



# MISSOURI

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# Agriculture

## ABOUT the Missouri Department of Agriculture

The **Missouri Department of Agriculture**, located in Jefferson City, is dedicated to the promotion and protection of the state's agriculture industry. With more than 95,000 farms located on more than 27 million acres of farmland, the state's Department of Agriculture works to connect farmers to consumers.

The Department of Agriculture houses five divisions including Agriculture Business Development, Animal Health, Grain Inspection & Warehousing, Plant Industries and Weights, Measures & Consumer Protection. These divisions work each day to promote and protect the backbone of the state's economy.

## DIVISIONS

### Agriculture Business Development

The Agriculture Business Development Division improves the profitability of Missouri's farmers and agribusinesses by increasing international and domestic sales of agricultural products grown or processed in Missouri. Services include: business planning, domestic and international marketing, production promotion and financial assistance. The division also administers the Missouri Grown program, which promotes products grown and processed in Missouri and the Missouri Market News program, which provides accurate and unbiased marketing information for Missouri commodities.

### Grain Inspection & Warehousing

The Grain Inspection & Warehousing Division's purpose is to protect the interest of grain producers, merchandisers, warehousemen, processors and consumers by providing inspection, auditing, mediation, and collection services to the grain and commodity industries. The division operates grain inspection labs in St. Joseph, Marshall and New Madrid, which provide official grain inspection services under designation from USDA.

### Weights, Measures & Consumer Protection

The Weights, Measures and Consumer Protection Division tests and approves all commercial weighing and measuring devices; samples and tests fuel quality; conducts safety inspections for petroleum filling stations, terminals and propane vehicles and dispensers; administers the state Land Survey Program to provide accurate and economical locations of property boundaries; and tests, calibrates and certifies standards of mass, volume and length. The division promotes uniformity in weights and measures laws, regulations, and standards to achieve equity between buyers and sellers in the marketplace.

### Animal Health

The Animal Health Division safeguards the health of Missouri's livestock. The division's stringent animal health regulations and rigorous disease testing help keep Missouri free from costly and threatening livestock diseases and ensure public health. In addition to animal welfare and food safety responsibilities, the division, under the direction of the state veterinarian, is responsible for controlling and eradicating livestock disease in Missouri. This is accomplished through testing, vaccinations and regulatory programs involving cattle, swine, horses, poultry, exotic animals, sheep, goats and small animals as provided under the Diseased Animal Law.

### Plant Industries

The Plant Industries Division works to prevent the spread of harmful insects and plant diseases; register pesticides; license pesticide applicators; ensure label accuracy and quality of commercial feed and seed; and ensure the safety of produce grown and packed in Missouri.

## LEADERSHIP TEAM



**Director of Agriculture**  
Chris Chinn



**Deputy Director**  
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## BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Missouri Agricultural & Small  
Business Development Board

Missouri Wine & Grape Board

Missouri State Fair

State Milk Board