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FARM WAGES IN CANADA

Ottawa, July 2, 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 May 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, May 15, 1940, 1941 and 1942

A further sharp increase occurred in the rates of wages paid to farm help at May 15, 1942 as compared with the same date of 1940 and 1941. The increase was common to all provinces and for Canada as a whole the average rate of wages paid to farm labourers where the farmer provided the board was \$1.91 per day at May 15, 1942 as compared with \$1.48 a year previously. Where the employee provided his own board the average rate of wages for day help was \$2.57 per day compared with \$2.06 at May 15, 1941. For men hired by the month, with board provided, the average rate of wages in 1942 was \$42.49 as compared with \$31.90 in 1941. When no board was provided the average monthly rate was \$58.80 in 1942 as compared with \$46.45 in the year previously. Wage rates per day help were uniformly high, but were highest in Ontario where the rate with board provided was \$2.18 per day. For month help, with board, the highest rate was being paid in Alberta at \$46.38 per month. Where no board was provided, both daily and monthly average rates were highest in British Columbia.

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

	With Board			Without Board		
	1940 \$	1941 \$	1942 \$	1940 \$	1941 \$	1942 \$
Prince Edward Island	1.01	1.21	1.56	1.52	1.70	2.08
Nova Scotia	1.12	1.38	1.79	1.65	1.95	2.46
New Brunswick	1.16	1.44	1.98	1.63	1.94	2.59
Quebec	1.08	1.31	1.66	1.54	1.84	2.26
Ontario	1.34	1.75	2.18	1.89	2.35	2.89
Manitoba	1.14	1.32	1.82	1.69	1.84	2.50
Saskatchewan	1.21	1.39	1.86	1.75	1.99	2.49
Alberta	1.31	1.54	2.03	1.93	2.20	2.79
British Columbia	1.50	1.65	2.09	2.33	2.48	2.92
CANADA	1.22	1.48	1.91	1.76	2.06	2.57

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

	With Board			Without Board		
	1940 \$	1941 \$	1942 \$	1940 \$	1941 \$	1942 \$
Prince Edward Island	21.21	25.19	35.00	31.33	39.64	49.64
Nova Scotia	24.88	30.57	42.38	38.57	43.96	61.06
New Brunswick	27.14	33.20	43.48	38.88	45.06	57.73
Quebec	23.53	28.67	38.24	35.06	41.80	54.44
Ontario	26.09	34.84	44.08	40.21	50.03	59.91
Manitoba	25.43	30.24	42.01	39.14	43.64	57.71
Saskatchewan	26.61	31.17	42.83	39.75	45.00	58.59
Alberta	29.03	35.42	46.38	44.94	52.18	67.19
British Columbia	27.00	29.97	44.09	46.68	50.46	68.57
CANADA	26.02	31.90	42.49	39.26	46.45	58.80

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