

problems of broiler producers and the growing of various vegetable crops is conducted at a farm near Salisbury (Code 1939, Art. 2A, secs. 13-15).

Maryland State Department of Markets

The State Department of Markets was established in 1924. It operates as an agent of the State Board of Agriculture under State Laws and the Federal Research and Marketing Act. It functions in four fields: (1) Extension Education, (2) Marketing Services, (3) Statistical and (4) Regulatory. The activities of the Department include grading and inspection services, market price reporting, market surveys, a marketing information and service program, extension marketing and consumer information.

The agency is responsible for the enforcement of the following laws: (1) The Maryland Apple Grading Law, (2) The Maryland Fresh Egg and Egg Grading Law, (3) The Poultry Sale and Transportation Law, (4) The Cantaloupe Maturity Law, (5) The Trademark Law, and (6) The Grading and Inspection Laws (Code 1939, 1947 Supp., Art. 2A, Secs. 22-40; Art. 48, secs. 144-150, 168-173).

The Department is also authorized by law to perform certain functions concerning the inspection and regulation of weights and measures used in the sale and purchase of agricultural products.

State Inspection and Regulatory Service

The State Inspection and Regulatory Service is responsible for the enforcement of the State Laws relating to feed, fertilizer, agricultural liming material and agricultural insecticides and fungicides. These laws are classified as the "Correct Labeling Acts". The agency's work in the enforcement of these laws is divided into five parts: (1) registration of brand names, (2) collection of samples, (3) chemical analysis and examination of samples, (4) publication of results of tests and (5) prosecution of violators (Code 1939, Art. 48, secs. 103-128; Art. 61).

Seed Inspection Service

The Seed Inspection Service was established in 1912. The Service is responsible for the enforcement of the seed laws of the State. The agency inspects, analyzes, tests, and examines seed samples collected by it or submitted to it for examination. The unit also cooperates with the United States Department of Agriculture in the enforcement of the Federal Seed Act (Code 1947, Supp., Art. 48, secs. 129-136).

State Department of Drainage

The State Department of Drainage was established in 1937. It is responsible for the promotion and encouragement of drainage of agricultural lands; the correlations of activities of local drainage organizations and cooperation with State and Federal agencies in the development of a permanent program of improved drainage (Code 1939, Art. 2A, sec. 21).

Dairy Inspection Service

The Dairy Inspection Service was established in 1935. It is responsible for the administration of the dairy inspection laws. Dealers purchasing milk and cream from producers as well as all persons sampling, weighing and testing milk and cream are licensed by the agency. The Service inspects all scales and weigh tanks and calibrates glassware used in the testing of milk and cream (Code 1947 Supp., Art. 43, secs. 509-521).