



Overview

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development is comprised of seven divisions that use a customer-driven, solution-oriented approach to cultivate and expand new economic opportunities for the food and agricultural sector; safeguard the public's food supply; inspect and enforce sound animal health practices; control and eradicate plant pests and diseases threatening the \$101.3 billion food and agriculture system; preserve the environment by which the farming community makes their living and feeds consumers; and protect consumers by enforcing laws relating to weights and measures.

Executive Office

Executive Office houses the Office of the Director, who is responsible for policy development, strategic planning, daily operations, and more. The following department functions also fall under the Executive Office:

- Budget
- Emergency Management
- Legislative Liaison
- Communications
- Performance Management
- Office of Legal Affairs

Agriculture Development Division

Agriculture Development Division delivers expertise and leadership to support economic development in Michigan's food and agriculture industries through industry focused economic development, export assistance and grant management. The division also provides executive support for the Grape and Wine Industry Council and serves as the liaison with Michigan's many agriculture commodity groups.

- International Marketing and business export assistance
- Grape and Wine Program
- Economic development assistance for food and agriculture companies
- Economic development grants

Animal Industry Division

Animal Industry Division is responsible for programs that control and eradicate reportable, contagious, infectious, and communicable diseases of livestock, poultry, aquaculture, equine and companion animals; controlling contamination of animals from toxic substances; enforcing and supporting the humane treatment of animals; and promoting Michigan's animal industries.

- Animal health and disease response
- Pet shelter licensing
- Animal import/export health certificates
- Privately owned cervid operations
- Bovine tuberculosis