

**BEANS (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 114 of 1965**

**290.560 Michigan bean commission; powers and duties generally; prohibitions.**

Sec. 10. (1) The commission shall perform the following:

(a) Adopt, amend, or rescind rules, pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328, for the exercise of its powers and performance of its duties.

(b) Administer this act and investigate violations of this act, and perform all acts and exercise all powers reasonably necessary to implement this act.

(c) Employ and discharge employees as it considers necessary, prescribe their powers and duties, and fix their compensation.

(d) Establish offices, incur expenses, enter into contracts and agreements, and create liabilities, when reasonable, for the proper administration and enforcement of this act.

(e) Enter into in the name of the commission necessary advertising contracts and other agreements and cooperate with and support national and state associations of bean growers or processors in implementing this act.

(f) Keep accurate books, records, and accounts of all commission dealings, which shall be open to inspection by the public, and shall be audited by the auditor general or by a certified public accountant. A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the commission in the performance of an official function shall be made available to the public in compliance with the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

(g) Promote research on bean varieties and agronomic practices.

(h) Promote scientific research to develop and discover the health, food, therapeutic, nutritional, and dietetic value of beans and bean products.

(i) Carry out market development, market research, and promotional programs.

(j) Compile and publish commodity information.

(2) The commission may develop, publish, and dispense to growers information pertaining to markets and marketing, and shall include such items as competing production areas, practices, crop production, crop conditions, crop prices, and other factors affecting the pricing structure of dry beans throughout the world.

(3) The commission shall not be a party to a procedure which includes price setting or production quotas. The commission shall not engage in marketing or an activity which would result in the setting up of a marketing order.

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