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Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. §§ 22-27 through 22-29; 22-31; 22-33

§ 22-27. Establishment of standards. Market information.

(a) The Commissioner of Agriculture is authorized to investigate marketing conditions and to establish and maintain state brands for farm and horticultural crops, including poultry and poultry products. He may obtain, prepare and disseminate information concerning the marketing, prices, supply and demand for any or all farm products and their movement through commercial channels and the quantity and condition of such products in cold storage and, for such purposes, may inspect the books of any wholesaler dealing in such products, and may obtain and furnish quotations upon any such product or article and farm supplies on request.

(b) The Commissioner of Agriculture is authorized to establish and maintain standard packages, grades and classifications for farm and horticultural crops, including poultry and poultry products, such standards, as far as possible, to be identical with similar standards established under authority of the Congress of the United States.

§ 22-28. Labels for standard grades.

The Commissioner of Agriculture may determine or design brands to be used on labels for identifying farm products packed in accordance with the official grades and standards established under the provisions of section 22-27, and shall cause such labels to be printed and distributed at a reasonable price. A written application to the Commissioner of Agriculture for permission to use any such label and a written permission therefor, signed by the commissioner or an authorized assistant, shall be a condition precedent to the use of any such label. Said commissioner may revoke the right to use any such label whenever it appears on investigation that such label has been misused.

§ 22-29. Notice of establishment to be published.

Upon the establishment of such grades or standards and upon the determination of such brands, notice thereof shall be published for three successive weeks in three newspapers, stating the grade or grades so established and the brands so determined and the date on which such establishment or determination is to become effective. The commissioner shall distribute information relative to the grades or standards so established and the brands so determined.



§ 22-31. Inspection. Certification.

(a) The Commissioner of Agriculture or any person authorized by him shall have free access at all reasonable hours to any building or other place wherein it is reasonably believed that farm products labeled in accordance with official grades established and promulgated by the Commissioner of Agriculture are being marketed or held for commercial purposes, shall have power to open any bag, crate or other container of such farm products and examine the contents thereof and may, upon tendering the market price, take samples therefrom.

(b) The Commissioner of Agriculture may inspect farm products to establish official grades or standards and certify the quality and condition of such products and other material facts relative thereto. Certificates issued in pursuance of such inspection and executed by the Commissioner of Agriculture or any person authorized by him shall state the date and place of inspection, the grade, condition and approximate quality of the farm products inspected and any other pertinent facts that said commissioner may require. Such a certificate and all federal certificates relative to the condition or quality of such farm products shall be prima facie evidence in all courts of the state of the facts required to be stated therein.

§ 22-33. Regulations.

The Commissioner of Agriculture may prescribe regulations for carrying out the provisions of sections 22-27, 22-28 and subsection (b) of section 22-31, including the fixing of fees for inspections under the provisions of section 22-31.

