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FARM WAGES IN CANADA(1), MAY, 1961

This memorandum sets forth the average rates of cash wages paid to male hired help on farms as at May 15, 1961 and, for comparative purposes, the corresponding figures for 1959 and 1960. 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 and 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 Reported at May 15, 1959, 1960, 1961

Province	With board			Without board		
	1961	1960	1959	1961	1960	1959
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Maritimes	0.70	0.65	0.59	0.79	0.74	0.71
Quebec	0.74	0.73	0.70	0.91	0.90	0.87
Ontario	0.91	0.88	0.87	1.08	1.04	1.01
Manitoba	0.93	0.88	0.86	1.08	1.01	1.02
Saskatchewan	0.97	0.94	0.87	1.14	1.07	1.03
Alberta	0.96	0.95	0.94	1.12	1.10	1.05
British Columbia	1.12	1.10	1.06	1.20	1.18	1.15
CANADA	0.87	0.85	0.82	1.02	0.99	0.96

Average Wages of Male Farm Help per Day as Reported at May 15, 1959, 1960, 1961

Province	With board			Without board		
	1961	1960	1959	1961	1960	1959
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Maritimes	5.10	5.00	5.00	6.50	6.40	5.90
Quebec	6.00	5.80	5.50	7.30	7.10	6.90
Ontario	6.40	6.30	6.10	8.10	8.10	7.50
Manitoba	6.40	6.20	6.10	8.10	8.00	7.40
Saskatchewan	6.90	6.70	6.50	8.80	8.60	8.00
Alberta	7.00	6.90 ^r	6.60	8.90	8.80	8.50
British Columbia	7.80	7.40	7.60	9.90	9.50	9.70
CANADA	6.10	5.90	5.80	7.70	7.50	7.20

(1) Data for Newfoundland not available.

^r Revised figure.



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Average Wages of Male Farm Help per Month as Reported at May 15, 1959, 1960, 1961

Province	With board			Without board		
	1961	1960	1959	1961	1960	1959
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Maritimes	107.00	105.00	103.00	145.00	134.00	129.00
Quebec	110.00	111.00	110.00	149.00	149.00 ^r	147.00
Ontario	119.00	117.00	113.00	162.00	156.00	154.00
Manitoba	135.00	133.00	128.00	165.00	160.00	155.00
Saskatchewan	145.00	143.00	140.00	186.00	181.00	170.00
Alberta	143.00	142.00	138.00	188.00	180.00	176.00
British Columbia	144.00	139.00	138.00	201.00	196.00	193.00
CANADA	131.00	128.00	123.00	172.00	165.00	159.00

^r Revised figure.

Average Wages of Male Farm Help per Year as Reported at May 15, 1959, 1960, 1961

	With board			Without board		
	1961	1960	1959	1961	1960	1959
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Eastern Canada	1,290.00	1,250.00	1,220.00	1,790.00	1,700.00	1,705.00
Western Canada	1,405.00	1,360.00	1,340.00	1,965.00	1,850.00	1,820.00
CANADA	1,340.00	1,300.00	1,275.00	1,870.00	1,770.00	1,755.00