

Maryland Agricultural Commission, the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General, the Maryland Frozen Food Locker Association, Inc., and the slaughtering and processing industry. The Secretary of Agriculture designates an ex officio member (Code Agriculture Article, sec. 4-105).

OFFICE OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCE CONSERVATION

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The Assistant Secretary is responsible for planning, coordinating, directing, and implementing all programs and activities of the Office of Agricultural Development and Resource Conservation. Units within the Office include Marketing Services, Statistical Reporting Service, Agricultural Fair Board, State Apple Commission, State Tobacco Authority, Soil Conservation Committee, Soil Conservation Administration, Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, and State Board of Inspection of Horse Riding Stables. Most programs carried out within this Office are service oriented, designed to provide assistance and support to the agricultural community in the areas of marketing, product promotion, soil and water conservation, land preservation, and agriculturally related, non-point source pollution.

MARKETING SERVICES

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Marketing Services provides programs and services designed to help all segments of the economy through the market system from producer to consumer. Programs include: market improvement projects to improve quality and presentation of agricultural commodities and to enhance consumer acceptance; international marketing; market news and statistical reporting services in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and an active consumer marketing information program.

The following publications are available:

Feed and Grain Report (weekly)

Baltimore Retail Food Price Report (weekly)

Food Market Basket Report (monthly)

Maryland Tobacco Report (radio tape—in season)

Maryland Hay and Straw Directory

Maryland Retail Farmers' Market Directory

Choose & Cut Christmas Tree Directory

Wholesale Directory—Maryland Christmas Tree Growers

Pick-Your-Own Fruit and Vegetable Directory

Maryland Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Users Guide

(Code Agriculture Article, secs. 10-101 through 10-204; 10-501 through 10-504; 10-601 through 10-606; 10-701 through 10-708; 10-801 through 10-807; 10-901 through 10-909).

STATISTICAL REPORTING SERVICE

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The Statistical Reporting Service collects, summarizes, and publishes data series relating to the production and marketing of agricultural products, agriculture prices and income, and other statistics pertinent to agriculture and agribusiness. These data include series on the acreage, yield, and production of major field crops, vegetables, fruits, livestock and poultry, monthly and seasonal or annual average prices, farm expenditures, and labor. State statistics generally are available, and for some commodities county-level data also are compiled.

The following publications are available:

Maryland Agriculture Statistics (annual summary)

Weekly Delmarva Broiler Report

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

Maryland Agri-Facts (bi-monthly)

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