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FARM WAGES IN CANADA

Ottawa, June 19, 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 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.

FARM WAGE RATES, MAY 15, 1944, 1945 AND 1946

Further increases in wage rates paid to farm help are reported in the survey of May 15, 1946. In comparison with the same date of 1945 minor decreases were recorded in a few instances but these were not sufficient to overcome the general tendency for wage increases. The rates now being paid are almost the same as those paid at August 15, 1945, which is usually the high point for the year. A further increase by August of this year is thus indicated if crop prospects are maintained at anywhere near normal. The average rates for Canada as reported at May 15 were \$3.25 per day and \$71.36 per month where the farmer provided the board as compared with rates of \$3.04 and \$66.88 reported at May 15, 1945. Where the employee provided his own board the average rates were \$4.15 per day and \$96.27 per month in comparison with \$3.89 and \$90.60 respectively last year. The three westernmost provinces reported the highest wage rates. British Columbia led with rates of \$3.80 per day and \$79.60 per month with board. Prince Edward Island had the lowest rates at \$2.53 per day and \$55.76 per month with board.

TABLE 1: AVERAGE WAGES OF MALE FARM HELP PER DAY AS AT MAY 15,  
1944, 1945 AND 1946

	With Board			Without Board		
	1944 \$	1945 \$	1946 \$	1944 \$	1945 \$	1946 \$
Prince Edward Island ...	2.08	2.29	2.53	2.70	2.89	3.28
Nova Scotia .....	2.61	3.21	3.08	3.40	3.88	3.99
New Brunswick .....	2.91	3.15	3.33	3.68	4.04	4.11
Quebec .....	2.47	2.74	3.10	3.21	3.53	3.96
Ontario .....	2.90	3.03	3.29	3.78	3.92	4.19
Manitoba .....	2.87	3.20	3.24	3.78	3.99	4.25
Saskatchewan .....	2.98	3.42	3.43	4.00	4.35	4.49
Alberta .....	2.97	3.20	3.45	3.78	4.14	4.43
British Columbia .....	3.17	3.52	3.80	4.00	4.43	4.74
CANADA .....	2.73	3.04	3.25	3.55	3.89	4.15

TABLE 2: AVERAGE WAGES OF MALE FARM HELP PER MONTH AS AT MAY 15,  
1944, 1945 AND 1946

	With Board			Without Board		
	1944 \$	1945 \$	1946 \$	1944 \$	1945 \$	1946 \$
Prince Edward Island ...	47.60	50.19	55.76	69.22	71.33	77.37
Nova Scotia .....	53.88	64.07	70.39	76.50	88.15	98.89
New Brunswick .....	63.33	75.32	76.98	87.97	98.86	98.85
Quebec .....	56.22	59.68	68.94	77.08	82.16	93.96
Ontario .....	56.39	59.86	64.80	77.04	83.46	89.40
Manitoba .....	63.89	70.01	68.75	85.83	91.77	91.39
Saskatchewan .....	69.83	75.92	77.24	93.31	99.34	102.06
Alberta .....	68.25	74.76	76.16	93.21	98.33	102.32
British Columbia .....	65.47	70.15	79.60	90.56	103.81	104.05
CANADA .....	61.88	66.88	71.36	84.25	90.60	96.27

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