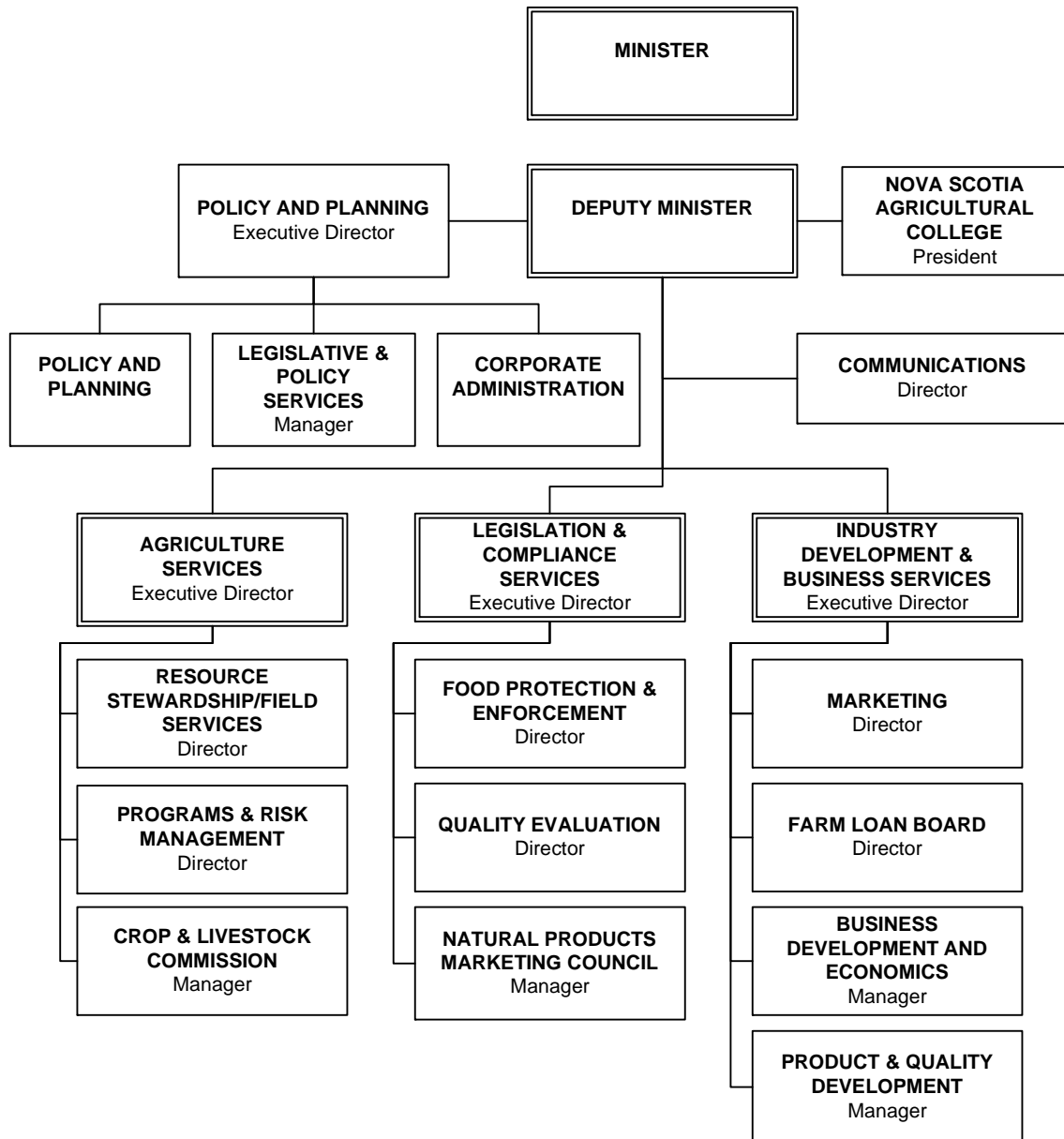


# Department of Agriculture



## 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 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

### 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)

#### Natural Products Marketing Council

### 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**

On May 27, 2008, the government passed legislation enabling NSAC to become a separate entity as a Crown corporation governed by a Board of Governors. The proclamation of the new act will be phased in over the next two to three years in the transition to the new governance model. The President of NSAC, who oversees academics, administration and operations, will report to the Deputy Minister until the Board fully takes over governance functions. NSAC will maintain its strong agricultural focus including education and research.

## Acts Administered

- *Agriculture and Marketing Act*
- *Agriculture and Rural Credit Act*
- *Agricultural Marshland Conservation Act*
- *Animal Cruelty Prevention Act* (to be replaced by *Animal Health and Protection Act* - not yet proclaimed)
- *Animal 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*
- *Livestock Brands Act*
- *Livestock Health Services Act*
- *Margarine Act*
- *Maritime Provinces Harness Racing Commission Act*
- *Meat Inspection Act*
- *Natural Products Act*
- *Nova Scotia Agricultural College Act*
- *Potato Industry Act*
- *Provincial Berry Act*
- *Sheep Protection Act*
- *Veterinary Medical Act*
- *Weed Control Act*
- *Wildlife Act* (Deer/Game Farming/Recreational Fisheries)
- *Women's Institutes of Nova Scotia Act*