

representative each of the Departments of Agriculture, and Natural Resources, designated respectively by the Secretaries of those departments; a representative of the Tidewater Administration, designated by the Secretary of Natural Resources; and a representative of the University of Maryland College of Agriculture, designated by the Chancellor of the University of Maryland System. The Secretaries of Economic and Employment Development, the Environment, and Health and Mental Hygiene each designate a nonvoting member to represent their respective departments (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 10-1301, 10-1302).

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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Under the Office of the Secretary, the Office of Administrative Services oversees fiscal, personnel, data processing, and central services for the Department.

OFFICE OF ANIMAL HEALTH & CONSUMER SERVICES

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The Assistant Secretary for Animal Health and Consumer Services directs two sections: Animal Health, and Weights and Measures. Also within the Office are the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners and the Board of Inspection of Horse Riding Stables. The Office furnishes administrative support to the Wholesome Meat Advisory Council.

WHOLESOME MEAT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Vacancy, *Chairperson*

Appointed by Governor: Donald C. Essich; Franklin E. Feeser; Kirk Gifford; Wendy Ginsburg; Alvin S. Manger; Archibald B. Park, D.V.M.; David L. Resh, Jr.; William L. Ruppertsberger; Vernon L. Truth, Jr.; William Wagner; Robert M. Williar. *Terms expire 1989.*

841-5831

The Wholesome Meat Advisory Council was established pursuant to the Maryland Wholesome Meat Act (Chapter 618, Acts of 1968). The Council advises the Secretary on rules and regulations relating to meat inspection and the establishment of protective standards.

Council members are appointed by the Governor from representatives of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Baltimore City Health Department, the Maryland Farm Bureau, the Maryland Agricultural Commission, the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General, the Maryland Frozen Food Locker Association, Inc., and the slaughtering and processing industry. The Secretary of Agriculture designates an ex officio member (Code Agriculture Article, sec. 4-105).

ANIMAL HEALTH SECTION

Henry A. Virts, D.V.M., *State Veterinarian*
841-5810

Duties of the Animal Health Section originated in 1884 when the position of veterinary inspector was first created to suppress disease in livestock and prevent epidemics (Chapter 157, Acts of 1884). Today, the Section works to control and eradicate livestock and poultry diseases that have a significant economic impact on producers or pose a threat to human health due to their transmissibility from animals to people (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 3-101 through 3-503).

WEIGHTS & MEASURES SECTION

Lacy H. DeGrange, *Chief*
841-5790

The first Maryland law to regulate measures was enacted in 1641 (Chapter 2, Acts of 1641). At that time, the county sheriff was entrusted with the responsibility. The Weights and Measures Section continues to maintain and safeguard the State's primary standards as well as secondary standards and equipment for the enforcement of Maryland's Weights and Measures Law. The Section's Metrology Laboratory provides a wide variety of highly sophisticated measurements and calibrations in mass, volume, length, and thermometry.

The Section supervises the use and production of weighing and measuring devices, weights and measures, and packaged commodities offered for sale, sold, or in use in the State. This supervision extends to the methodology used to obtain accurate measurement and provides a means for value comparisons for consumers.

The Section licenses and tests personnel who determine butterfat content for dairies and milk cooperatives and personnel who calibrate farm milk tanks. It administers and enforces State laws for ensuring accuracy, equity, and the prevention of fraud in the sale and measurement of quantities, commodities, goods, or services (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 11-101 through 11-509).