

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

Annually, the Board issues a *Maryland Fair & Show Schedule*, available free upon request.

MARYLAND STATE APPLE COMMISSION

Chairperson: John Rinehart, 1987

Robert E. Black, 1989; Terry W. Hepburn, 1989; William M. Allenberg, 1990; Andrew H. Lohr, Jr., 1990; Allen Baugher, 1991; G. Laurence Moore, 1992.

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The Maryland State Apple Commission was created in 1947 (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

Dr. Claude G. McKee, 1987; Joseph S. Perrie, Jr., 1987; David W. Cooksey, 1988; John E. Hall, 1988; James P. Bowling, Sr., 1989; Robert R. Denny, 1989; Earl E. Griffith, 1989.

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The Tobacco Authority was created in 1947 (Chapter 61, Acts of Special Session of 1947). The Authority may investigate and study any phase of tobacco marketing or production in the State, provide information about the tobacco price structure, and recommend legislation to provide more effective handling of tobacco. Along with buyers

and commission agencies, the Authority 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.

The Authority is composed of eight members appointed by the Governor for three-year terms (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 7-201 through 7-209, 7-401 through 7-418).

MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

Chairperson: William I. Guy, 1989

Constance Leider, 1987; T. Allan Stradley, 1987; Erna R. Chapman, 1988; Donald Dell, 1988; Leonard E. Lowry, 1988; W. Max Buckel, 1989; William F. Dixon, 1989; Donald R. Stirn, 1989.

Ex officio: Wayne A. Cawley, Jr., *Secretary of Agriculture*; Lucille Maurer, *Treasurer of the State*

Gerald F. Talbert, *Executive Director*

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The Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation was created in 1977 (Chapter 784, Acts of 1977). The Foundation implements the Agricultural Land Preservation Program. The intent of the program is to preserve productive agricultural land and woodland in Maryland, provide for the continued production of food and fiber, curb the extent of urban sprawl, and protect agricultural land and woodland as open space. The program is voluntary on the part of landowners and is dependent upon the cooperation of local governments, which appoint five-member Agricultural Preservation Advisory Boards.

By agreement with the Foundation, landowners may initiate the creation of an Agricultural Preservation District in which subdivision and development are restricted for at least five years. The creation of such a district protects normal agricultural activities and enables landowners to make application to sell a development rights easement. The Foundation may acquire easements based upon the availability of funds as allocated by the