

The Dairy Branch administers the Dairy Act, supervises the grading of cream, inspects creameries and cheese factories, gives instruction in cheese- and butter-making, issues licences to makers of dairy products and to cream graders and conducts a dairy-cost study among milk producers. Extension activities include addressing meetings and preparing articles and leaflets on dairy-farm problems.

The Soils and Crops Branch deals with grain and forage crops conservation and fertility and provides liaison between the Province of Manitoba and the Government of Canada in regard to PFRA projects. The branch develops and administers policies that encourage good field-crop husbandry and conservation practices.

The Agricultural Publications and Statistics Branch publishes and distributes, annually, approximately 100,000 bulletins, circulars, posters, leaflets, etc.

The Weeds Administration Branch directs the activities of 18 municipal weed-control units comprising 70 rural municipalities engaged in eradicating deep-rooted, persistent perennial weeds; supervises weed demonstrations; investigates weed problems; conducts weed surveys; and prepares weed literature, radio addresses, articles, pictures, mounted weed specimens, etc.

The Co-operative Services Branch takes care of the registration and supervision of co-operatives and credit unions and the administration of the Acts governing them. The Branch also collects and compiles statistics on co-operative activity throughout the Province. The Director is Secretary of the Co-operative Promotion Board.

The Veterinary Laboratory operates a diagnostic laboratory for animal diseases, the services of which are available to veterinarians and live-stock owners.

Saskatchewan.—The Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture is organized as follows. (1) The Administration Branch includes the Accounting Division handling staff records, accounts and vouchers and mail assembly; the Agricultural Records Division, handling records particularly of agricultural and horticultural societies; the Statistics Division, which, in co-operation with the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, collects data on crop conditions, production, marketings and income; and the Radio and Information Division which broadcasts farm information daily over seven private stations. (2) The Agricultural Representative Service has a field staff of 37 agricultural representatives, four area supervisors and specialists in farm mechanics and visual aids. The Farm Labour Division co-ordinates farm labour requirements and services with federal agencies. The Service provides an extension field staff for all Branches of the Department as well as for the other agencies operating within the Co-operative Agricultural Extension Program. Agricultural representatives are active in all federal, provincial and university farm services. In farm labour matters, co-operation is maintained with the federal Department of Labour and the National Employment Service in directing annual movements of farm labour in and out of the Province. Agricultural representatives work through Agricultural Conservation and Improvement Committees in each rural municipality and local improvement district to supply the farmer with the scientific and practical information necessary for improvement in agriculture. Agricultural committees are instrumental in studying local farm problems and in initiating agricultural improvement programs. These programs are encouraged through an Earned Assistance Program under which the Department pays one-half the costs of local group development projects. (3) The Animal Industry Branch includes four divisions. The Dairy Division administers dairy herd improvement programs