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FARM WAGES IN CANADA

Ottawa, March 8, 1946.- 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, 1944, 1945 and 1946

Average wage rates for all Canada paid to farm workers hired by the day and by the month at January 15, 1946 again show increases over the rates paid at the same date a year ago. With board provided, the average rate per day at January 15, 1946 was \$2.93 for all Canada compared with \$2.76 at January 15, 1945. The average rate per month with board this year for all Canada was \$57.24 as against \$55.61 a year ago. The increases from 1945 to 1946 are the lowest recorded in the past few years of rapidly rising farm wage rates. The average rate reported in January 1940 for farm help by the month, with board, was \$20.42. Thus current monthly wage rates in agriculture are three times the 1940 level. All provinces, with the exceptions of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, indicated increases at January 15, 1946 over a year ago. The lower wage rates in Manitoba and Saskatchewan are, in part, a reflection of the poor harvest and the resultant decline in farm cash income during the 1945-46 season. Lower rates also prevailed for these provinces in the last survey of wages at August 15, 1945. Wage rates are generally highest in British Columbia and lowest in Prince Edward Island.

Average Wages of Male Farm Help per Day as at January 15,  
1944, 1945 and 1946

	With Board			Without Board		
	1944	1945	1946	1944	1945	1946
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island .....	2.03	2.18	2.39	2.60	2.95	3.11
Nova Scotia .....	2.78	2.89	3.06	3.56	3.74	3.92
New Brunswick .....	2.61	3.00	3.31	3.33	3.85	4.31
Quebec .....	2.44	2.66	2.89	3.20	3.43	3.79
Ontario .....	2.72	2.87	3.04	3.57	3.69	3.93
Manitoba .....	2.27	2.41	2.64	3.13	3.45	3.54
Saskatchewan .....	2.11	2.45	2.45	3.03	3.47	3.56
Alberta .....	2.46	2.65	2.76	3.38	3.51	3.65
British Columbia .....	3.07	3.36	3.56	3.92	4.24	4.50
CANADA .....	2.49	2.76	2.93	3.30	3.61	3.84

Average Wages of Male Farm Help per Month as at January 15,  
1944, 1945 and 1946

	With Board			Without Board		
	1944	1945	1946	1944	1945	1946
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island .....	41.21	45.45	49.54	55.00	63.50	72.06
Nova Scotia .....	60.87	54.41	61.23	84.00	84.00	89.27
New Brunswick .....	63.57	68.11	80.71	81.90	90.00	105.73
Quebec .....	52.70	58.47	62.68	74.87	80.88	86.50
Ontario .....	51.02	53.96	57.06	73.01	75.88	80.51
Manitoba .....	43.91	50.40	49.88	65.10	75.84	71.97
Saskatchewan .....	44.00	51.12	49.87	67.47	76.21	75.72
Alberta .....	54.63	58.22	60.25	78.63	82.47	86.01
British Columbia .....	60.44	66.13	70.59	83.04	93.32	100.50
CANADA .....	50.99	55.61	57.24	73.19	79.70	82.23



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