

support. The main location is on the University campus at College Park. Here laboratories for research in the animal and plant sciences are located and administrative headquarters as well as provisions for the maintenance of experimental herds, flocks, field and tree plots 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 Ellicott 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 and Baltimore City is represented by Extension Agents conducting educational programs in agricultural production and marketing, home economics, public affairs and community development, and in youth development. A State office to provide administrative direction and technical assistance is located at the University of Maryland. Scientific and economic information related to the production and marketing of agricultural products, and home economics is provided to the people in the State; and factual information is used in the educational efforts directed to public affairs and community development. 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. These programs include animal disease control; plant pest control; marketing activities; inspection service for feed, fertilizer, pesticides, dairies, and seeds; 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).