

MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION SECTION

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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).

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 supervision 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 dairies and milk cooperatives to use in computing payment to producers. It also licenses personnel who calibrate farm milk tanks. It administers and enforces State laws designed to ensure accuracy, equity, and the prevention of fraud in the sale and measurement of commodities and similar transactions involving quantities (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 11-101 through 11-509).

GRAIN LAWS SECTION

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The Grain Laws Section administers the licensing of grain dealers. All *bona 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 13-215).

WHOLESOME MEAT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Chairperson: Vacancy

Donald C. Essich; Franklin E. Feeser; Kirk Gifford; Wendy Ginsburg; Archibald B. Park; David L. Resh, Jr.; William L. Ruppertsberger; Vernon L. Treuth, Jr.; William Wagner; Robert M. Williar. *Terms expire 1989.*

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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 Chapter 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 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).

STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

President: A. Cleveland Brown, D.V.M., 1989

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