

tagious diseases of livestock and poultry which pose a significant threat to the human population of Maryland due to their transmissibility from animals to humans (Agricultural Article, secs. 3-101 to 3-503).

Meat and Poultry Inspection Division

The Meat and Poultry Inspection Division has the responsibility of assuring the Maryland consumer with a wholesome supply of meat and poultry. This is accomplished by a staff of 46 meat and poultry inspectors assigned to 96 slaughtering and processing plants located throughout the State. Fifty percent of the cost of the State Meat and Poultry Inspection is provided by the federal government (Agriculture Article, secs. 4-101 to 4-131; 4-210 to 4-230).

Appropriations	1974
General Funds	\$1,298,296
Special Funds	25,600
Federal Funds	<u>410,812</u>
Totals	\$1,734,708

Staff: 121.

DIVISION OF PLANT INDUSTRIES

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Division of Entomology

There are four major programs supervised by this office: the State Mosquito Control Program, the State Plant Protection Program, the Pesticide Applicator's Law, and the State Beekeeping Law. The chief is the principal State authority on plant protection and agricultural quarantines and provides liaison for the State Department of Agriculture with other federal and State regulatory officials (Agriculture Article, secs. 5-201 to 5-211, "Maryland Pesticide Applicator's Law," 5-301 to 5-312; 5-401 to 5-405 and 5-501 to 5-507).

Office of Weed Control

The goal of the Weed Control Program is to prevent certain undesirable noxious weeds from contaminating land in Maryland and reclaiming land from areas where such contamination has occurred. The present activity of the Maryland Weed Control Program is concentrated on bringing johnsongrass under control within the State.

The Johnsongrass Control Program is basically split into two sections: those activities which are mainly regulatory and those activities which are designed to assist land owners to bring their johnsongrass under control either through their own efforts or through the joint efforts of the county and State (Agriculture Article, secs. 9-401 to 9-405).

Turf & Seed Program

The objective of the Turf program is to provide accurate and complete labeling of sod at marketing, thus enabling the consumer to determine what he is getting prior to installation (Agriculture Article, secs. 9-101 to 9-110). The Maryland Seed Law and related service testing program provides accurate and completely labeled seed for consumption by Maryland seed consumers. Regulatory phase involves