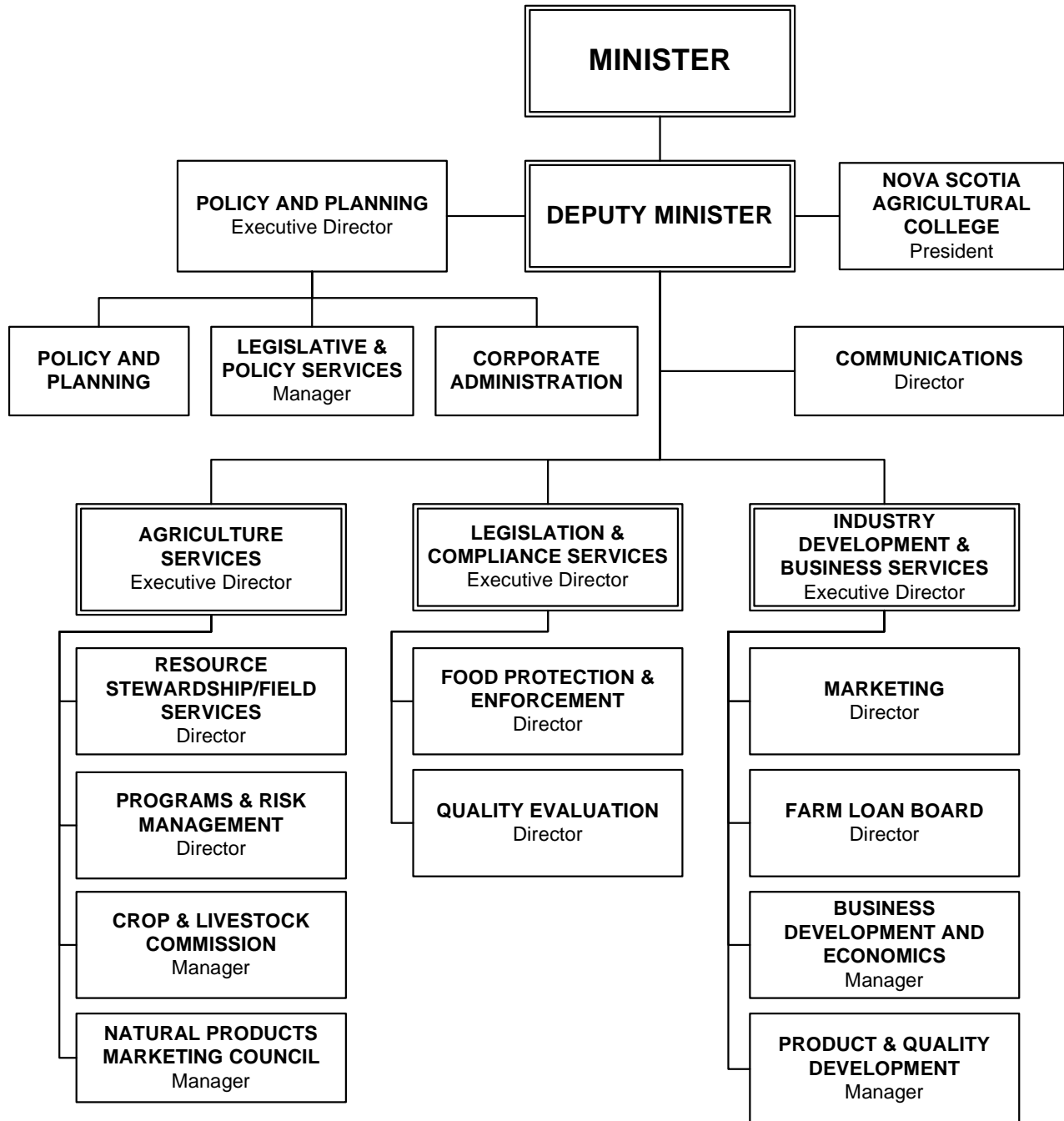


Department of Agriculture



Responsibilities

OFFICE OF DEPUTY MINISTER

The Deputy Minister, responsible to the Minister of Agriculture, oversees the administration of the department.

AGRICULTURE SERVICES

The Executive Director, reporting to the Deputy Minister, is responsible for federal/provincial policy and oversees the administration of four divisions:

Resource Stewardship/Field Services

Environmental management, land protection, 4-H and rural organizations, and field services

Programs and Risk Management

Farm industry development, agricultural research, and federal/provincial stakeholder interactions/agreements

Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission

Natural Products Marketing Council

LEGISLATION AND COMPLIANCE SERVICES

The Executive Director, reporting to the Deputy Minister, oversees the administration of two divisions:

Food Protection and Enforcement

Food safety education and public health protection, food service and food retail inspection, meat inspection, fisheries inspection and enforcement

Quality Evaluation

Consumer health and safety, meat and food/food shops inspection, animal health program, veterinarian services and laboratory services (soil, water, tissue analysis, dairy services analysis)

INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS SERVICES

Industry Development and Business Services has a service level agreement with the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture for the delivery of the Marketing Services, Business Development and Economics Services, and Product and Quality Development Services divisions. The Executive Director, reporting to the Deputy Minister, oversees the administration of four divisions:

Marketing Services

Market development/promotions, market research and information, International Business Development, Investment, Nova Scotia School Milk Program, and Taste of Nova Scotia Program

Farm Loan Board

Loans and administers the New Entrants Program for agriculture

Business Development and Economics Services

Economic analyses and information, business/income management, entrepreneurial development, opportunity analysis, and strategy development

Product and Quality Development Services

New and value-added products, quality and innovation initiatives, barriers to commercialization, and community-based strategic alliances

POLICY AND PLANNING

The Executive Director, reporting to the Deputy Minister, oversees the administration and operation of three corporate service areas:

Policy and Planning

Corporate business planning, accountability reporting, policy development and coordination, ministerial briefing requirements, corporate project management and event planning.

Legislative and Policy Services

Coordination of legislation and regulations, departmental submissions to Executive Council, and agency, board, and commission appointments.

Corporate Administration

Administration of FOIPOP and Routine Access Policy, Occupational Health and Safety, records management, facility management, reception services, website development and management.

NOVA SCOTIA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

The President, reporting to the Deputy Minister, oversees the administration and operation of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College. Through its Atlantic Canada mandate for agricultural education, the college has national and international educational linkages in agriculture research and development.

Acts Administered

- *Agricultural Administration Amendment (2001) Act*
- *Agricultural Administration Amendment (2002) Act*
- *Agriculture Administration Amendment (2004) Act*
- *Agriculture and Marketing Act*
- *Agriculture and Rural Credit Act*
- *Agricultural Marshland Conservation Act*
- *Animal Cruelty Prevention Act*
- *Animal Health and Protection Act*
- *Baby Chick Protection Act*
- *Bee Industry Act*
- *Cattle Pest Control 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*
- *Fences and Impounding of Animals Act*
- *Health Protection Act (food safety)*
- *Imitation Dairy Products Act*
- *Interpretation Act*
- *Livestock Brands Act*
- *Livestock Health Services Act*
- *Margarine Act*
- *Maritime Provinces Harness Racing Commission Act*
- *Meat Inspection Act*
- *Natural Products Act*
- *Potato Industry Act*
- *Provincial Berry Act*
- *Regulations Act*
- *Sheep Protection Act*
- *Veterinary Medical Act*
- *Weed Control Act*
- *Women's Institutes of Nova Scotia Act*