

The livestock production service provides artificial insemination centres at St-Lambert and St-Hyacinthe, a Quebec swine herd analysis program and a Quebec dairy herd analysis program. The veterinary service is responsible for a contributory animal health program and a preventive veterinary medicine program. It administers a provincial veterinary laboratory at Quebec and a provincial animal pathology laboratory at St-Hyacinthe. Special animal health and assistance programs are also available to farmers. An engineering branch deals with mechanized operations, farm buildings and farm machinery, and agricultural water services.

Crop productions services include: a potato breeding centre at Manicouagan; a pilot blueberry processing plant at Normandin; a St-Bruno blueberry freezing plant; a St-Norbert maple products centre; beekeeping centres at Deschambault and St-Hyacinthe; specialized laboratories for soil analysis at La Pocatière; and a plant laboratory at St-Hyacinthe.

Both the farmer and the consumer are served by the marketing branch which is responsible for marketing, economic studies and technical assistance to food processors. The food inspection branch deals with plant, dairy and meat products, providing quality control, standardization and fraud suppression services.

A research and education branch is in charge of scientific research and experimental development and of education and training in agricultural technology at St-Hyacinthe and La Pocatière.

An administration branch controls the financial and administrative operations of the department, such as payment of subsidies, supply of goods and services, and handling of documents. The organization of a farm labour policy to solve problems of recruiting, training, employment and mobility of farm workers is the responsibility of the farm labour service.

An information service provides a link between the department and farmers. It advises farmers of developments in Quebec's agricultural policies and programs and administrative and technical methods developed to increase yields, lower the cost of production and facilitate marketing.

Ontario. The agriculture and food ministry is responsible for increasing and improving export and domestic markets for Ontario agriculture and food products. Services include domestic and export market development programs, promotion programs, and information related to situation and prospects.

Under a federal-provincial rural development agreement, the province shares equally with the federal government the cost of certain rural development programs. They cover farm enlargement and adjustment, rural resource development and assistance to rural industries to increase employment for rural people.

Agricultural manpower services of the rural development branch assists Ontario farmers with their manpower needs by providing information and recommendations on the farm labour supply, employment standards legislation, personnel management, job creation programs and training programs for farm workers. Help is also given to foreign exchange students coming to Ontario farms and to Ontario youth going to farms in other countries.

A soils and crops branch conducts extension programs in soil management and crop production. Its four sections cover field crops, horticultural crops, seeds and weeds, and pest control. The branch also administers the Weed Control Act and the Grain Elevator Storage Act.

In the veterinary services branch, a laboratory section with six laboratories provides diagnostic, investigational, consultation and extension services and administers the Fur Farms Act. A meat inspection section administers the Meat Inspection Act. A regulatory and communicable diseases section administers acts, policies and programs concerned with disease control, animal care and sale of livestock medicines.

A livestock branch supervises livestock improvement programs and administers provincial laws relating to livestock. Programs include dairy herd improvement; beef cattle, sheep and swine performance testing; ram premium policy; federal-provincial sheep transportation assistance; testing of feed samples, a computerized ration formulation program; warble fly control and Northern Ontario livestock assistance. The