

with a continuing sales opportunity for land, enables new farmers to start farming independent of substantial family assistance and permits farmers with insufficient land to add to their holding without raising large sums of money for capital investment. Major activities of the agricultural implements board include registration of implement 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. 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 activities are carried out by a marketing and economic services group and an international marketing group, to expand domestic and foreign markets for Alberta's farm products and to encourage increased food processing in Alberta.

An economic services division provides economic, statistical, business and market analysis to facilitate decision making 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 new processing facilities and development of new food products.

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

Development divisions advise producers, encourage survival of family farms and promote the interests of rural communities. An extension division with 64 district offices is co-ordinated by six regional directors, with regional specialists in livestock, plant industry, engineering and home economics. Engineering and rural services

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*A vital part of Canada's food strategy is a long-range plan for agricultural development. Provincial and federal departments and agencies are working together to develop a comprehensive plan for the use of Canada's agricultural resources.*

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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. An Alberta agricultural development corporation guarantees or makes loans for agricultural enterprises.

A plant industry division provides 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.

An animal industry division administers legislation, policies and programs related to beef cattle, swine, sheep, horses and poultry. This involves 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. 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 detailed computerized dairy herd