

The State Board publishes a bi-monthly publication AGRICULTURAL REVIEW to disseminate information to farm suppliers, and to producers, processors and marketers of farm products. The Board also publishes numerous bulletins and pamphlets dealing with various subjects. (Code 1957, 1967 Repl. Vol., Art. 66C, secs. 46-60).

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

The Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station was established following passage of the Federal Hatch Act in 1887 making available to the states grants-in-aid for the conduct of research pertaining to agriculture. Both State and Federal funds are appropriated for its support. The main location is on the University campus at College Park. Here laboratories for research in the animal and plant sciences are located and administrative headquarters as well as provisions for the maintenance of experimental herds, flocks, field and tree plots and for investigations on soils, insect and disease control (Chapter 55, Acts of 1888).

Several outlying farms are maintained for research purposes. These experimental farms include the Tobacco Experimental Farm at Upper Marlboro; the Dairy-Agronomy Research Farm near Ellicott City, devoted to dairy and related forage studies; the Poultry-Vegetable Research Farm at Salisbury, for studies on broiler and vegetable problems; and the Livestock Experimental Farm near Waterloo for research with cattle and swine. These different locations support and supplement the programs of research at the main station (Code 1957, 1967 Repl. Vol., Art. 66C, secs. 58-60).

EXTENSION SERVICE

The Cooperative Extension Service in Agriculture and Home Economics was established by Federal and State laws in 1914 and is supported by Federal, State, and County funds (Chapter 247, Acts of 1914). Each county of the State and Baltimore City is represented by Extension Agents conducting educational programs in agricultural production and marketing, home economics, public affairs and community development, and in youth development. A State office to provide administrative direction and technical assistance is located at the University of Maryland. Scientific and economic information related to the production and marketing of agricultural products, and home economics is provided to the people in the State; and factual information is used in the educational efforts directed to public affairs and community development. The youth of the State are served through the 4-H Club program. Short Courses in various fields are also provided (Code 1957, 1967 Repl. Vol., Art. 66C, secs. 56-57).

NATURAL RESOURCES INSTITUTE

The Natural Resources Institute replaces the former Department of Research and Education (Chapter 776, Acts of 1961). It is responsible for increasing knowledge of the resources of Maryland and their best uses, with special emphasis on the tidewater and inland resources. The research program is maintained in cooperation with the departments represented on the Board of Natural Resources. The Institute also participates in the education of the public and of individuals in the problems and potentials of natural resources and in the training of students and specialists in related fields.