

forestry. Programs are carried to the public by a regional services branch. Three regional supervisors, with agricultural representatives, each serve the public in a specified area.

Departmental policies in support of the agriculture industry include: a land clearing grant for private farmers, a capital assistance grant for construction of buildings and purchase of equipment, subsidized provision of agricultural limestone, bonus payments for retention of quality breeding stock, provision of farm related training projects, a subsidized regional pasture program, subsidized crop and livestock insurance programs, a subsidized veterinary services program, and technical information and farm management services.

Departmental assistance is also given under a provincial farm development loan board, a Newfoundland marketing board and a Newfoundland farm products corporation. The department produces and sells to farmers swine and sheep breeding stock which is free of specific diseases, resulting from a controlled breeding program. It sells elite seed potatoes from its seed potato farm to registered seed potato producers.

A policy of identifying and preserving lands for agricultural use, under provincial legislation, has been adopted by the department. The designated areas have the best potential for supporting a viable agricultural industry. All Crown land, intended for agriculture, is leased rather than granted to ensure its intended agricultural use. Provision has been made with farm lending institutions to accept leased land as security for loans.

Prince Edward Island. The agriculture and forestry department is composed of a field services branch with farm management, district offices, farm development, livestock, and crops and engineering sections; a forestry branch, with a forest nursery and Bunbury nursery divisions; a technical services branch; and a veterinary and dairy branch. The office of management services provides support to the four branches through administration and information sections. An office of policy planning and evaluation collects and analyzes economic data and co-ordinates program planning.

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. 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, formal agricultural education through the Nova Scotia Agricultural College in Truro and farm expansion and development loans through the Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board. The department is particularly interested in encouraging rural people to help themselves through such organizations as the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture and 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 contributes to the development of the agricultural sector by offering farmers professional, technical and administrative services to modernize their farms, improve their production and raise their standard of living. The department is divided into four branches — production, marketing, research and education, and administration.

The production branch, through its 12 regional offices and five regional laboratories, is responsible for agricultural programs and policies and provides information on development of agricultural resources. The farm succession service is in charge of a program to ensure that there will be a new generation of young farmers.