

and for investigations on soils, insect and disease control (Chapter 55, Acts of 1888).

Several outlying farms are maintained for research purposes. These experimental farms include the Tobacco Experimental Farm at Upper Marlboro; the Dairy-Agronomy Research Farm near Elliott City, devoted to dairy and related forage studies; the Poultry-Vegetable Research Farm at Salisbury, for studies on broiler and vegetable problems; and the Livestock Experimental Farm near Waterloo for research with cattle and swine. These different locations support and supplement the programs of research at the main station (Code 1957, Art. 66C, secs. 58-60).

EXTENSION SERVICE

The Cooperative Extension Service in Agriculture and Home Economics was established by Federal and State laws in 1914 and is supported by Federal, State, and County funds (Chapter 247, Acts of 1914). Each county of the State is represented by a County Agricultural Agent and a Home Demonstration Agent. A State office to provide administrative direction and technical assistance is located at the University of Maryland. Scientific and economic information related to production and marketing in agriculture and in the field of home economics is provided to the people of the State. The youth of the State are served through the 4-H Club program. Short Courses in various fields are also provided (Code 1957, Art. 66C, secs. 56-57).

STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

The Board of Regents of the University of Maryland acts as the State Board of Agriculture. As such, it administers the laws of the State relating to agricultural service and control programs. Important phases of the agricultural programs include animal disease control; plant pest control; marketing activities; inspection service for feed, fertilizer, pesticides, dairies, and seed; and soil conservation and drainage (Code 1957, Art. 66C, secs. 46-60).

Live Stock Sanitary Service

The Live Stock Sanitary Service is charged with the responsibility of keeping animal and poultry diseases from entering the State and controlling and eradicating such diseases within the State. In cooperation with the State Department of Health, it endeavors to suppress disease of animals or poultry which affect the public health. Facilities for the diagnosis of diseases are located at the main laboratory at College Park and at branch laboratories in Salisbury, Preston, Centreville, Bel Air, Frederick, Hagerstown and Oakland (Code 1957, Art. 66C, secs. 412-70).

Plant Pest Control

The State Entomologist and the State Plant Pathologist are responsible for the control of insects and plant diseases. Their programs seek to prevent the introduction of any injurious insect and plant disease into Maryland and to control and eradicate insects and disease within the state. Major activities include Nursery Inspection, Japanese Beetle Retardation and Quarantine Inspection, Apiary Inspection, Mosquito Control, Oak Wilt Eradication, White Pine Blister, Rust Control, Dutch Elm Disease Control and Potato Seed Inspection (Code 1957, Art. 48, secs. 70-110, 190-99).