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FARM WAGES IN CANADA 1/AUGUST 1957

This memorandum sets forth the average rates of wages paid to male hired help on farms as at August 15, 1957 and, for comparative purposes, the corresponding figures for 1955 and 1956. In all cases, wage rates are shown with and without board provided by the employer. Reports for the annual rates are not sufficient to provide reliable provincial estimates with the result that these rates are set forth 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, 1955, 1956 & 1957

Province	With Board			Without Board		
	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Maritimes	0.60	0.59	0.54	0.72	0.71	0.67
Quebec	0.66	0.64	0.61	0.83	0.80	0.75
Ontario	0.84	0.80	0.74	0.98	0.96	0.90
Manitoba	0.86	0.75	0.74	0.99	0.95	0.89
Saskatchewan	0.94	0.85	0.84	1.11	1.02	0.99
Alberta	0.90	0.89	0.85	1.08	1.03	0.98
British Columbia 2/	1.04	1.00	0.94	1.12	1.16	1.11
CANADA	0.79	0.75	0.71	0.94	0.90	0.85

AVERAGE WAGES OF MALE FARM HELP PER DAY AS AT AUGUST 15, 1955, 1956 & 1957

Province	With Board			Without Board		
	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Maritimes	5.10	5.00	4.80	6.10	5.90	5.70
Quebec	5.80	5.50	5.10	7.20	6.80	6.20
Ontario	6.20	6.00	5.50	7.80	7.60	6.80
Manitoba	6.80	6.40	5.80	8.20	7.70	7.10
Saskatchewan	7.30	6.60	6.20	8.90	8.20	7.90
Alberta	6.70	6.60	6.10	8.20	8.00	7.50
British Columbia 2/	7.30	7.60	6.70	8.50	8.50	8.00
CANADA	6.00	5.80	5.40	7.40	7.00	6.60

1/ Data for Newfoundland not available.

2/ In August 1957 a special effort was made to improve the quality of wage-rate information for British Columbia by enlisting the help of additional farm wage-rate correspondents. Hence, in any comparison of August rates for 1957 with earlier years, it should be remembered that the current rate is based upon many more reports than heretofore.

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AVERAGE WAGES OF MALE FARM HELP PER MONTH AS AT AUGUST 15, 1955, 1956 & 1957

Province	With Board			Without Board		
	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Maritimes	103.00	102.00	98.00	127.00	125.00	123.00
Quebec	113.00	108.00	96.00	145.00	147.00	131.00
Ontario	105.00	104.00	90.00	141.00	138.00	125.00
Manitoba	121.00	116.00	102.00	146.00	151.00	128.00
Saskatchewan	135.00	127.00	118.00	168.00	159.00	151.00
Alberta	127.00	123.00	115.00	164.00	157.00	151.00
British Columbia ^{1/}	121.00	120.00	115.00	178.00	165.00	160.00
CANADA	118.00	115.00	103.00	152.00	149.00	136.00

AVERAGE WAGES OF MALE FARM HELP PER YEAR AS AT AUGUST 15, 1955, 1956 & 1957

	With Board			Without Board		
	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Eastern Canada	1,120.00	1,140.00	1,015.00	1,570.00	1,535.00	1,465.00
Western Canada ^{1/}	1,300.00	1,185.00	1,165.00	1,810.00	1,590.00	1,565.00
CANADA	1,200.00	1,155.00	1,080.00	1,680.00	1,560.00	1,510.00

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