

The Maryland Tobacco Authority, created by Chapter 61, Acts of Special Session of 1947, is composed of eight 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. Along with the buyers and commission agencies it has a voice 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 so collected (Code 1957, Art. 48, secs. 55-73).

From time to time a representative of the Tobacco Authority visits manufacturers in foreign countries, as well as in the United States, to develop markets for Maryland tobacco.

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| Appropriations | 1961 | 1962 |
| Special Funds | \$25,810 | \$26,347 |
| Staff: 2 plus 3 seasonal employees to supervise markets. | | |

MARYLAND STATE APPLE COMMISSION

Chairman: Raymond K. Gardenhour, 1963
 Gilbert M. Miller, 1962; Lloyd Balderston III, 1962; W. Lee Allen, 1963; Russell N. Flanagan, 1964; Edwin T. McNutt, 1965; R. Samuel Dillon, Jr., 1965.

Secretary: J. Hoogerwerf

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The Maryland State Apple Commission was created within the State Board of Agriculture by Chapter 628, Acts 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 from these sources with the State Treasurer in a Merchandising Fund, and none of this money may be used for any other purpose, operating expenditures excepted (Code 1957, Art. 97, secs. 71-83).

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| Appropriations | 1961 | 1962 |
| Special Funds | \$10,935 | \$10,960 |
| Staff: 1. | | |