

exhibits. Financial assistance is extended to qualifying organizations for premium awards to exhibitors of agricultural displays (Code 1951, Art. 66C, secs. 61-63).

Appropriations	1955	1956
Special Fund	\$266,000	\$266,000
Staff: 2.		

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INSPECTOR OF TOBACCO STATE TOBACCO WAREHOUSE

John F. McNulty, Inspector
Walter K. Dunn, Jr., Administrative Assistant

S. Charles at Conway Street, Baltimore 2 Telephone: Mulberry 5-5785

The Inspector of Tobacco, an office established in 1888, is appointed by the Governor and serves at his pleasure. He must be a resident of one of the tobacco growing counties and a tobacco grower or a duly qualified tobacco dealer. The Inspector of Tobacco is responsible for the proper and adequate inspection and grading of tobacco grown, sold or stored within the State of Maryland. He is also responsible for the supervision of the State Tobacco Warehouse and all property connected therewith in the City of Baltimore (Code 1951, Art. 48, secs. 9-48).

Appropriations	1955	1956
Special Fund	\$74,324	\$68,536
Staff: 19.		

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MARYLAND STATE APPLE COMMISSION

Chairman: John P. Caspar, 1957
Edwin T. McNutt, 1957; E. Dwight McCain, 1958; Lloyd
Balderston, III, 1958; W. Lee Allen, 1959; Raymond K.
Gardenhour, 1959; Joseph G. Harrison, 1959.

Hancock Telephone: Orchard 8-6218—8-6508

The Maryland State Apple Commission was created within the State Board of Agriculture by the General Assembly of 1947. The Commission of seven members is appointed by the Governor from a list of fruit growers approved by the Executive Committee of the Maryland State Horticultural Society. The terms of the members are for four years. The purpose of the Commission is to raise funds for conducting 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 one cent a bushel. However, 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 shall be reported by the close of the following May. The funds received by the Commission for these purposes are deposited with the State Treasurer in a Merchandising Fund, and none of this money may be used for any other purpose (Code 1951, Art. 97, secs. 72-80).

Appropriations	1955	1956
Special Fund	\$6,885	\$7,150
Staff: 1.		