Dec. 1, 1863

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

On *This Date in Missouri Senate History*, the date was Dec. 1, 1863, the day the State Board of Agriculture was created.

The 10-member board would meet on the second Wednesday in April, in St. Louis. Additionally, the board president could call for meetings as needed.

The panel’s role was to advise the Legislature on agricultural policy.

The Board of Agriculture was allotted $100 per year.

The board continued on until the 1933 reorganization of state government, when the board became the [Missouri Department of Agriculture](http://agriculture.mo.gov/).

But, it all started on Dec. 1, 1863, the date marking formation of the Missouri Board of Agriculture, on *This Date in Missouri Senate History*.

(Sources: *Journal of the Missouri Senate* and Missouri Department of Agriculture Web site)