

organizational units include the Grains and Special Crops Division, responsible for cereal grains and special crops, and the Marketing and Food Advisory services.

The Health of Animals Branch administers the Animal Contagious Diseases Act, the Meat Inspection Act and the Humane Slaughter of Food Animals Act, and operates laboratories for the study of animal diseases. It is composed of four Divisions: Contagious Diseases, Meat Inspection, Animal Pathology, and Education and Development. The Contagious Diseases Division controls contagious diseases of animals through preventive measures of inspection and quarantine of imported livestock and restricted commodities such as meat, farm products and other possible sources of infection; through conducting disease eradication programs, notably of bovine tuberculosis, brucellosis and Johne's disease; through the control and eradication of serious animal diseases, such as Newcastle disease, hog cholera, rabies and anthrax when outbreaks occur; and through inspection and certification as to health of livestock for export. The Meat Inspection Division conducts antemortem examinations; ensures the application of strict humane slaughter regulations for all food animals; conducts continuous postmortem examinations of animals slaughtered at packing plants operating under the Meat Inspection Act; and ensures maintenance of sanitary standards during processing of the products, accurate labelling, and the proper kind and use of ingredients and preservatives, in order that only wholesome, unadulterated meats and meat food products will be marketed.

The Animal Pathology Division consists of the Animal Diseases Research Institute at Hull, Que., the Animal Diseases Research Institute (Western) at Lethbridge, Alta., and seven other laboratories which conduct research and investigations on diseases of animals. The Division produces the biological products required in the control programs of the Branch; provides diagnostic services for diseases of domestic and wild animals; offers a consultation service regarding veterinary biologics and other agents used in the control of animal diseases; and assists in training departmental officers and technicians, as well as veterinarians from other lands. The Education and Development Division provides comprehensive training programs to meet the technical and scientific needs of the Branch and sponsors the attendance of its officers on other courses, and is involved in recruitment and liaison with other educational and professional institutions and organizations.

The Economics Branch provides the economic material essential for the formulation of comprehensive policies and programs to develop the agriculture and food sector of the Canadian economy. The Branch provides economic analysis and consulting services for the Minister, the Department and federal agencies. It conducts economic research, projects trends and prospects for agriculture, disseminates economic information, analyzes policy proposals, and plans and operates national economic programs for agriculture.

The Economics Branch consists of the Director General and Branch Executive, the Program Coordination and Development Group, the Policy Advisory Group and five divisions. The Marketing and Trade Division is concerned with the efficiency and development of markets for Canadian farm products; it also advises on trade policies and problems and prepares information on the agricultural economic outlook. The Farm and Rural Development Division helps Canadian farmers maintain profitable operations, keeps in touch with the problems of rural communities and operates the Small Farm Development Program. CANFARM Division provides a national computerized farm accounting service. The Research Division investigates the economics of production, marketing and resource use in agriculture and forecasts economic trends. There is also an Administration Division. Four regional research offices serve the Maritime Provinces, Quebec, the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia; the CANFARM offices are at Guelph.

The Food Systems Branch was established in late 1972 to develop marketing plans for various commodities through the planning, development and co-ordination of programs within the Canada Department of Agriculture and with other parts of the food system. The Branch works on a commodity basis with all segments of the food industry, including producers, processors and distributors. Its responsibilities include monitoring and assessing food systems programs.

Administration, liaison and information. The Financial and Administration Branch provides central advisory and specialized staff services for the financial and business management of the Department and advises the Senior Executive in developing financial and administrative policies and programs. Personnel policies and programs for approximately 10,000 employees