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FARM WAGES IN CANADA

Ottawa, September 30, 1943.- 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 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, 1941, 1942 and 1943

Wages paid to hired help on farms at August 15, 1943 show a further sharp increase over those paid at the same date of 1942. When the employer provided the board of the hired man the average rate for help hired by the day was \$3.51 in 1943 as compared with \$2.50 a year previously. When no board was provided the rate in 1943 was \$4.74 as compared with \$3.15 a year previously. Wage rates for day help were highest in the province of Ontario but substantial increases were shown in all provinces. When the men were hired by the month the average monthly wage rate with board was \$61.26 at August 15, 1943 as compared with \$46.82 at the same date in 1942. When the workers provided their own board the average rate for men hired by the month rose from \$64.94 in 1942 to \$84.26 in 1943. Current rates of wages for farm help are more than double those paid in 1940, the first year for which comparable statistics are available.

Table 1.- Average Wages of Male Farm Help per Day  
as at August 15, 1941, 1942 and 1943

	With Board			Without Board		
	1941 \$	1942 \$	1943 \$	1941 \$	1942 \$	1943 \$
Prince Edward Island	1.32	1.64	1.88	1.82	2.16	2.44
Nova Scotia	1.60	2.10	2.57	2.11	2.75	3.19
New Brunswick	1.81	2.24	2.71	2.39	2.92	3.52
Quebec	1.51	2.01	3.48	2.07	2.67	4.70
Ontario	2.08	2.71	4.04	2.73	3.50	5.73
Manitoba	2.37	2.79	3.41	2.79	3.39	4.20
Saskatchewan	2.32	2.69	3.42	2.74	3.39	4.05
Alberta	2.33	2.62	3.30	2.98	3.43	4.19
British Columbia	2.17	2.95	3.28	2.86	3.64	4.18
Canada	2.06	2.50	3.51	2.54	3.15	4.74

Table 2.- Average Wages of Male Farm Help per Month  
as at August 15, 1941, 1942 and 1943

	With Board			Without Board		
	1941 \$	1942 \$	1943 \$	1941 \$	1942 \$	1943 \$
Prince Edward Island	26.18	33.79	39.64	38.00	47.26	53.95
Nova Scotia	33.60	46.61	47.50	50.55	63.48	66.25
New Brunswick	38.97	52.34	64.33	51.96	69.44	85.93
Quebec	32.48	43.60	61.70	46.73	61.58	83.83
Ontario	37.65	47.25	64.53	53.57	65.63	89.51
Manitoba	37.30	48.45	59.93	50.73	68.01	80.11
Saskatchewan	34.07	47.04	59.08	50.23	66.38	78.19
Alberta	37.92	50.26	62.23	56.55	70.83	88.67
British Columbia	34.53	50.25	63.71	56.64	73.55	87.11
Canada	35.64	46.82	61.26	51.01	64.94	84.26



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