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The Veterinary Technician Committee was created in 1984 as part of the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Chapter 640, Acts of 1984). Subject to the Board's approval, the Committee registers and regulates veterinary technicians. It determines the qualifications for applicants, recommends the content and form of examinations, and establishes continuing education requirements for veterinary technicians. The Committee also defines duties and responsibilities of registered veterinary technicians.

The Committee consists of seven members appointed by the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture.

#### BOARD OF INSPECTION OF HORSE RIDING STABLES

*Chairperson:* Virginia B. Thackeray, 1992

Appointed by Governor with advice of Secretary of Agriculture: Pauline Buel, 1989; Judith E. McGaughan, 1989; Abner League, 1992; James Pelura III, D.V.M., 1992.

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The Board of Inspection of Horse Riding Stables was created in 1968 (Chapter 474, Acts of 1968). It was transferred from the Department of Licensing and Regulation to the Department of Agriculture in 1980 (Chapter 618, Acts of 1980). The Board licenses all horse riding stables where one or more horses or ponies are let for hire to be ridden or driven. It also licenses establishments that stable five or more horses for pay, sales barns, and establishments where five or more horses are sold per year.

With the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Board may appoint a qualified inspector and designate officers of county humane societies, societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals, and licensed veterinarians to act as its agents and make inspections.

The Board consists of five members appointed to four-year terms by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Agriculture. One member is a 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 MARKETING AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

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In 1987, the Office of Agricultural Development and Resource Conservation was renamed the Office of Marketing and Agricultural Development. Programs are service oriented, designed to assist and support the agricultural community in marketing; product promotion; land preservation; and control of agriculturally related, nonpoint source pollution. Within the Office are four sections: Marketing Services, Seafood Marketing, Grading Services and Egg Inspection, and Grain Laws. The Office also includes the Agricultural Statistical Service, the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board, the Maryland State Apple Commission, the Tobacco Authority, and the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

#### MARKETING SERVICES SECTION

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The Marketing Services Section provides programs and services to help all segments of the economy—from producer to consumer—through the market system. Programs include market improvement projects to enhance quality and presentation of agricultural commodities to the consumer; international marketing; market news and statistics services in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and an active consumer marketing information program (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).

The following publications are available:

*Feed and Grain Report* (monthly)

*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*

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