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FARM WAGES IN CANADA

Ottawa, March 5, 1947: 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, 1945, 1946 AND 1947

Wages paid to hired help on Canadian farms at January 15, 1947 show a further increase over those paid at the same date a year ago. With board provided by the employer, the average rate per day for all Canada at January 15, 1947 was \$3.23 as compared with \$2.93 for the same date in 1946. When no board was provided the daily rate in 1947 was \$4.15 as against \$3.84 a year earlier. Wage rates for day help were highest in British Columbia and lowest in Prince Edward Island. The average monthly wage rate with board for all Canada was \$63.29 at January 15, 1947 as compared with \$57.24 at the same date in 1946. When workers provided their own board the average rate for men hired by the month rose from \$82.23 in 1946 to \$89.25 in 1947. Current rates of wages for farm help are more than double those paid in 1940, the first year for which comparable statistics are available.

AVERAGE WAGES OF MALE FARM HELP PER DAY AS AT JANUARY 15, 1945, 1946 AND 1947

	With Board			Without Board		
	1945	1946	1947	1945	1946	1947
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	2.18	2.39	2.59	2.95	3.11	3.30
Nova Scotia	2.89	3.06	3.34	3.74	3.92	4.18
New Brunswick	3.00	3.31	3.53	3.85	4.31	4.53
Quebec	2.66	2.89	3.32	3.43	3.79	4.23
Ontario	2.87	3.04	3.36	3.59	3.93	4.28
Manitoba	2.41	2.54	2.82	3.45	3.54	3.77
Saskatchewan	2.45	2.45	2.59	3.47	3.56	3.71
Alberta	2.65	2.76	3.09	3.51	3.65	4.02
British Columbia	3.36	3.56	3.79	4.24	4.50	4.73
CANADA	2.76	2.93	3.23	3.61	3.84	4.15

AVERAGE WAGES OF MALE FARM HELP PER MONTH AS AT JANUARY 15, 1945, 1946 AND 1947

	With Board			Without Board		
	1945	1946	1947	1945	1946	1947
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	45.45	49.54	52.55	63.50	72.06	74.24
Nova Scotia	54.41	61.23	71.16	84.00	89.27	97.30
New Brunswick	68.11	80.71	83.08	90.00	105.73	103.27
Quebec	58.47	62.68	72.31	80.88	86.50	94.92
Ontario	53.96	57.06	63.92	75.88	80.51	90.48
Manitoba	50.40	49.88	55.40	75.84	71.97	82.29
Saskatchewan	51.12	49.87	54.04	76.21	75.72	81.47
Alberta	58.22	60.25	63.31	82.47	86.01	89.67
British Columbia	66.13	70.59	78.02	93.32	100.50	103.25
CANADA	55.61	57.24	63.29	79.70	82.23	89.25

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