

Frank D. Brown, 1985; Joy G. Schwab, 1985; Gerald B. Truitt, Jr., 1985; John W. Barton, 1986; Frank C. Downey, 1986; Edna M. White, 1986; Philip Brendel, 1989; Joseph C. Free, 1989.

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Formerly the State Fair Board, the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board was renamed in 1980 (Chapter 463, Acts of 1937; Chapter 493, Acts of 1947; Chapter 85, Acts of 1980). 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 display.

The Board consists of nine members appointed by the Governor for five-year terms (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 10-301 through 10-303).

## MARYLAND STATE APPLE COMMISSION

*Chairperson:* John Rinehart, 1987

Robert Black, 1985; Terry W. Hepburn, 1985; William M. Allenberg, 1986; Andrew H. Lohr, Jr., 1986; Allen Baugher, 1987; G. Laurence Moore, 1988.

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The Maryland State Apple Commission was created by Chapter 628, Acts of 1947. The Commission uses advertising, education, and research to increase the demand for Maryland apples. Commercial apple growers pay a per bushel assessment to support the activities of the Commission.

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 (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 10-401 through 10-410).

## TOBACCO AUTHORITY

*Chairperson:* John A. Prouty, 1987

David W. Cooksey, 1985; John E. Hall, 1985; James P. Bowling, Sr., 1986; Robert R. Denhy,

1986; Earl Griffith, 1986; Dr. Claude G. McKee, 1987; Joseph S. Perrie, Jr., 1987.

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The Maryland Tobacco Authority, created by Chapter 61, Acts of the Special Session of 1947, is composed of eight members appointed by the Governor for three-year terms.

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 owners 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, 7-401 through 7-418).

## STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

*Chairperson:* Donald L. Spickler, *Washington County*, 1984

Soil Conservation District Supervisors: Richard Wright, *Wicomico County*, 1987; W. Mitchell Digges, *Charles County*, 1985; Floyd Allred, Jr., *Cecil County*, 1987; George H. Godfrey, *Queen Anne's County*, 1988.

*Ex officio:* Wayne A. Cawley, Jr., *Secretary of Agriculture*; Adele Wilzack, *Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene*; Torrey C. Brown, *Secretary of Natural Resources*; Frank L. Bentz, Jr., *Vice-President for Agricultural Affairs, University of Maryland*; Paul V. Twining, Jr., *Chairperson, Maryland Agricultural Commission*; Lee McFarlane, *President, Maryland Association of Countys*.

Advisory non-voting members: Dr. Craig Oliver, *Director, Cooperative Extension Service*; Gerald R. Calhoun, *State Conservationist, USDA, Soil Conservation Service*.