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FARM WAGES IN CANADA

Ottawa, June 21, 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 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, 1942, 1943 and 1944

Average rates of wages paid to farm help at May 15, 1944 were higher than at the same date of 1942 and 1943 but not as high as those reported at August 15, 1943. Farm wage rates generally are highest during the harvest season. The May increase occurred in all provinces and for the country as a whole the average rate of wages paid to farm labourers where the farmer provided the board was \$2.76 per day at May 15, 1944 as compared with 2.39 a year previously. Where the employee provided his own board the average rate of wages for day help was \$3.58 per day compared with \$3.15 at May 15, 1943. For men hired by the month, with board provided the average rate of wages in 1944 was \$61.38 as compared with \$51.46 in 1943. When no board was provided the average monthly rate was \$81.92 in 1944 as compared with \$71.78 in the year previously. Wage rates per day help were uniformly high, but were highest in British Columbia where the rate with board provided was \$3.17 per day. For month help, with board, the highest rate was being paid in Saskatchewan at \$69.83 per month.

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

	With Board			Without Board		
	1942 \$	1943 \$	1944 \$	1942 \$	1943 \$	1944 \$
Prince Edward Island .....	1.56	1.83	2.08	2.08	2.36	2.70
Nova Scotia .....	1.79	2.23	2.61	2.46	2.90	3.40
New Brunswick .....	1.98	2.27	2.91	2.59	2.92	3.68
Quebec .....	1.66	2.11	2.47	2.26	2.82	3.23
Ontario .....	2.18	2.55	2.90	2.89	3.32	3.78
Manitoba .....	1.82	2.28	2.87	2.50	3.04	3.78
Saskatchewan .....	1.86	2.43	2.98	2.49	3.30	4.00
Alberta .....	2.03	2.89	2.97	2.79	3.67	3.78
British Columbia .....	2.09	2.72	3.17	2.92	3.84	4.00
CANADA .....	1.91	2.39	2.76	2.57	3.15	3.58

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

	With Board			Without Board		
	1942 \$	1943 \$	1944 \$	1942 \$	1943 \$	1944 \$
Prince Edward Island .....	35.00	38.45	47.66	49.64	53.86	69.23
Nova Scotia .....	42.38	46.48	53.88	61.06	64.84	76.50
New Brunswick .....	43.48	56.62	63.33	57.73	73.92	87.90
Quebec .....	38.24	47.88	56.22	54.44	67.27	77.00
Ontario .....	44.08	50.69	56.39	59.91	71.10	77.00
Manitoba .....	42.01	45.58	63.89	57.71	72.38	85.80
Saskatchewan .....	42.83	55.52	69.83	58.59	76.11	93.30
Alberta .....	46.38	61.84	68.25	67.19	87.96	93.20
British Columbia .....	44.09	57.20	65.47	68.57	79.98	90.50
CANADA .....	42.49	51.46	61.38	58.80	71.78	81.92

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