

Foundation. Programs carried out within the Office are service oriented, designed to provide assistance and support to the agricultural community in the areas of marketing, product promotion, 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—from producer to consumer—through the market system. Programs include: market improvement projects to improve quality and presentation of agricultural commodities and to enhance consumer acceptance; international marketing; market news and statistics 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 (monthly)
Baltimore Retail Food Price Report (weekly)
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).

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Formerly under the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Office of Seafood Marketing was transferred to the Department of Agriculture and renamed Seafood Marketing Services in 1987. The office promotes

increased consumption and distribution of Maryland seafood. It also seeks efficient methods to reduce cost and improve the quality and marketability of the product.

AGRICULTURAL STATISTICAL SERVICE

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The Agricultural Statistical Service, formerly the Statistical Reporting Service, collects, summarizes, and publishes data relating to the production and marketing of agricultural products, agriculture prices and income, and other statistics pertinent to agriculture and agribusiness. These data refer to 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 Agricultural Statistics (annual summary)
Weekly Delmarva Broiler Report
Weekly Crop and Weather Report
Maryland Agri-Facts (bi-monthly)

MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL FAIR BOARD

Chairperson: Robert T. Jarboe, 1989

Philip Brendel, 1989; Joseph C. Free, 1989; Walter E. Buck III, 1990; Joy G. Schwab, 1990; William James Kimbles IV, 1990; John W. Barton, 1991; Frank C. Downey, 1991; Edna M. White, 1991.

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The Maryland Agricultural Fair Board was established originally as the State Fair Board in 1937 (Chapter 463, Acts of 1937). It received its present name in 1980 (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 displays.