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This publication sets forth the average rates of cash wages paid to male hired help on farms as at May 15, 1969 and, for comparative purposes, the corresponding figures for 1967 and 1968. 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 of May 15, 1967-69

Province	With board			Without board		
	1969	1968	1967	1969	1968	1967
dollars						
CANADA	1.27	1.22	1.15	1.51	1.41	1.36
Maritimes (P.E.I., N.S., N.B.) ..	1.05	1.02	0.97	1.22	1.15	1.09
Quebec	1.09	1.06	1.01	1.33	1.25	1.20
Ontario	1.31	1.26	1.17	1.56	1.49	1.38
Manitoba	1.22	1.17	1.11	1.45	1.39	1.33
Saskatchewan	1.30	1.25	1.21	1.53	1.47	1.45
Alberta	1.36	1.28	1.22	1.59	1.52	1.46
British Columbia	1.48	1.43	1.39	1.68	1.60	1.54

(1) Data for Newfoundland not available.

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Average Wages of Male Farm Help per Day as of May 15, 1967-69

Province	With board			Without board		
	1969	1968	1967	1969	1968	1967
dollars						
CANADA	10.20	9.30	8.30	12.20	11.30	10.50
Maritimes (P.E.I., N.S., N.B.)	8.10	7.40	6.80	10.00	9.20	8.70
Quebec	8.70	8.10	7.70	10.40	10.10	9.50
Ontario	10.50	9.40	8.50	12.50	11.70	10.80
Manitoba	10.20	9.60	8.60	12.40	11.80	10.70
Saskatchewan	10.60	10.20	9.90	12.50	12.30	12.00
Alberta	11.00	10.00	9.20	13.10	12.20	11.90
British Columbia	10.60	10.20	9.90	13.00	12.40	12.10

Average Wages of Male Farm Help per Month as of May 15, 1967-69

Province	With board			Without board		
	1969	1968	1967	1969	1968	1967
dollars						
CANADA	236.00	220.00	197.00	282.00	268.00	251.00
Maritimes (P.E.I., N.S., N.B.)	180.00	160.00	148.00	230.00	205.00	197.00
Quebec	177.00	165.00	155.00	231.00	221.00	199.00
Ontario	249.00	220.00	203.00	293.00	282.00	252.00
Manitoba	240.00	216.00	194.00	289.00	264.00	248.00
Saskatchewan	247.00	232.00	220.00	290.00	282.00	261.00
Alberta	251.00	230.00	210.00	294.00	276.00	266.00
British Columbia	270.00	240.00	208.00	315.00	296.00	293.00

Average Wages of Male Farm Help per Year as of May 15, 1967-69

	With board			Without board		
	1969	1968	1967	1969	1968	1967
dollars						
CANADA	2,615.00	2,360.00	2,120.00	3,130.00	2,970.00	2,795.00
Eastern Canada(1) ...	2,595.00	2,270.00	2,050.00	3,070.00	2,915.00	2,740.00
Western Canada(2) ...	2,645.00	2,430.00	2,195.00	3,205.00	3,015.00	2,850.00

(1) Eastern Canada includes P.E.I., N.S., N.B., Que. and Ont.

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