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This memorandum sets forth the average rates of cash wages paid to male hired help on farms as at August 15, 1968 and, for comparative purposes, the corresponding figures for 1966 and 1967. 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 male 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.

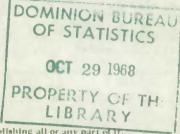
Average Wages of Male Farm Help per Hour as at August 15, 1966-68

Province	With board			Without board		
Tiovince	1968	1967	1966	1968	1967	1966
	dollars					
CANADA	1.23	1.18	1.10	1.42	1.38	1.27
Maritimes (P.E.I., N.S., N.B.)	1.02	0.98	0.93	1.19	1.11	1.01
Quebec	1.07	1.05	1.00	1.28	1.22	1.14
Ontario	1.23	1.21	1.11	1.49	1.42	1.31
Manitoba	1.20	1.19	1.10	1.40	1.37	1.29
Saskatchewan	1.26	1.25	1.18	1.51	1.50	1.41
Alberta	1.30	1.23	1.15	1.53	1.48	1.35
British Columbia	1.46	1.39	1.32	1.61	1.54	1.44

(1) Data for Newfoundland not available.

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Average Wages of Male Farm Help per Day as at August 15, 1966-68

Province	With board			Without board			
	1968	1967	1966	1968	1967	1966	
	dollars						
CANADA	9.60	8.60	8.20	11.60	10.90	10.40	
Maritimes (P.E.I., N.S., N.B.)	7.60	7.10	6.20	9.50	8.80	8.00	
Quebec	8.30	7.80	7.50	10.50	10.30	9.80	
ntario	10.30	9.10	8.40	12.50	11.30	10.80	
Manitoba	9.50	9.10	8.40	11.80	11.60 ^r	10.60	
Saskatchewan	10.50	10.30	9.50	12.50	12.30 ^r	11.30	
Alberta	10.40	9.80	9.00	12.80	12.10	11.30	
British Columbia	10.10	9.60	9.00	12.20	11.90	11.60	

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Average Wages of Male Farm Help per Month as at August 15, 1966-68

Province	With board			Without board			
	1968	1967	1966	1968	1967	1966	
	dollars						
CANADA	224.00	194.00	176.00	271.00	251.00	230.00	
Maritimes (P.E.I., N.S., N.B.)	164.00	149.00	129.00	211.00	185.00	167.00	
Quebec	170.00	155.00	138.00	225.00	213.00	191.00	
Ontario	233.00	185.00	171.00	289.00	256.00	239.00	
Manitoba	211.00	204.00	182.00	263.00	244.00	232.00	
Saskatchewan	238.00	222.00	199.00	285.00	274.00	243.00	
Alberta	234.00	209.00	189.00	291.00	263.00	241.00	
British Columbia	248.00	205.00	195.00	300.00	293.00	267.00	

Average Wages of Male Farm Help per Year as at August 15, 1966-68

	With board			Without board					
	1968	1967	1966	1968	1967	1966			
	dollars								
CANADA	2,350.00	2,100.00	1,895.00	2,975.00	2,850.00	2,635.00			
Eastern Canada(1) Western Canada(2)					2,765.00 2,935.00	2,665.00			

⁽¹⁾ Eastern Canada includes P.E.I., N.S., N.B., Quebec & Ontario.

⁽²⁾ Western Canada includes Man., Sask., Alta. and B.C.