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FARM WAGES IN CANADA 1/, MAY, 1958

This memorandum sets forth the average rates of cash wages paid to male hired help on farms as at May 15, 1958 and, for comparative purposes, the corresponding figures for 1956 and 1957. In all cases, wage rates are shown with and without board provided by the employer. 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. Because the wage rates reported to the Bureau may cover a wide range of skills, types of work and ages of hired workers, it is felt that the chief value of the following data is as an indicator of trends rather than a measure of absolute levels. No attempt has been made to have the wage rates reflect such perquisites as separate housing accommodation, fuel, electricity & certain food supplies which under some conditions of hiring are supplied by employers to their hired farm help.

AVERAGE WAGES OF MALE FARM HELP PER HOUR AS AT MAY 15, 1956, 1957, 1958

| Province | With Board | | | Without Board | | |
|------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|------|
| | 1958 | 1957 | 1956 | 1958 | 1957 | 1956 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Maritimes | 0.60 | 0.59 | 0.53 | 0.72 | 0.73 | 0.66 |
| Quebec | 0.69 | 0.67 | 0.59 | 0.84 | 0.80 | 0.74 |
| Ontario | 0.85 | 0.79 | 0.73 | 1.01 | 0.95 | 0.90 |
| Manitoba | 0.87 | 0.79 | 0.76 | 1.04 | 0.98 | 0.88 |
| Saskatchewan | 0.87 | 0.91 | 0.81 | 1.04 | 1.05 <u>2/</u> | 0.97 |
| Alberta | 0.86 | 0.86 | 0.85 | 1.05 | 1.07 | 1.02 |
| British Columbia | 1.05 | 0.99 | 1.00 | 1.14 | 1.15 | 1.18 |
| CANADA | 0.79 | 0.76 <u>2/</u> | 0.71 <u>2/</u> | 0.94 | 0.92 <u>2/</u> | 0.86 |

AVERAGE WAGES OF MALE FARM HELP PER DAY AS AT MAY 15, 1956, 1957, 1958

| Province | With Board | | | Without Board | | |
|------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 1958 | 1957 | 1956 | 1958 | 1957 | 1956 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Maritimes | 5.00 | 4.80 | 4.70 <u>2/</u> | 5.80 | 6.00 | 5.70 |
| Quebec | 5.60 | 5.60 | 5.10 | 6.90 | 6.60 | 6.30 |
| Ontario | 5.90 | 5.70 | 5.50 | 7.40 | 7.00 | 6.80 |
| Manitoba | 6.30 | 5.80 | 5.50 | 7.80 | 7.40 | 6.90 |
| Saskatchewan | 6.50 | 6.40 | 5.80 | 7.80 | 7.60 | 6.90 |
| Alberta | 6.50 | 6.40 | 6.30 | 8.40 | 8.00 | 7.70 |
| British Columbia | 7.20 | 6.60 | 6.60 | 9.00 | 8.50 | 7.90 |
| CANADA | 5.80 | 5.60 <u>2/</u> | 5.30 | 7.10 | 6.90 <u>2/</u> | 6.50 <u>2/</u> |

1/ Data for Newfoundland not available. 2/ Revised.

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AVERAGE WAGES OF MALE FARM HELP PER MONTH AS AT MAY 15, 1956, 1957, 1958

| Province | With Board | | | Without Board | | |
|------------------|------------|--------|------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 1958 | 1957 | 1956 | 1958 | 1957 | 1956 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Maritimes | 98.00 | 100.00 | 96.00 | 130.00 | 121.00 | 119.00 |
| Quebec | 106.00 | 108.00 | 100.00 | 146.00 | 145.00 | 135.00 |
| Ontario | 106.00 | 104.00 | 96.00 | 145.00 | 143.00 | 131.00 |
| Manitoba | 126.00 | 118.00 | 110.00 | 163.00 | 151.00 | 148.00 |
| Saskatchewan | 137.00 | 131.00 | 120.00 | 169.00 | 166.00 | 150.00 |
| Alberta | 132.00 | 130.00 | 122.00 | 171.00 | 166.00 | 160.00 |
| British Columbia | 134.00 | 127.00 | 115.00 | 186.00 | 182.00 | 154.00 |
| CANADA | 118.00 | 118.00 | 109.00 <u>1/</u> | 156.00 | 156.00 <u>1/</u> | 143.00 <u>1/</u> |

AVERAGE WAGES OF MALE FARM HELP PER YEAR AS AT MAY 15, 1956, 1957, 1958

| | With Board | | | Without Board | | |
|----------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 1958 | 1957 | 1956 | 1958 | 1957 | 1956 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Eastern Canada | 1,200.00 | 1,100.00 <u>1/</u> | 1,050.00 <u>1/</u> | 1,645.00 | 1,575.00 | 1,470.00 <u>1/</u> |
| Western Canada | 1,290.00 | 1,240.00 <u>1/</u> | 1,200.00 | 1,735.00 | 1,695.00 <u>1/</u> | 1,590.00 |
| CANADA | 1,240.00 | 1,175.00 <u>1/</u> | 1,115.00 <u>1/</u> | 1,685.00 | 1,640.00 | 1,525.00 <u>1/</u> |

1/ Revised.