

# Department of Agriculture

## Responsibilities

### **OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY MINISTER**

The Deputy Minister, responsible to the Minister of Agriculture, oversees the overall administration and corporate planning of the department.

### **AGRICULTURE AND FOOD OPERATIONS BRANCH**

The Senior Director, reporting to the Deputy Minister, oversees the operational side of the department, comprising of Value Chain Development, Land Protection and Extension and Outreach sections as well as the Agriculture Protection Division consisting of: Laboratory Services, Animal and Crop Protection and Veterinary Services.

Responsibilities of this branch include:

- Advisory Services and Outreach;
- Regional Services, which includes resource coordinators, rural leadership and land protection operations;
- Business development, transition coordinators, agriculture education and environmental and land protection; and
- Agriculture Protection, which includes pathology and analytical lab services, and animal protection, which includes animal welfare, bees, weeds and pests.

### **POLICY AND CORPORATE SERVICES BRANCH**

The Senior Director, reporting to the Deputy Minister, oversees the administration and operation of four divisions, which service the Departments of Agriculture and Fisheries and Aquaculture. This branch also includes the Crown Lending Agencies.

#### **Policy**

Responsible for corporate business planning, accountability reporting, policy development and coordination, research and analytical development and coordination; legislation and regulations planning, coordination, development and review; departmental submissions to Executive Council and other corporate entities; agency, board and commission appointments; and stakeholder and Federal/Provincial/Territorial business relationships and initiatives.

### **Programs and Business Risk Management**

Includes the Crop & Livestock Insurance Commission which administers the AgrilInsurance program for the Province and Programs which is responsible for the delivery of federal/provincial and provincial only programs that support the economic growth and sustainability of the agriculture and agri-food sector.

### **Natural Products Marketing Council**

Supports the administration of the Council which oversees the supply management sector within Nova Scotia. The Council helps provide the regulatory framework and is the supervisory authority for Nova Scotia's commodity boards, as well as regulating the processing and marketing of milk.

### **Corporate Services**

Oversees corporate administration for all locations occupied by the two departments including building and space management, records management, and occupational health and safety, along with a variety of other services.

### **Crown Lending Agencies**

This Branch also includes two Crown Lending Agencies under the responsibility of a Director:

- Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board
- Nova Scotia Fisheries and Aquaculture Loan Board

These agencies support development and growth by providing financing and credit counselling to the agriculture, timber, and fishing and aquaculture businesses.

## **Acts Administered**

- *Agrologist Act*
- *Agricultural Marshland Conservation Act*
- *Agricultural Weed Control Act*
- *Agriculture and Marketing Act*
- *Agriculture and Rural Credit Act*
- *Animal Health and Protection Act*
- *Animal Protection Act*
- *Atlantic Provinces Harness Racing Commission Act*
- *Baby Chick Protection Act*
- *Bee Industry Act*
- *Crop and Livestock Insurance Act*

- *Dairy Industry Act*
- *Farm Practices Act*
- *Farm Registration Act*
- *Federations of Agriculture Act*
- *Fences and Detention of Stray Livestock Act*
- *Fur Industry Act*
- *Imitation Dairy Products Act*
- *Livestock Health Services Act*
- *Margarine Act*
- *Meat Inspection Act*
- *Natural Products Act*
- *Potato Industry Act*
- *Provincial Berry Act*
- *Sheep Protection Act*
- *Veterinary Medical Act*
- *Wildlife Act (Deer/Game Farming/Marketing of Deer Products)*
- *Women's Institutes Act*

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