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FARM WAGES IN CANADA 1/ AUGUST 1954

This memorandum sets forth the average rates of wages paid to male hired help on farms as at August 15, 1954 and, for comparative purposes, the corresponding figures for 1952 and 1953. In addition to the regular daily and monthly rates, information is now being provided concerning hourly and yearly rates. In all cases, wage rates are shown with and without board provided by the employer. As in the case of daily and monthly rates, hourly rates are shown for the Maritimes and for each of the remaining provinces. Reports for the annual rates were not sufficient to provide reliable provincial estimates with the result that these rates are being presented only for eastern and western Canada. The wage rates presented in this report purport to reflect the average of the wages paid to all farm help regardless of age and skill.

AVERAGE WAGES OF MALE FARM HELP PER HOUR AS AT AUGUST 15, 1952, 1953 & 1954

Province	With Board			Without Board		
	1954	1953	1952	1954	1953	1952
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Maritimes	0.54	0.52	0.52	0.65	0.59	0.65
Quebec	0.57	0.61	0.58	0.68	0.76	0.71
Ontario	0.74	0.75	0.72	0.88	0.90	0.85
Manitoba	0.75	0.77	0.74	0.87	0.95	0.94
Saskatchewan	0.80	0.86	0.86	0.97	1.01	1.05
Alberta	0.90	0.90	0.88	1.01	1.07	1.06
British Columbia	0.95	0.94	0.95	1.07	0.99	1.01
CANADA	0.70	0.74	0.68	0.83	0.86	0.81

AVERAGE WAGES OF MALE FARM HELP PER DAY AS AT AUGUST 15, 1952, 1953 & 1954

Province	With Board			Without Board		
	1954	1953	1952	1954	1953	1952
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Maritimes	4.50	4.60	4.50	5.60	5.50	5.60
Quebec	4.80	5.10	5.10	6.00	6.40	6.20
Ontario	5.40	5.60	5.40	6.80	7.10	6.60
Manitoba	5.90	6.00	6.20	7.20	8.10	7.90
Saskatchewan	5.90	6.60	7.30	7.50	8.10	8.30
Alberta	6.10	6.50	7.00	7.40	8.10	8.10
British Columbia	6.80	5.75	6.40	8.00	7.00	7.40
CANADA	5.10	5.50	5.60	6.40	6.80	6.70

1/ Data for Newfoundland not available.

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AVERAGE WAGES OF MALE FARM HELP PER MONTH AS AT AUGUST 15, 1952, 1953 & 1954

Province	With Board			Without Board		
	1954	1953	1952	1954	1953	1952
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Maritimes	92.00	85.00	91.00	123.00	118.00	122.00
Quebec	94.00	97.00	101.00	127.00	131.00	136.00
Ontario	88.00	93.00	91.00	125.00	128.00	124.00
Manitoba	105.00	110.00	107.00	130.00	141.00	141.00
Saskatchewan	120.00	124.00	119.00	148.00	152.00	151.00
Alberta	117.00	122.00	118.00	152.00	156.00	155.00
British Columbia	120.00	110.00	112.00	159.00	146.00	145.00
CANADA	106.00	107.00	105.00	139.00	140.00	139.00

AVERAGE WAGES OF MALE FARM HELP PER YEAR AS AT AUGUST 15, 1952, 1953 & 1954

	With Board			Without Board		
	1954	1953	1952	1954	1953	1952
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Eastern Canada	1,020.00	1,015.00	965.00	1,450.00	1,435.00	1,380.00
Western Canada	1,160.00	1,115.00	1,120.00	1,590.00	1,455.00	1,440.00
CANADA	1,085.00	1,060.00	1,030.00	1,510.00	1,460.00	1,405.00