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FARM WAGES IN CANADA

Ottawa, December 9, 1941.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a bulletin giving the average rates of wages paid to male hired help on farms as at August 15. Average wage rates are shown on the basis of rates paid with board provided by the employer, and without board. The figures included in this report were provided by farm correspondents located in all provinces of Canada. Since the collection of these data was commenced during 1940, no comparable figures for previous years are available.

Farm Wage Rates August 15, 1940 and 1941

There was a sharp increase in the rates of wages paid to male hired help on farms at August 15, 1941 in comparison with the wage rates paid at the same date of 1940. For the Dominion as a whole the average wages paid for help hired by the day in 1941 was \$2.06 per day when the employer provided the board of the hired man. When board was not provided the average wage for day help was \$2.54. When the men were hired by the month, the average monthly wage rate with board was \$35.64 and without board the average rate was \$51.01 per month. Average wages of day help with board at August 15, 1941 were highest in Manitoba, although there was little difference between the averages for the Prairie Provinces. Wage rates by the day in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces averaged below those for the other provinces, although monthly rates with board were particularly high in New Brunswick.

Table 1.- Average Wages of Male Farm Help per Day
as at August 15, 1940 and 1941

	<u>With Board</u>		<u>Without Board</u>	
	1940	1941	1940	1941
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	1.11	1.32	1.66	1.82
Nova Scotia	1.22	1.60	1.70	2.11
New Brunswick	1.34	1.81	1.83	2.39
Quebec	1.15	1.51	1.65	2.07
Ontario	1.60	2.08	2.15	2.73
Manitoba	1.63	2.37	2.04	2.79
Saskatchewan	1.74	2.32	2.14	2.74
Alberta	1.52	2.33	2.12	2.98
British Columbia	1.60	2.17	2.37	2.86
Canada	1.52	2.06	1.99	2.54

Table 2.- Average Wages of Male Farm Help per Month
as at August 15, 1940 and 1941

	<u>With Board</u>		<u>Without Board</u>	
	1940	1941	1940	1941
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	19.90	26.18	31.00	38.00
Nova Scotia	25.13	33.60	39.45	50.55
New Brunswick	32.08	38.97	43.70	51.96
Quebec	24.01	32.48	37.21	46.73
Ontario	29.26	37.65	43.08	53.57
Manitoba	27.08	37.30	40.07	50.73
Saskatchewan	28.29	34.07	41.69	50.23
Alberta	29.69	37.92	45.97	56.55
British Columbia	29.57	34.53	46.15	56.64
Canada	27.76	35.64	41.40	51.01



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