

Ex-officio non-voting members

DALE M. COCHRAN, secretary of agriculture
 MICHAEL L. FITZGERALD, treasurer of state

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 dealer-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-warehouse operators.

Board members

DALE M. COCHRAN, secretary of agriculture, chair
 MARTIN FRANCIS, commissioner of insurance designee
 STEVEN F. MILLER, state treasurer's designee
 MARIE G. ELLINGSON, Walker
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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 who work in conjunction with the laboratories and field staff providing administrative support services.

New responsibilities assumed under the Groundwater Protection Act of 1987 continue and include the following: 1) the training and testing of pesticide applicators; 2) the licensing of urban pesticide dealers; 3) the notification of adjacent property owners of pesticides application in urban areas; 4) the establishment of 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 which includes field inspectors, veterinarians, and grain warehouse examiners. These protections include food safety, sanitation, the financial integrity of grain facilities, and the inspection of commercial weighing and measuring devices.

The division also supports Iowa economic development by providing assurances of quality and safety of Iowa-produced agricultural products and allowing the marketing of such products. The field staff is supported by the technicians and program specialists of the following bureaus: Animal Health, Animal Welfare, Meat and Poultry, Grain Warehouse, Horse and Dog Breeding Program, Dairy Products Control, and Weights and Measures. The division also 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 mission includes setting the state's priorities, formulating and implementing programs, and establishing policies for preserving and protecting 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.