

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 *Maryland Fair & Show Schedule*, available upon request.

MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

Chairperson: William I. Guy, 1989

Appointed by Governor: William F. Dixon, 1989; Donald R. Stirn, 1989; W. Max Buckel, 1991; George C. Fry, 1991; Constance Lieder, 1991; Leonard E. Lowry, 1992; Theodore Malkus, 1992; Dan C. Shortall, Jr., 1992.

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

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 Program's intent 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 depends on the cooperation of county governments, which appoint local agricultural preservation advisory boards. Participation in the Program is voluntary on the part of landowners.

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. Based upon the availability of funds allocated by the counties, the Foundation may acquire easements in accord with a competitive formula defined by law and subject to local recommendation and appraisal. Easements thus acquired are perpetual but may be repurchased after twenty-five years if certain procedures and requirements are met.

By gift, devise, bequest, or grant, the Foundation also may receive easements in gross or other rights to restrict the use of agricultural land and woodland.

In 1988, Maryland continued to lead the nation in the amount of land in agricultural preservation districts (151,324 acres) and on which permanent development rights easements have been acquired (69,858 acres).

The Foundation is governed and administered by a Board of Trustees composed of two ex officio members and nine at-large members appointed by the Governor. At least five at-large members must be farmer representatives from different areas of the State, and one must be a nonfarm representative from the Office of Planning. The chairperson of the Board of Trustees is designated by the Governor from the at-large trustees. Upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees at large, the Secretary appoints the Executive Director (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 2-501 through 2-515).

MARYLAND STATE APPLE COMMISSION

Chairperson: John Rinehart, 1991

Appointed by Governor: 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 Commission's work.

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: Earl E. Griffith, 1989

Appointed by Governor: James P. Bowling, Jr., 1989; Robert R. Denny, 1989; Earl F. Hance, 1990; Dr. Claude G. McKee, 1990; Joseph S. Perrie, Jr., 1990; R. Johns Dixon, 1991; Leonard Rice, 1991.

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Created in 1947, the Tobacco Authority investigates and studies phases of tobacco marketing or production in the State (Chapter 61, Acts of Special Session of 1947). The Authority provides information about the tobacco price structure and recommends legislation to provide more efficient 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