The agriculture department activities are co-ordinated by an executive committee, while a secretariat, in consultation with agribusiness, farm organizations and researchers, advises the department on planning and research.

The office of the Farmers' Advocate ensures protection of the rights of individual farmers. The office investigates problems and complaints of farmers not relating to the provincial government and its agencies.

Marketing programs and activities are carried out by a marketing and economic services group and an international marketing group, with a view to expanding domestic and foreign markets for Alberta's farm products and to encourage increased food and agricultural processing in Alberta.

An economic services division provides economic, statistical, business and market analysis to facilitate decision making by producers and industry, and to encourage efficient use of resources.

A marketing services division supports commodity groups concerned with marketing, conducts consumer education and food promotional programs and assists in the expansion or creation of new processing facilities and development of new food products.

The international marketing group of Alberta Agriculture assists Alberta exporters of agricultural commodities, processed food and feed products and technical services. International marketing is the provincial government link between Alberta's agricultural industry and world markets. Market development services and programs are designed to supplement and complement those of the federal government.

Development divisions of the department are responsible for programs designed to advise producers, ensure survival of family farms and promote the interests of rural communities. An extension division operates through 64 district offices co-ordinated by six regional directors, with a staff of regional specialists in livestock, plant industry, engineering and home economics. Farm development division branches deal with engineering, home design and agricultural services. Programs in a home economics and 4-H division include home management, nutrition, family living, and 4-H youth training and leadership development. An irrigation division services the development and upgrading of irrigation projects and farms. An Alberta agricultural development corporation guarantees or makes loans for development of agricultural enterprises.

A plant industry division provides extension, research and resource assistance relating to crop improvement and protection; pest control, weeds, soils and fertilizers; horticulture, apiculture and special projects, and has a horticultural research centre at Brooks. A tree nursery at Oliver supplies trees for farm planting and reforestation.

An animal industry division administers legislation, policies and programs related to beef cattle, swine, sheep, horse and poultry industries. This involves general extension and many specific programs such as record of performance, artificial insemination, semen evaluation, feeder associations, warble control, brand registration, brand inspection, stray animals, research projects, cost studies in poultry and a broad range of industry licensing.

The dairy division administers legislation, policies and programs relating to the dairy industry. The testing, grading and purchasing of milk and cream by all dairy plants are regulated. Standards are set for construction, equipment, sanitation, and quality relating to milk production on farms and in dairy plants. A computerized dairy herd improvement program provides a guide to producers on which to base breeding, feeding and culling programs. A specialized extension service is provided in all areas of dairying. A dairy control board administers quota allocations for both fluid milk and manufacturing milk producers, and also a provincial fluid milk pooling system and fluid milk pricing.

A veterinary services division provides diagnostic laboratories for animal diseases and conducts investigations of disease conditions. It provides lecture service for the