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FARM WAGES IN CANADA

Ottawa, June 15, 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 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, 1943, 1944 and 1945

A further increase in rates of wages paid to farm help is reported in the survey of May 15, 1945. In comparison with the same date of 1944 wages paid to help either by the day or by the month are higher in all provinces. The rates now being paid are approximately the same as those reported at August 15, 1944, which is usually the high point for the year. Unless there is some improvement in the supply of farm help, therefore, it may be anticipated that further increases will occur before the harvest season commences. The average rates reported at May 15, where the farmer provided the board was \$3.07 per day and \$66.37 per month. Where the employee provided his own board the average rates were \$3.92 per day and \$88.19 per month. The highest rate reported for day help with board was \$3.52 per day in British Columbia. In Prince Edward Island the average rate from the same type of help was \$2.29 per day. On a monthly basis, with board, the highest average rate was reported for Saskatchewan at \$75.92 with Prince Edward Island again lowest at \$50.19 per month.

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

	With Board			Without Board		
	1943	1944	1945	1943	1944	1945
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	1.83	2.08	2.29	2.36	2.70	2.89
Nova Scotia	2.23	2.61	3.21	2.90	3.40	3.88
New Brunswick	2.27	2.91	3.15	2.92	3.68	4.04
Quebec	2.11	2.47	2.74	2.82	3.21	3.53
Ontario	2.55	2.90	3.03	3.32	3.78	3.92
Manitoba	2.28	2.87	3.20	3.04	3.78	3.99
Saskatchewan	2.43	2.98	3.42	3.30	4.00	4.35
Alberta	2.89	2.97	3.20	3.67	3.78	4.14
British Columbia	2.72	3.17	3.52	3.84	4.00	4.43
CANADA	2.39	2.76	3.07	3.15	3.58	3.92

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

	With Board			Without Board		
	1943	1944	1945	1943	1944	1945
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	38.45	47.66	50.19	53.86	69.22	71.33
Nova Scotia	46.48	53.88	64.07	64.84	76.50	88.15
New Brunswick	56.62	63.33	75.32	73.92	87.97	98.86
Quebec	47.88	56.22	59.68	67.27	77.08	82.16
Ontario	50.69	56.39	59.86	71.10	77.04	83.46
Manitoba	45.58	63.89	70.01	72.38	85.83	91.77
Saskatchewan	55.52	69.83	75.92	76.11	93.31	99.34
Alberta	61.84	68.25	74.76	87.96	93.21	98.33
British Columbia	57.20	65.47	70.15	79.98	90.56	103.81
CANADA	51.46	61.38	66.37	71.78	81.92	88.19

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