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The Meat and Poultry Inspection Section has the responsibility of assuring the Maryland consumer of a wholesome supply of meat and poultry products, properly labeled and prepared under sanitary conditions. This is accomplished with a staff of inspectors, supervisors, and administrative personnel. Inspection personnel are assigned to slaughtering and/or processing plants located throughout the State. Fifty percent of the cost of State meat and poultry inspection is provided by the Federal government (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 4-101 through 4-131; 4-201 through 4-230).

STATE CHEMIST SECTION

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The State Chemist registers, examines the labels of, samples, and chemically tests and analyzes commercial fertilizers, feeds, pesticides, soil conditioners, and liming materials sold in the State to determine if they conform to standards established under Maryland laws governing quality, contents, and labeling. Appropriate measures are taken to protect the consumer and the dealer from unscrupulous or careless manufacturers.

The Section cooperates with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in the inspection of feed manufacturing facilities that produce medicated feeds and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the implementation of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Additionally, the laboratories analyze meat and toxicology samples for the Office of Animal Health; test fruits, vegetables, commercial feeds, and soils for chemical residues; and make other determinations as required by Departmental activities (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 5-101 through 5-114; 6-101 through 6-117; 6-201 through 6-220; 6-301 through 6-310).

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES SECTION

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The Weights and Measures Section has custody of, maintains, and safeguards the State's primary standards as well as secondary standards and equipment for the enforcement of Maryland's Weights and Measures Law. It maintains supervi-

sion over weighing and measuring devices, weights and measures, and packaged commodities offered for sale, sold, or in use in the State. This supervision extends to the methodology employed in obtaining accurate measurement and providing a means for value comparisons.

The Section also licenses and tests personnel who determine butterfat content for dairy cooperatives to use in determining payment to producers. It also licenses personnel who calibrate farm milk tanks. It administers and enforces State laws designed to ensure accuracy and equity in the sale and measurement of commodity and similar transactions (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 11-101 through 11-509).

GRAIN LAW SECTION

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The Grain Law Section administers the licensing of grain buyers. All bone fide grain dealers in the State, as defined by law, are required to register and secure an annual license (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 13-201 through 13-213).

WHOLESOME MEAT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Chairperson: Alvin S. Manger

Steven J. Cole; Donald C. Essich; Franklin E. Feeser; Eugene Miller; David L. Resh, Jr.; William L. Ruppberger; John C. Shook, D.V.M.; Vernon L. Treuth, Jr.; William Wagner; Robert M. Williar. *Terms expire 1986.*

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The Wholesome Meat Advisory Council was established pursuant to the Maryland Wholesome Meat Act (Chapter 618, Acts of 1968). It was originally created for a period of three years to provide broadened representation in policy determinations with regard to meat inspection in the State, but its existence was extended indefinitely by Charter 66, Acts of 1971. The Council advises the Secretary on adopting rules and regulations relating to meat inspection and the establishment of protection standards.

Council members are appointed by the Governor from representatives of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Baltimore City Health Department, the Maryland Farm Bureau, the