

The Board consists of five members appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Agriculture for four-year terms. One member is a duly qualified and licensed veterinarian, two are officers of county humane societies, one is an owner of a licensed stable, and one is a public member (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 2-701 through 2-719).

OFFICE OF PLANT INDUSTRIES AND PEST MANAGEMENT

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The Assistant Secretary for Plant Industries and Pest Management supervises all phases of Departmental programs related to plants, plant pests, pest management, and pesticides. The Assistant Secretary also supervises the section chiefs and coordinates Office activities with other Department programs and with local, State, and federal officials. In addition, the Assistant Secretary manages active cooperative agreements with local, county, State, and federal agencies.

GYPSY MOTH CONTROL SECTION

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The gypsy moth is the most destructive forest pest of the eastern United States. It causes serious problems to trees in wooded residential areas, parks, and recreation areas, and is the subject of a State and a national quarantine program. This pest has been present in Maryland since 1971, but as a result of effective control measures there has been only limited damage to trees in the State. A cooperative local, State, and federal program to manage the gypsy moth is coordinated out of the Annapolis Office. Branch offices are located in Cheltenham, Cumberland, and Fair Hill.

MOSQUITO CONTROL SECTION

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This Section conducts a statewide cooperatively funded program to provide mosquito control services. Branch offices are located in College Park, Salisbury, and Clements. Environmentally compatible temporary (adulticiding and larvaciding) and

permanent (water management) methods are used to control the mosquitoes. In addition to implementing control measures, this Section determines the environmental impact of the program, develops more efficacious control methods, and conducts epidemiological investigations of mosquito borne diseases (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 5-401 through 5-405).

PESTICIDE APPLICATORS LAW SECTION

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This Section regulates the use of pesticides in the State. The program provides for licensing of businesses engaged in commercial application of pesticides; training and certification of commercial and private pesticide applicators; enforcement of the Pesticide Applicators Law and Regulations; and providing technical information on the proper and effective use of pesticides.

The Chief provides overall guidance and serves as the State's authority on matters relating to pesticide use and application (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 5-201 through 5-211).

PLANT PROTECTION SECTION

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This Section is responsible for administering programs relating to nursery inspection, plant protection and quarantine programs, integrated pest management, nuisance bird control, forest pest management, certified plant production, inspection and registration of honey bee colonies, and administration of the Interstate Pest Control Compact.

The Chief provides general supervision of the programs. Personnel in this Section serve as the State's authorities on plant pests and agricultural quarantines, and provide liaison for the Department with other State and federal regulatory officials (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 5-301 through 5-313; 5-501 through 5-507; and 1976 supplement secs. 5-701 through 5-716, and 1977 supplement secs. 5-801 through 5-805).

TURF AND SEED SECTION

Maurice H. Day, *Chief*