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FAIRM WAGES IN CANADA

Ottawa, September 27, 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 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.

Farm Wage Rates August 15, 1942, 1943 and 1944

Although the average rates of wages paid to hired farm workers in Canada show a further increase at August 15, 1944, declines in certain provinces are indicated for the first time in some years. The average rate paid for help hired by the day when the employer provided the board of the hired man was \$3.76 at August 15, 1944 compared with \$3.51 at the same date in 1943. Increases are shown for all provinces except Ontario and Quebec. In these two provinces the rate declined about 75 cents per day from last year. Additional farm labour made available through various schemes such as military leave, prisoners of war, the transfer of western farmers, students and "commando" groups tended to ease the labour situation and the lower rates paid to students resulted in the lower average. Rates in the Prairie Provinces were considerably above those of last year as a result of larger crops being harvested this year. When no board was provided the average rate for day labour was \$4.39 compared with \$4.74 in 1943 with lower rates again indicated for Ontario and Quebec. When the men were hired by the month the average monthly rate with board was \$67.92 at August 15, 1944 as compared with \$61.26 at the same date in 1943. When the workers provided their own board the average rate for men hired by the month rose from \$84.26 in 1943 to \$87.86 in 1944.

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

	With Board			Without Board		
	1942	1943	1944	1942	1943	1944
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	1.64	1.88	2.45	2.16	2.44	3.10
Nova Scotia	2.10	2.57	2.94	2.75	3.19	3.74
New Brunswick	2.24	2.71	3.02	2.92	3.52	3.73
Quebec	2.01	3.48	2.73	2.67	4.70	3.50
Ontario	2.71	4.04	3.26	3.50	5.73	4.09
Manitoba	2.79	3.41	4.49	3.39	4.20	5.53
Saskatchewan	2.69	3.42	4.58	3.39	4.05	5.42
Alberta	2.62	3.30	3.78	3.43	4.19	4.72
British Columbia	2.95	3.28	3.53	3.64	4.18	4.39
Canada	2.50	3.51	3.76	3.15	4.74	4.39

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

	With Board			Without Board		
	1942	1943	1944	1942	1943	1944
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	33.79	39.64	49.42	47.26	53.95	69.77
Nova Scotia	46.61	47.50	55.12	63.48	66.25	75.44
New Brunswick	52.34	64.33	66.83	69.44	85.93	89.93
Quebec	43.60	61.70	61.04	61.58	83.83	81.74
Ontario	47.25	64.53	59.13	65.63	89.51	79.64
Manitoba	48.45	59.93	71.46	68.01	80.11	91.33
Saskatchewan	47.04	59.08	75.27	66.38	78.19	99.49
Alberta	50.26	62.23	72.31	70.83	88.67	98.16
British Columbia	50.25	63.71	70.33	73.55	87.11	95.75
Canada	46.82	61.26	67.92	64.94	84.26	87.86



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1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0