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The Maryland State Apple Commission was created by Chapter 628, Acts of 1947. The seven-member 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 per 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 (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 10-401 through 10-406).

STATE FAIR BOARD

Chairperson: Frank Donaldson Brown, Jr., 1979

Gerald B. Truitt, Jr., 1979; Grover K. Walker, 1979; Frank C. Downey, 1980; Earl C. Robertson, 1980; Mrs. Edna M. White, 1980; Gordon Warfield, 1981; John M. Crum, 1981; Richard N. Wills, 1981.

Ernest C. Shea, *Executive Secretary*

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The Maryland State Fair Board, created by Chapter 463, Acts of 1937, and Chapter 493, Acts of 1947, consists of nine members appointed by the Governor for three-year terms. The Board encourages and fosters agriculture through the promotion and assistance of *bona fide* agricultural fairs and exhibits. It extends financial assistance to qualifying organizations for premium awards to exhibitors of agricultural displays (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 10-301 through 10-303).

TOBACCO AUTHORITY

Chairperson: Alfred H. Tolzman, 1980

Howard Cooksey, 1979; John E. Hall, 1979; Earl Griffith, 1980; Edwin Hill Summers, 1980; Dr. John H. Hoyert, 1981; Joseph S. Perrie, Sr., 1981; John A. Prouty, 1981.

John A. Schillinger, *Executive Secretary*

State Tobacco Warehouse
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The Maryland Tobacco Authority, created by Chapter 61, Acts of Special Session of 1947, is composed of eight members appointed by the Governor for three-year terms. The Board elects its own Chairperson.

The Authority may investigate and study any phase of tobacco marketing or production in the State, provide information about the tobacco price structure, and make recommendations for legislation to provide more effective handling of tobacco. Along with the buyers and commission agencies it has a voice in fixing marketing periods, and it assures the accuracy of weights and measures used by tobacco commission selling agencies. The Authority also licenses commission agencies and purchasers, and collects a fee from the owner of tobacco sold at a commission agency.

From time to time a representative of the Tobacco Authority visits manufacturers in foreign countries, as well as in the United States, to develop markets for Maryland tobacco (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 7-201 through 7-209).

MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Chairperson: Leon B. Enfield, *dairy*, 1979

Vice Chairperson: Donald A. Wilber, *poultry*, 1981

Ex officio member: Frank L. Bentz, Jr., *University of Maryland*

Appointed members: Richard L. Bunting, *member at large*, 1979; J. Walter Hastings, *veterinary*, 1979; William H. Kleinwachter, *vegetables*, 1979; Allie Messer, *field crops*, 1979; Daniel B. Stoner, *nursery*, 1979; Roy Beauchamp, *poultry*, 1980; Harry G. Black, *horticulture*, 1980; H. Julian Hill, *dairy*, 1980; William I. King, *livestock*, 1980; Harry C. Walter, *tobacco*, 1980; Melvin E. Leppo, *member at large*, 1981; F. Grove Miller, *Farm Bureau*, 1981; Fred Mitchell, *member at large*, 1981; C. Rodman Myers, *grange*, 1981.

Peter B. Ramaley, *Executive Secretary*