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FARM WAGES IN CANADA

Ottawa, March 7, 1944.- 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, 1942, 1943 and 1944

A further increase in the rates of wages paid to farm workers is shown in the January 15, 1944 survey. As is normally the case, wage rates at this time of year are somewhat lower than during the summer months. Rates of wages for day help, with board, averaged \$2.45 per day in January as compared with \$3.51 per day at August 15, 1943. Month help, with board, averaged \$49.44 per month in January 1944 as compared with \$61.26 at August 15, 1943. In comparison with January a year ago rates of wages were higher in all provinces both for help hired by the day and by the month. Rates of wages in January were highest in British Columbia, and lowest in Prince Edward Island.

Table 1.- Average Wages of Male Farm Help per Day  
as at January 15, 1942, 1943 and 1944

	With Board			Without Board		
	1942 \$	1943 \$	1944 \$	1942 \$	1943 \$	1944 \$
Prince Edward Island .....	1.30	1.64	2.03	2.00	2.18	2.60
Nova Scotia .....	1.62	2.24	2.78	2.26	2.89	3.56
New Brunswick .....	1.81	2.19	2.61	2.41	2.80	3.33
Quebec .....	1.53	1.95	2.44	2.11	2.63	3.20
Ontario .....	1.93	2.36	2.72	2.57	3.16	3.57
Manitoba .....	1.25	1.82	2.27	1.90	2.59	3.13
Saskatchewan .....	1.14	1.72	2.11	1.71	2.39	3.03
Alberta .....	1.40	2.04	2.46	2.18	2.76	3.38
British Columbia .....	1.98	2.50	3.07	2.78	3.62	3.92
CANADA .....	1.53	2.02	2.45	2.20	2.79	3.32

Table 2.- Average Wages of Male Farm Help per Month  
as at January 15, 1942, 1943 and 1944

	With Board			Without Board		
	1942 \$	1943 \$	1944 \$	1942 \$	1943 \$	1944 \$
Prince Edward Island .....	25.94	32.60	41.21	39.18	48.16	55.00
Nova Scotia .....	35.94	50.73	60.87	51.85	69.10	84.00
New Brunswick .....	41.36	51.05	63.57	57.79	67.21	81.90
Quebec .....	34.28	43.91	52.70	50.25	61.55	74.87
Ontario .....	37.82	46.16	51.02	54.76	64.95	73.01
Manitoba .....	25.30	35.27	43.91	41.78	55.17	65.10
Saskatchewan .....	22.30	33.80	44.00	39.45	55.06	67.47
Alberta .....	28.82	42.49	54.63	48.86	65.04	78.63
British Columbia .....	33.68	52.88	60.44	56.34	76.16	83.04
CANADA .....	30.26	40.85	49.44	49.18	61.76	72.49

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