

(FIFRA). Additionally, the laboratories analyze meat and toxicology samples for the Office of Animal Health; test fruits, vegetables, commercial feeds, and soils for chemical residues; and make other determinations as required by Departmental activities (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 5-101 through 5-114; 6-101 through 6-117; 6-201 through 6-220; 6-301 through 6-310).

## WEIGHTS AND MEASURES SECTION

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The Weights and Measures Section has custody of, maintains, and safeguards the State's primary standards as well as secondary standards and equipment for the enforcement of Maryland's Weights and Measures Law. It maintains supervision over weighing and measuring devices, weights and measures, and packaged commodities offered for sale, sold, or in use in the State. This supervision extends to the methodology employed in obtaining accurate measurement and providing a means for value comparisons.

The Section also licenses and tests personnel who determine butterfat content for dairy cooperatives to use in determining payment to producers. It also licenses personnel who calibrate farm milk tanks. It administers and enforces Title 11, Agriculture Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, which is designed to ensure accuracy and equity in the sale and measurement of commodity and similar transactions (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 11-101 through 11-509).

## WHOLESOME MEAT ADVISORY COUNCIL

*Chairperson:* Alvin S. Manger, 1983

H. Robert Erwin, 1983; Donald C. Essich, 1983; William I. King, 1983; Eugene Miller, 1983; Ronald Nelson, 1983; William L. Ruppersberger, 1983; Vernon L. Truth, Jr., 1983; William Wagner, 1983; Robert M. Williar, 1983; Edward J. Wilson, D.V.M., 1983.

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The Wholesome Meat Advisory Council was established pursuant to the Maryland Wholesome Meat Act (Chapter 618, Acts of 1968). It was originally created for a period of three years to provide broadened representation in policy determinations with regard to meat inspection in the State, but its existence was extended indefinitely by Chapter 66, Acts of 1971. The Council advises

relating to meat inspection and the establishment of protection standards.

Council members are appointed by the Governor from representatives of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Baltimore City Health Department, the Maryland Farm Bureau, the Maryland Agricultural Commission, the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General, the Maryland Frozen Food Locker Association, Inc., and the slaughtering and processing industry. One ex officio member is designated by the Secretary of Agriculture (Code Agriculture Article, sec. 4-105).

## DIVISION OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING

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The Director of the Division of Agricultural Development and Marketing is responsible for supervision and direction of the Marketing Section. In addition, the Director provides administrative support and guidance to eight boards and commissions that serve agriculture: Maryland Agricultural Fair Board, Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, State Apple Commission, Board of Inspection of Horse Riding Stables, State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, State Soil Conservation Committee, Inspector of Tobacco, and Tobacco Authority.

## MARKETING SECTION

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The Marketing Section provides programs and services designed to help all segments of the economy through the market system from producer to consumer. Programs include: market improvement projects to improve quality and presentation of agricultural commodities and to enhance consumer acceptance; international marketing; market news and statistical reporting services in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and an active consumer marketing information program.

The Section also contains the Information Office, which issues news releases to the media and prepares certain publications and reports.

The following publications are available from