

Government owned talking book machines. It also provides white canes without charge to blind persons (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 30, secs. 4-10).

Appropriations	1971	1972
General Funds	\$660,011	\$886,501
Staff: 60.		

Agriculture and Industry

MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Chairman: Young D. Hance, tobacco, 1974

Vice Chairman: George Lechliden, livestock, 1974

Ex officio members: Frank L. Bentz, Jr., University of Maryland; George C. Fry, F. Grove Miller, Jr., and Harry H. Nuttle, State Board of Agriculture.

Appointed members: Thomas Banks, poultry, 1972; Edwin D. Long, member-at-large, 1972; J. Keith Meyers, Maryland Farm Bureau, 1972; J. Homer Remsberg, member-at-large, 1972; J. Herbert Snyder, Maryland State Grange, 1972; Howard W. Clark, dairy, 1973; Milton M. Malkus, Jr., field crops, 1973; Raymond E. Nicholas, vegetables, 1973; Edward L. Stock, Jr., nursery, 1973; Henry A. Virts, D.V.M., veterinary, 1973; Edward H. Covell, Jr., poultry, 1974; Edwin C. Fry, dairy, 1974; Theodore Stegmaier, horticulture, 1974.

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The Maryland Agricultural Commission, created by Chapter 552, Acts of 1968, succeeded the Agricultural Advisory Board established by Chapter 470, Acts of 1961. The Commission was established to formulate and make proposals for the advancement of Maryland agriculture by serving as an advisory body to the State Board of Agriculture on matters pertaining to agriculture.

The Commission consists of nineteen members of whom four serve ex officio. These four must be the Vice President of the University of Maryland for Agricultural Affairs, and three members of the Committee on Agricultural Activities of the State Board of Agriculture. The remaining fifteen members are appointed by the Governor for three-year terms as follows: two representing the dairy segment; two representing the poultry segment; two the livestock segment; two the tobacco segment; one the nursery segment; one the horticulture segment; one the field crop segment; one the vegetable segment; one from the veterinary profession; one nominated by the Maryland State Grange; one nominated by the Maryland Farm Bureau; and two appointed at large from services related to agriculture. No appointed person may serve more than two consecutive terms. The Board selects its own officers and is responsible for liaison between segments of the agricultural industry and the executive and the legislative branches of the State and Federal governments (Code 1957, 1969 Repl. Vol., Art. 77, sec. 249; 1970 Repl. Vol., Art. 66C, secs. 47-47-A).

Appropriations	1971	1972
General Funds	\$34,468	\$33,928
Staff: 2.		