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FARM WAGES IN CANADA - 1942

Ottawa, March 7, 1942.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a bulletin giving the average rates of wages paid to male hired help on farms as at January 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, January 15, 1940, 1941 and 1942

Farm wage rates at January 15, 1942, were sharply higher than at the same date of 1940 and 1941. The increasing pressure on the Nation's manpower has resulted in the diversion of many farm labourers to the armed forces and to urban occupations. For the Dominion as a whole the average wages paid for help hired by the day was \$1.53 at January 15, 1942, when the employer provided the board. The comparable rate at the same date in 1941 was \$1.24 per day. Men hired by the month were receiving an average of \$30.26 at January 15, 1942 compared with \$22.65 a year previously. Farm wage rates were below average in Prince Edward Island and the Prairie Provinces, but were considerably higher in British Columbia, New Brunswick and Ontario. On a seasonal basis farm wage rates were highest at August 15, 1941 when the average rate for day labour, with board, was \$2.06 compared with \$1.48 at May 15, 1941 and \$1.53 at January 15, 1942. The higher rate at January 15, 1942 as compared with May 1941 was due to the upward trend in wage rates as wages in May would normally be above those of January.

Table 1. - Average Wages of Male Farm Help per Day
as at January 15, 1940, 1941 and 1942.

	With Board			Without Board		
	1940	1941	1942	1940	1941	1942
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	1.07	1.11	1.30	1.56	1.64	2.00
Nova Scotia	1.13	1.30	1.62	1.62	1.78	2.26
New Brunswick	1.11	1.47	1.81	1.57	2.00	2.41
Quebec	1.02	1.16	1.53	1.49	1.68	2.11
Ontario	1.22	1.47	1.93	1.78	2.05	2.57
Manitoba	1.01	1.05	1.25	1.43	1.52	1.90
Saskatchewan	1.03	1.11	1.14	1.55	1.59	1.71
Alberta	1.19	1.21	1.40	1.71	1.87	2.18
British Columbia	1.61	1.54	1.98	2.32	2.32	2.78
Canada	1.11	1.24	1.53	1.63	1.80	2.20

Table 2.- Average Wages of Male Farm Help per Month
as at January 15, 1940, 1941 and 1942

	With Board			Without Board		
	1940	1941	1942	1940	1941	1942
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	18.64	20.70	25.94	30.67	33.86	39.18
Nova Scotia	23.01	27.76	35.94	36.02	43.58	51.85
New Brunswick	27.32	34.13	41.36	39.12	48.56	57.79
Quebec	21.65	24.98	34.28	33.47	37.76	50.25
Ontario	22.04	27.52	37.82	36.01	42.47	54.76
Manitoba	16.20	18.06	25.30	28.60	31.09	41.78
Saskatchewan	16.74	18.56	22.30	29.86	32.87	39.45
Alberta	21.04	22.53	28.82	36.42	38.98	48.86
British Columbia	24.21	25.77	33.68	47.81	44.56	56.34
Canada	19.81	22.65	30.26	34.05	38.11	49.18

Table 3

Average Wages of Male Farm Help per Day
as at May 15, 1941, August 15, 1941 and January 15, 1942

	Wages per Day with Board			Wages per Day without Board		
	May 15 1941	August 15 1941	January 15 1942	May 15 1941	August 15 1941	January 15 1942
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	1.21	1.32	1.30	1.70	1.82	2.00
Nova Scotia	1.38	1.60	1.62	1.95	2.11	2.26
New Brunswick	1.44	1.81	1.81	1.94	2.39	2.42
Quebec	1.31	1.51	1.53	1.84	2.07	2.11
Ontario	1.75	2.08	1.93	2.35	2.73	2.57
Manitoba	1.32	2.37	1.25	1.84	2.79	1.90
Saskatchewan	1.39	2.32	1.14	1.89	2.74	1.71
Alberta	1.54	2.33	1.40	2.20	2.98	2.18
British Columbia	1.65	2.17	1.98	2.48	2.86	2.78
Canada	1.48	2.06	1.53	2.06	2.54	2.20

Table 4

Average Wages of Male Farm Help per Month
as at May 15, 1941, August 15, 1941 and January 15, 1942.

	Wages per Month with Board			Wages per Month without Board		
	May 15 1941	August 15 1941	January 15 1942	May 15 1941	August 15 1941	January 15 1942
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	25.19	26.18	25.94	39.64	38.00	39.18
Nova Scotia	30.57	33.60	35.94	43.96	50.55	51.85
New Brunswick	33.20	38.97	41.36	45.06	51.96	57.79
Quebec	28.67	32.48	34.28	41.80	46.73	50.25
Ontario	34.84	37.65	37.82	50.03	53.57	54.76
Manitoba	30.24	37.30	25.30	43.64	50.73	41.78
Saskatchewan	31.17	34.07	22.30	45.00	50.23	39.45
Alberta	35.42	37.92	28.82	52.18	56.55	48.86
British Columbia	29.97	34.53	33.68	50.46	56.64	56.34
Canada	31.90	35.64	30.26	46.45	51.01	49.18

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