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FARM WAGES IN CANADA

Ottawa, February 20, 1945 - 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.

Farm Wage Rates, January 15, 1943, 1944 and 1945

Wage rates paid by farmers for men hired by the day and by the month at January 15, 1945 show increases over the same date a year ago. Wage rates at this time of the year are normally somewhat lower than during the summer months. For men hired by the day, where the farmer provides the board, the average wage rate at January 15, 1945 was \$2.66 as compared with \$2.45 a year ago. Where no board was provided the average wage was \$3.55 per day in 1945 compared with \$3.32 in 1944. Men hired by the month with board were paid an average of \$54.55 in January 1945 compared with \$49.44 in the same month of 1944. Where no board was provided the average monthly rate was \$78.64 compared with \$72.49 a year previously. Farm wage rates in January were largest in British Columbia and lowest in Prince Edward Island.

Table 1.- Average Wages of Male Farm Help per Day
as at January 15, 1943, 1944 and 1945.

	With Board			Without Board		
	1943	1944	1945	1943	1944	1945
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	1.64	2.03	2.18	2.18	2.60	2.95
Nova Scotia	2.24	2.78	2.89	2.89	3.56	3.74
New Brunswick	2.19	2.61	3.00	2.80	3.33	3.85
Quebec	1.95	2.44	2.66	2.63	3.20	3.43
Ontario	2.36	2.72	2.87	3.16	3.57	3.69
Manitoba	1.82	2.27	2.41	2.59	3.13	3.45
Saskatchewan	1.72	2.11	2.45	2.39	3.03	3.47
Alberta	2.04	2.46	2.65	2.76	3.38	3.51
British Columbia	2.50	3.07	3.36	3.62	3.92	4.24
CANADA	2.02	2.45	2.66	2.79	3.32	3.55

Table 2.- Average Wages of Male Farm Help Per Month
as at January 15, 1943, 1944 and 1945

	With Board			Without Board		
	1943	1944	1945	1943	1944	1945
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	32.60	41.21	45.45	48.16	55.00	63.50
Nova Scotia	50.73	60.87	54.41	69.10	84.00	84.00
New Brunswick	51.05	63.57	68.11	67.21	81.90	90.00
Quebec	43.91	52.70	58.47	61.55	74.87	80.88
Ontario	46.16	51.02	53.96	64.95	73.01	75.88
Manitoba	35.27	43.91	50.40	55.17	65.10	75.84
Saskatchewan	33.80	44.00	51.12	55.06	67.47	76.21
Alberta	42.49	54.63	58.22	65.04	78.63	82.47
British Columbia	52.88	60.44	66.13	76.16	83.04	93.32
CANADA	40.85	49.44	54.55	61.76	72.49	78.64

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