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This publication sets forth the average rates of cash wages paid to male hired help on farms as at January 15, 1971 and, for comparative purposes, the corresponding figures for 1969 and 1970. 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 January 15, 1969-71

Province	With board			Without board		
	1971	1970	1969	1971	1970	1969
	dollars					
CANADA	1.32	1.28	1.22	1.59	1.52	1.44
Maritimes (P.E.I., N.S., N.B.) ..	1.12	1.07	1.05	1.30	1.26	1.20
Quebec	1.10	1.09	1.07	1.41	1.35	1.27
Ontario	1.44	1.36	1.26	1.71	1.62	1.51
Manitoba	1.31	1.26	1.16	1.53	1.46	1.37
Saskatchewan	1.22	1.22	1.20	1.49	1.44	1.41
Alberta	1.39	1.35	1.27	1.68	1.60	1.52
British Columbia	1.53	1.53	1.45	1.85	1.78	1.64

(1) Data for Newfoundland not available.

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Average Wages of Male Farm Help per Day as at January 15, 1969-71

Province	With board			Without board		
	1971	1970	1969	1971	1970	1969
	dollars					
CANADA	10.00	9.70	9.40	12.40	12.00	11.50
Maritimes (P.E.I., N.S., N.B.) ..	8.40	8.10	8.00	10.40	10.10	9.70
Quebec	8.70	8.50	8.40	11.30	11.00	10.30
Ontario	11.00	10.40	10.10	13.20	12.70	12.20
Manitoba	9.70	9.10	8.70	12.30	11.60	11.10
Saskatchewan	9.50	9.30	9.00	12.00	11.70	11.30
Alberta	10.20	10.20	10.00	12.70	12.50	12.00
British Columbia	11.00	11.00	10.40	13.70	13.50	12.50

Average Wages of Male Farm Help per Month as at January 15, 1969-71

Province	With board			Without board		
	1971	1970	1969	1971	1970	1969
	dollars					
CANADA	239	227.00	210.00	288	281.00 ^r	260.00
Maritimes (P.E.I., N.S., N.B.) ..	200	195.00	175.00	250	245.00	230.00
Quebec	189	180.00	170.00	246	236.00	226.00
Ontario	272	255.00	234.00	315	306.00	275.00
Manitoba	221	214.00	202.00	275	265.00	244.00
Saskatchewan	217	202.00	196.00	262	257.00	248.00
Alberta	247	238.00	218.00	302	298.00	270.00
British Columbia	291	283.00	248.00	345	340.00 ^r	317.00

^r revised

Average Wages of Male Farm Help per Year as at January 15, 1969-71

	With board			Without board		
	1971	1970	1969	1971	1970	1969
	dollars					
CANADA	2,770	2,645.00	2,460.00	3,415	3,260.00	3,110.00
Eastern Canada(1) ...	2,725	2,600.00	2,385.00	3,430	3,290.00	3,060.00
Western Canada(2) ...	2,825	2,705.00	2,560.00	3,400	3,220.00	3,175.00

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

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