

MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL  
COMMISSION

W. Drew Stabler, *Chairperson*, 1991

*Appointed by Governor:* Jesse I. Burrall, Sr., 1991; Norman G. Fischer, 1991; Edward W. Quidas, Jr., 1991; Michael W. Radebaugh, D.V.M., 1991; John W. Strickland, 1991; Earl F. Hance, 1992; Robert K. Holland, 1992; Patricia A. Langenfelder, 1992; G. Laurence Moore, 1992; David Weitzer, 1992; John M. Burrier, 1993; John W. Jarrett, 1993; Leon J. LaChance, 1993; A. Orrell Saulsbury III, 1993; Richard W. Wilcke, 1993; three vacancies.

*Ex officio:* Raymond J. Miller, Vice-Chancellor for Agriculture & Natural Resources, University of Maryland System

Laurie Green, *Executive Secretary*

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The Maryland Agricultural Commission was formed in 1961 as the Agricultural Advisory Board (Chapter 470, Acts of 1961). The Board was renamed the Maryland Agricultural Commission in 1968 (Chapter 552, Acts of 1968). The Commission's chief function is to advance Maryland agriculture and advise the Secretary of Agriculture on agricultural matters. The Commission proposes agricultural improvements, promotes State agricultural industries and products, and reviews legislation for its impact on agriculture.

The Commission consists of twenty members. Nineteen are appointed by the Governor for three-year terms. They include representatives of the dairy, poultry, livestock, tobacco, nursery, horticulture, field crops, turf, horse breeding, food processing and vegetable industries; the veterinary profession; the Maryland State Grange; the Maryland Farm Bureau; services related to agriculture; and one consumer member. The principal administrative officer for agricultural affairs at the University of Maryland System serves *ex officio*. (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 2-201 through 2-205).

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OFFICE OF AQUACULTURE  
PROGRAMS

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The National Aquaculture Act of 1980 set forth the federal policy of encouraging development of an aquaculture industry. Maryland's interest in aquaculture culminated in 1988 when the Department of Agriculture was designated to promote

development of aquaculture and coordinate State efforts in this field (Chapter 534, Acts of 1988).

In Maryland, aquaculture has been defined as an agricultural activity—the controlled cultivation and harvest of aquatic plants and animals. Potentially viable aquaculture crops in the State include striped bass and hybrids, oysters, and soft-shell crabs.

Established by the Department in 1988, the Office of Aquaculture Programs coordinates the aquaculture programs of the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Natural Resources, and the University of Maryland System.

AQUACULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ernest F. Tresselt, *Chairperson*, 1991

*Appointed by Governor:* John F. Tucker Brown, 1991; Reginal M. Harrell, Ph.D., 1991; James A. Perdue, Ph.D., 1991; Eva M. Devine, 1992; George H. Harris, 1992; George Kimble Horn, 1992; Michael C. Rubino, Ph.D., 1992; James M. Banagan, 1993; Max E. Chambers, 1993; Robert P. Eurice, 1993; Frank P. Palmer, Jr., 1993.

*Designated by Senate President:* Lewis R. Riley

*Designated by House Speaker:* John F. Slade III

*Designated by Secretary of Agriculture:* F. William Sieling

*Designated by Secretary of Natural Resources:* Lt. Col. W. C. Willing, Natural Resources Police; W. Peter Jensen, Tidewater Administration.

*Designated by Chancellor, University of Maryland System:* Frederick W. Wheaton, Ph.D., University of Maryland College of Agriculture

*Nonvoting members:* Pradeep Ganguly, M.D., designee of Secretary of Economic & Employment Development; Mary Jo Garreis, designee of Secretary of the Environment; Betty Harden, designee of Secretary of Health & Mental Hygiene.

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The Aquaculture Advisory Committee was created in 1988 (Chapter 534, Acts of 1988). In consultation with the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House of Delegates Environmental Matters Committee, the Committee proposes legislation that promotes a major aquaculture industry for Maryland's tidal waters. In 1990, the Committee drafted legislation to create the Maryland Seafood and Aquaculture Loan Fund for expanding aquaculture or modernizing the seafood processing industry (Chapter 511, Acts of 1990).

The Committee consists of twenty-one members. Twelve are appointed to three-year terms by the Governor. Remaining members include a State senator designated by the Senate President; a delegate designated by the House Speaker; one