

selling agencies. The Authority also licenses commission agencies and purchasers and collects a fee from the owners of tobacco sold at a commission agency.

To develop markets for Maryland tobacco, a representative of the Tobacco Authority visits manufacturers in foreign countries, as well as in the United States.

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 WINERY AND GRAPE GROWERS' ADVISORY BOARD

*Chairperson:* Ann M. Milne, 1990

Appointed by Governor: Robert B. Deford III, 1989; Mark Taubenfeld, 1989; Michael Franklin, 1990; Bruno Quebedeaux, Jr., 1990; Alan P. Zepp, 1990; Albert M. Copp, 1991; Roger C. Wolf, 1991.

*Ex officio:* Wayne A. Cawley, Jr., *Secretary of Agriculture*

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The Maryland Winery and Grape Growers' Advisory Board was created in 1987 (Chapter 507, Acts of 1987). The Board advises the Secretary of Agriculture on the allocation of funds to promote the production of Maryland grapes and wines.

The Board consists of nine members. Eight are appointed to three-year terms by the Governor upon recommendation of the Secretary of Agriculture. The ninth member is the Secretary of Agriculture who serves *ex officio* (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 10-1001 through 10-1007).

#### OFFICE OF PLANT INDUSTRIES AND RESOURCE CONSERVATION

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Formerly the Office of Plant Industries and Pest Management, the Office of Plant Industries and Resource Conservation was renamed in 1987. The Assistant Secretary for Plant Industries and Resource Conservation supervises all phases of departmental work programs related to plants, plant pests, pest management, and pesticides. The Assistant Secretary also coordinates Office activities with other Department programs and with local, State, and federal officials. In addition, the Assistant Secretary manages cooperative agreements with local, county, State, and federal agencies.

Under the Office are the State Soil Conservation Committee, Soil Conservation Administration, and seven Sections: Forest Pest Management; Mosquito Control; Pesticide Regulation; Plant Protection; State Chemist; Turf and Seed; and Weed Control.

#### STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

*Chairperson:* Floyd Allred, Jr., *Cecil County*, 1990

Soil Conservation District Supervisors: George H. Godfrey, *Queen Anne's County*, 1988; W. Mitchell Digges, *Charles County*, 1989; Paul Spurrier, *Frederick County*, 1989.

*Ex officio:* Wayne A. Cawley, Jr., *Secretary of Agriculture*; Martin W. Walsh, Jr., *Secretary of the Environment*; Torrey C. Brown, *Secretary of Natural Resources*; Raymond J. Miller, *Vice-President for Agricultural Affairs, University of Maryland System*; Simpson W. Dunahoo, *designee of Chairperson, Maryland Agricultural Commission*; Richard W. Wright, *President, Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts*.

Advisory nonvoting members: Dr. Craig S. Oliver, *Director, Cooperative Extension Service*; Pearlle S. Reed, *State Conservationist, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service*.

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Established in 1937, the State Soil Conservation Committee has organized twenty-four soil conservation districts covering the entire State except Baltimore City (Chapter 436, Acts of 1937). The Committee coordinates district work to apply scientifically sound and practical conservation measures ("best management practices") to Maryland lands. The goal is to retard erosion and nonpoint source pollution and to conserve soil and water. For each district, the Committee appoints four of the five persons who serve on a board of soil conservation supervisors.

The State Committee helps districts secure aid from State and federal agencies for soil and water conservation, and certain phases of related land use programs. Areas of concern include nonpoint source pollution, watershed protection and flood prevention, and siltation of streams and reservoirs. They also involve shore erosion control, highway erosion control, forest and woodland conservation and development, the protection and propagation of wildlife, and development of public land areas.

The Committee consists of six *ex officio* members and five soil conservation district supervisors. District supervisor members are appointed to five-year terms by the Secretary of Agriculture from recommendations made by the districts repre-