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The State Soil Conservation Committee, established by Chapter 436, Acts of 1937, and as amended from time to time since that date, consists of the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture or any employee of the Department of Agriculture whom he designates; the Secretary of Natural Resources, or any employee of the Department of Natural Resources whom he designates; the principal administrative official for agricultural affairs at the University of Maryland as designated by the President of the University; the Chairman of the Maryland Agriculture Commission, or other member of the Commission he designates; the President of the Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts; four soil conservation district supervisors representing the four different geographic areas of the State appointed for four year terms by the Secretary of Agriculture from recommendations made by the districts to be represented.

The State Soil Conservation Committee has organized Soil Conservation Districts in all counties of the State. The Committee coordinates the work of the twenty-four Soil Conservation Districts in Maryland to further the application of scientifically sound and practical conservation measures to the lands in Maryland which will result in a retardation of erosion and the advancement of soil and water conservation. The Committee makes available to the districts such funds as are made available to the Committee for use by the districts in implementing the soil conservation district program.

The State Committee also assists Districts in securing the advice and help of State and Federal agencies which have re-

sources that can be brought to bear on soil and water problems and on certain phases of related land use programs and problems, including watershed protection and flood prevention, siltation of streams and reservoirs, shore erosion control, highway erosion control, forest and woodland conservation and development, the protection and development of wildlife, and the development of public land areas (Agriculture Art., secs. 8-101 to 8-601).

Staff: 1975, 10; 1976, 12; 1977, 12.

## MARYLAND STATE APPLE COMMISSION

*Chairman:* Anthony J. Rubino, 1980

Edward W. Hepburn, 1977; Edwin T. McNutt, 1977; Andrew H. Lohr, Jr., 1978; Theodore Stegmaier, 1978; Richard M. Allen, 1979; Raymond K. Gardenhour, 1979.

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The Maryland State Apple Commission was created 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 (Agriculture Art., secs. 10-401 to 10-406).