

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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The Department of Agriculture traces its origin to the Maryland Agricultural College (chartered in 1856), which is now known as the University of Maryland. Trustees of the college served as the State Board of Agriculture (Chapter 326, Acts of 1888). This board was abolished in 1972, when the Department of Agriculture was created (Chapter 342, Acts of 1972).

The Department of Agriculture consists of the following offices, boards, commissions, and agencies: Division of Animal Health and Consumer Services, Division of Plant Industries and Pest Management, Division of Agricultural Development and Marketing, the Inspector of Tobacco, the Tobacco Authority of the State of Maryland, the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board, the Maryland State Apple Commission, the Chief of Weights and Measures, the State Chemist, the State Veterinarian, the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, the Wholesome Meat Advisory Council of Maryland, the State Soil Conservation Committee, the Board of Review of the Department of Agriculture, the Maryland Agricultural Commission, the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, and the State Board of Inspection of Horse Riding Stables.

In addition, the following agencies were abolished and their functions transferred to the Department of Agriculture: the State Horticultural Department, the State Entomologist, the State Pathologist, the State Horticulturist, the Department of Drainage, the State Drainage Engineer, and the Maryland State Department of Markets (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 2-101 through 2-107).

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(Code Agriculture Article, secs. 2-401 through 2-405).

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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 has as its chief function the advancement of Maryland agriculture and serves as an advisory body to the Secretary of Agriculture on all matters pertaining to agriculture. The Commission formulates and makes proposals for the advancement of agriculture, assists in the promotion of Maryland agricultural industries and products, and advises the Department of Natural Resources on proposed wetland regulations.

The Commission consists of seventeen mem-