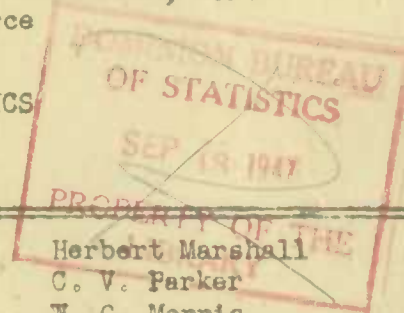


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FARM WAGES IN CANADA

Ottawa, September 17, 1947: Today the Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues a bulletin giving the average rates of wages paid to male hired help on farms as at August 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 - AUGUST 15, 1945, 1946 AND 1947

Average wage rates paid to farm help in Canada are higher than at any time since comparable statistics became available in 1940. Scarcity of labor and the maintenance of a high level of farm income have been important factors contributing towards the continuing rise in farm wage rates. Except in the case of monthly wages with board, Saskatchewan wage rates were the highest among the provinces. On the other hand wage rates in Prince Edward Island were the lowest. The average rates for Canada as reported at August 15, 1947 were \$4.13 per day and \$82.75 per month where the employer provided the board as compared with rates of \$4.04 and \$75.28 respectively at the same date a year ago. Where the employee provided his own board, the average rates were \$5.17 per day and \$109.03 per month as against \$4.95 and \$100.62 respectively as reported at August 15, 1946.

Table 1: AVERAGE WAGES OF MALE FARM HELP PER DAY AS AT AUGUST 15, 1945, 1946 and 1947

	WITH BOARD			WITHOUT BOARD		
	1945	1946	1947	1945	1946	1947
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island ..	2.55	2.62	2.67	3.36	3.38	3.54
Nova Scotia	3.43	3.24	3.57	4.21	4.11	4.36
New Brunswick	3.52	3.56	3.77	4.32	4.44	4.69
Quebec	3.22	3.46	4.03	4.12	4.36	4.90
Ontario	3.46	3.62	3.70	4.36	4.55	4.96
Manitoba	3.97	4.71	4.54	4.98	5.66	5.46
Saskatchewan	4.00	4.71	4.83	4.85	5.69	5.99
Alberta	4.04	4.37	4.45	4.94	5.17	5.60
British Columbia	3.85	4.42	4.73	4.64	5.26	5.75
CANADA	3.55	4.04	4.13	4.50	4.95	5.17

Table 2: AVERAGE WAGES OF MALE FARM HELP PER MONTH AS AT AUGUST 15, 1945, 1946 AND 1947

	WITH BOARD			WITHOUT BOARD		
	1945	1946	1947	1945	1946	1947
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island ..	52.59	55.76	55.50	76.25	77.96	75.16
Nova Scotia	69.15	67.45	72.44	91.44	91.57	101.00
New Brunswick	80.63	78.61	86.88	103.46	103.17	107.63
Quebec	68.83	74.48	84.02	92.36	98.41	109.58
Ontario	64.34	68.40	74.29	87.39	92.40	99.48
Manitoba	74.84	77.50	80.55	97.76	102.81	102.59
Saskatchewan	77.31	82.99	89.23	101.92	111.13	116.06
Alberta	77.19	80.02	84.69	111.00	106.66	113.57
British Columbia	76.56	82.63	86.25	102.92	105.56	117.81
CANADA	71.68	75.28	82.75	97.22	100.62	109.03

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