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FARM WAGES IN CANADA

Ottawa, June 21, 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 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, 1945, 1946 AND 1947

Scarcity of labor and the maintenance of a high level of farm income has pushed the May wage rates for farm workers to their highest level since comparable statistics became available in 1940. With the month of August usually marking the high point for farm wages in any year, it is significant to note that current May wages in many provinces were approximately the same as those prevailing at August 15, 1946. Except in the case of monthly wages with board, British Columbia farm wages led the field, while Prince Edward Island set the pace for minimum rates of pay. The average rates for Canada as reported at May 15, 1947 were \$3.59 per day and \$77.01 per month where the employer provided the board as compared with rates of \$3.25 and \$71.36 respectively at the same date a year ago. Where the employee provided his own board, the average rates were \$4.55 per day and \$103.96 per month respectively as against \$4.15 and \$96.27 as reported at May 15, 1946.

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

	WITH BOARD			WITHOUT BOARD		
	1945	1946	1947	1945	1946	1947
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island ..	2.29	2.53	2.70	2.89	3.28	3.50
Nova Scotia .....	3.21	3.08	3.41	3.88	3.99	4.43
New Brunswick .....	3.15	3.33	3.59	4.04	4.11	4.43
Quebec .....	2.74	3.10	3.42	3.53	3.96	4.36
Ontario .....	3.03	3.29	3.59	3.92	4.19	4.54
Manitoba .....	3.20	3.24	3.65	3.99	4.25	4.74
Saskatchewan .....	3.42	3.43	3.71	4.35	4.49	4.68
Alberta .....	3.20	3.45	3.82	4.14	4.43	4.85
British Columbia .....	3.52	3.80	4.14	4.43	4.74	5.17
CANADA .....	3.04	3.25	3.59	3.89	4.15	4.55

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

	WITH BOARD			WITHOUT BOARD		
	1945	1946	1947	1945	1946	1947
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island ..	50.19	55.76	57.31	71.33	77.37	80.00
Nova Scotia .....	64.07	70.39	69.65	88.15	98.89	101.05
New Brunswick .....	75.32	76.98	82.86	98.86	98.85	108.44
Quebec .....	59.68	68.94	76.34	82.16	93.96	102.15
Ontario .....	59.86	64.80	70.66	83.46	89.40	95.84
Manitoba .....	70.01	68.75	75.00	91.77	91.39	101.38
Saskatchewan .....	75.92	77.24	81.98	99.34	102.06	109.16
Alberta .....	74.76	76.16	82.21	98.33	102.32	109.66
British Columbia .....	70.15	79.60	79.13	103.81	104.05	112.31
CANADA .....	66.88	71.36	77.01	90.60	96.27	103.96

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