

Ex-officio non-voting members

DALE M. COCHRAN, secretary of agriculture
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Iowa Grain Indemnity Board

The 71st General Assembly established the Iowa Grain Indemnity Board within the department. The seven-member board determines claims and adjusts the fees of the Iowa Grain Depositors and Sellers Indemnity Fund. This fund was established to protect producers and state-licensed grain dealers and warehouse operators. There is a per-bushel fee on all grain sold or stored in a state-licensed grain facility and an annual fee on all state-licensed grain dealers and warehouse operations.

Board Members

DALE M. COCHRAN, president, secretary of agriculture
 TIM BENTON, attorney general's designee
 MARTIN FRANCIS, commissioner of insurance's designee
 STEVE MILLER, state treasurer's designee
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Laboratory

Daryl Frey, director, Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines 50319; 515/281-8589

The Laboratory Division assures that agricultural products are safe for use, perform properly, and cause no harmful side effects to the environment. The division includes these laboratories: Federal/State Animal Health; Meat and Poultry; Dairy; Feed and Fertilizer; Drug, Antibiotic and Vitamin; Seed and Entomology; Pesticide Residue and Pesticide Formulation. The division also includes the bureaus of Commercial Feed, Medicated Feed, Fertilizer and Pesticides which work in conjunction with the laboratories and field staff providing administrative support services.

The division administers a variety of functions established under the Groundwater Protection Act of 1987 including: 1) the training and testing of pesticide applicators; 2) the licensing of urban pesticide dealers; 3) the notification of adjacent property owners of pesticide applications in urban areas; 4) the establishment of a statewide data base on pesticide use; and 5) the implementation of an agricultural initiative in best management practices in the use of agricultural chemicals.

Regulatory

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The Regulatory Division provides fundamental consumer and producer protection to Iowans through a staff that includes field inspectors, veterinarians and grain warehouse examiners. These protections include food safety, sanitation, financial integrity of grain facilities and the inspection of commercial weighing and measuring devices.

The division also supports economic development in Iowa by providing assurances of the quality and safety of Iowa agricultural products and allowing the marketing of those products. The field staff is supported by technicians and program specialists in the following bureaus: Animal Health, Animal Welfare, Meat and Poultry, Grain Warehouse, Dairy Products Control and Weights and Measures. The division also administers the state's Horse and Dog Breeding Program and provides staff for the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine and the Grain Indemnity Board.

Soil Conservation

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The Division of Soil Conservation is responsible for state leadership in the areas of soil, water and mineral resource management. The division's mission includes setting the state's priorities, formulating and implementing programs, and establishing policies for protecting and preserving these natural resources in Iowa. The division provides assistance and support to Iowa's 100 soil and water conservation districts. It carries out programs for licensing mineral extraction, coal mining regulation and mined land reclamation.

The division provides financial incentive programs to assist farmers with the