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FARM WAGES IN CANADA 1/

OTTAWA, September 23, 1949: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a bulletin giving the average rates of wages paid to male hired help on farms as at August 15, 1949 and, for comparative purposes, the corresponding figures for 1947 and 1948. Average wages are shown on the basis of rates paid by the day and by the month, with and without board. The figures included in this report were provided by farm correspondents located in all provinces of Canada.

For the first time since the inception of the current Bureau farm wage survey in 1940, the general trend of August farm wages was downward. With the exception of P.E.I. this downward trend was evident in eastern Canada for both daily and monthly rates. While daily rates in western Canada continued to rise, the direction of monthly wages was somewhat varied.

AVERAGE WAGES OF MALE FARM HELP PER DAY AS AT AUGUST 15, 1947, 1948, AND 1949

Province	With Board			Without Board		
	1947	1948	1949	1947	1948	1949
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	2.69	2.97	3.14	3.54	3.90	4.17
Nova Scotia	3.57	3.86	3.77	4.36	4.76	4.71
New Brunswick	3.77	4.25	3.83	4.69	5.19	4.88
Quebec	4.03	4.16	3.99	4.90	5.16	4.90
Ontario	3.70	4.41	4.34	4.96	5.47	5.23
Manitoba	4.54	4.74	5.43	5.46	5.84	6.78
Saskatchewan	4.83	4.98	5.51	5.99	6.11	6.31
Alberta	4.45	4.57	5.08	5.60	5.65	6.05
British Columbia	4.73	4.87	5.25	5.75	5.97	6.25
C A N A D A	4.13	4.40	4.35	5.17	5.44	5.29

AVERAGE WAGES OF MALE FARM HELP PER MONTH AS AT AUGUST 15, 1947, 1948 AND 1949

Province	With Board			Without Board		
	1947	1948	1949	1947	1948	1949
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	55.50	60.00	59.09	75.16	83.46	82.86
Nova Scotia	72.44	71.75	72.50	101.00	102.06	100.00
New Brunswick	86.88	93.07	86.43	107.63	118.68	118.33
Quebec	84.02	90.14	85.40	109.58	118.66	113.51
Ontario	74.29	80.70	74.87	99.48	108.21	106.91
Manitoba	80.55	86.55	90.86	102.59	115.00	121.25
Saskatchewan	89.23	91.85	92.69	116.06	120.72	121.50
Alberta	84.69	90.41	91.90	113.57	124.74	122.00
British Columbia	86.25	93.93	86.43	117.81	130.50	118.00
C A N A D A	82.75	86.79	84.92	109.03	116.67	114.96

1/ Data for Newfoundland not yet available.

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