

Appropriations	1957	1958
Special Funds .....	\$77,256	\$89,500
Staff: 9		

**MARYLAND TOBACCO AUTHORITY**

Edward B. Edelen, 1958; Frank Hall, 1958; James P. Ryon, 1959; John Schillinger, 1959; William H. Winstead, Jr., 1959; George Max Beal, 1960; T. Reid Hutchins, 1960; Dudley Smith, 1960.

Bryan M. Pumphrey, Executive Secretary

Upper Marlboro

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The Maryland Tobacco Authority, created by the General Assembly of Maryland in 1947, is composed of seven members appointed by the Governor for three-year terms. The Board elects its own chairman.

The Authority may investigate and study any phase of tobacco marketing or production in the State, provide information about the tobacco price structure, and make recommendations for legislation to provide more effective handling of tobacco. It has a voice with the buyers and commission agencies in fixing marketing periods, and it assures the accuracy of weights and measures used by tobacco commission-selling agencies. The Authority also licenses commission agencies and purchasers, and collects a fee from the owner of tobacco sold at a commission agency. It uses the funds as collected (Code 1951, Art. 48, secs. 64-76).

The Authority has appointed a representative to visit American and European factories to develop markets for Maryland tobacco.

Appropriations	1957	1958
Special Funds .....	\$79,850	\$31,710
Staff: 2 plus 2 seasonal employees to supervise markets.		

**MARYLAND STATE APPLE COMMISSION**

Chairman: John P. Caspar, 1961

Lloyd Balderston, III, 1958; E. Dwight McCain, 1958; W. Lee Allen, 1959; Raymond K. Gardenhour, 1959; Russell N. Flanagan, 1960; Edwin T. McNutt, 1961.

Hancock

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The Maryland State Apple Commission was created within the State Board of Agriculture by the General Assembly of 1947. The seven-man Commission is appointed to four-year terms by the Governor from a list of fruit growers approved by the Executive Committee of the 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 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 must be reported by the close of the following May. The Commission deposits the funds received for these purposes with the State Treasurer in a Merchan-