

Maryland State Horticultural Society. The Commission raises funds for publicity and advertising, sales promotion, education, and research to increase the demand for, and consumption of, Maryland apples. All apples of U.S. Number 1 Canner Grade or better grown in Maryland and sold in commercial trade are subject to a tax of three cents per bushel, except that the first five hundred bushels sold by any producer are tax exempt. Commercial growers must report all apples sold during the crop season by December 31 each year. Apples sold after the season must be reported by the close of the following May. The Commission deposits the funds received from these sources with the State Treasurer in a merchandising fund, and none of this money may be used for any other purpose, operating expenditures excepted (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 10-401 through 10-406).

### **BOARD OF INSPECTION OF HORSE RIDING STABLES**

*Chairman:* Frank Amsden, 1981

*Secretary:* Virginia B. Thackery, 1984

Mary J. Duckett, 1981; Dr. M. Michael Swindle, D.V.M., 1984; Diana Lee Bobbie, 1984.

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The Board of Inspection of Horse Riding Stables, created by Chapter 474, Acts of 1968, was transferred from the Department of Licensing and Regulation to the Department of Agriculture by Chapter 618, Acts of 1980. The Board consists of five members appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Agriculture for four-year terms. Of the members one shall be a duly qualified and licensed veterinarian, two shall be officers of a county humane society, one shall be an owner of a licensed stable, and one shall be a member of the public. The members of the Board select their chairperson. Members of the Board serve without compensation.

The Board makes all necessary rules and regulations for the proper performance of their duties. It also provides for the filing of applications for licenses and makes rules and regulations for the qualifications of applicants. The Board may appoint a qualified inspector and it may designate officers of County Humane Societies, Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and licensed veterinarians to act as its agents and to make routine inspections.

The Board is empowered to license all horse riding stables where one or more horses or ponies are let for hire to be ridden or driven, either with or without the furnishing of riding or driving instructions; any establishment that stables five or more horses and receives compensation for these services; sales barns; and all establishments where five or more horses are sold per year (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 2-701 through 2-719).

### **STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

*Chairperson:* Vernon R. Foster

*Ex officio members:* Wayne A. Cawley, Jr., *Secretary, Department of Agriculture*; Frank L. Bentz, Jr., *Vice-President for Agricultural Affairs, University of Maryland*; George Kemp, *Chairman, Maryland Agricultural Commission*; James B. Coulter, *Secretary, Department of Natural Resources*; Floyd Allred, Jr., *President, Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts*.

*Appointed members:* Richard Wright, *Supervisor, Wicomico Soil Conservation District, 1983*; Donald L. Spickler, *Supervisor, Washington County Soil Conservation District, 1984*; W. Mitchell Digges, *Supervisor, Charles Soil Conservation District, 1981*; Vernon Foster, *Supervisor, Baltimore County Soil Conservation District, 1982*.

*Advisory non-voting members:* Dr. John M. Curtis, *Director, Cooperative Extension Service*; Gerald R. Calhoun, *State Conservationist, USDA, Soil Conservation Service*.

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The State Soil Conservation Committee, established by Chapter 436, Acts of 1937, and as amended from time to time since that date, consists of the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture or any employee of the Department of Agriculture whom he designates; the Secretary of Natural Resources, or any employee of the Department of Natural Resources whom he designates; the principal administrative official for agricultural affairs at the University of Maryland as designated by the President of the University; the chairperson of the Maryland Agricultural Commission, or other member of the Commission he designates; the President of the Maryland Associ-