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FARM WAGES IN CANADA(1)

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This publication sets forth the average rates of cash wages paid to male hired help on farms as at August 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 August 15, 1969-1971

Province	With board			Without board			
	1971	1970	1969	1971	1970	1969	
	dollars						
CANADA	1.45	1.36	1.31	1.69	1.61	1.55	
Maritimes (P.E.I., N.S., N.B.)	1.20	1.12	1.03	1.38	1.33	1.26	
Quebec	1.17	1.14	1.10	1.47	1.40	1.34	
Ontario	1.58	1.45	1.41	1.77	1.71	1.61	
Manitoba	1.45	1.34	1.28	1.70	1.60	1.49	
Saskatchewan	1.41	1.31	1.31	1.64	1.57	1.59	
Alberta	1.51	1.43	1.37	1.81	1.65	1.63	
British Columbia	1.65	1.62	1.50	2.00	1.87	1.72	

⁽¹⁾ Data for Newfoundland not available.

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

Province	With board			Without board			
	1971	1970	1969	1971	1970	1969	
	dollars						
CANADA	11.10	10.60	10.30	13.60	12.90	12.50	
Maritimes (P.E.I., N.S., N.B.)	9.10	8.90	8.40	11.00	10.70	10.15	
QuebecOntario	9.30	9.00	8.70	12.20	11.20	10.90	
Manitoba	11.00	10.50	10.50	13.90	13.00	13.10	
Saskatchewan	11.60	10.60	11.00	14.10	13.00	13.10	
Alberta	11.90	11.00	10.80	14.50	13.40	13.00	
British Columbia	12.20	11.50	10.60	14.50	13.90	13.00	

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

Province	With board			Without board		
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CANADA	260.00	245.00	237.00	311.00	292.00	285.00
Maritimes (P.E.I., N.S., N.B.)	230.00	200.00	185.00	270.00	244.00	232.00
Quebec	191.00	180.00	185.00	257.00	230.00	235.00
Ontario	277.00	267.00	250.00	314.00	309.00	300.00
Manitoba	243.00	238.00	235.00	317.00	294.00	287.00
Saskatchewan	270.00	247.00	250.00	312.00	292.00	292.00
Alberta	275.00	253.00	244.00	338.00	305.00	292.00
British Columbia	302.00	290.00	275.00	358.00	345.00	331.00

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

1.59 [1.51] [1.55	With board			Without board			
	1971	1970	1969	1971	1970	1969	
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CANADA	2,815.00	2,690.00	2,525.00	3,560.00	3,285.00	3,130.00	
Eastern Canada(1) Western Canada(2)	2,770.00 2,870.00	2,640.00 2,750.00	2,440.00 2,640.00	3,500.00 3,640.00	3,290.00 3,280.00	3,075.00 3,200.00	

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

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