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FARM WAGES IN CANADA(1)

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This memorandum sets forth the average rates of cash wages paid to male hired help on farms as at May 15, 1962 and, for comparative purposes, the corresponding figures for 1960 and 1961. 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, 1960-62

Province	With board			Without board		
	1962	1961	1960	1962	1961	1960
	dollars					
Maritimes (P.E.I., N.S., N.B.) ..	0.73	0.70	0.65	0.78	0.79	0.74
Quebec	0.76	0.74	0.73	0.90	0.91	0.90
Ontario	0.94	0.91	0.88	1.09	1.08	1.04
Manitoba	0.89	0.93	0.88	1.04	1.08	1.01
Saskatchewan	0.95	0.97	0.94	1.15	1.14	1.07
Alberta	0.97	0.96	0.95	1.13	1.12	1.10
British Columbia	1.09	1.12	1.10	1.20	1.20	1.18
Canada	0.88	0.87	0.85	1.01	1.02	0.99

(1) Data for Newfoundland not available.

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Average Wages of Male Farm Help per Day as of May 15, 1960-62

Province	With board			Without board		
	1962	1961	1960	1962	1961	1960
dollars						
Maritimes (P.E.I., N.S., N.B.) ..	5.10	5.10	5.00	6.50	6.50	6.40
Quebec	6.00	6.00	5.80	7.30	7.30	7.10
Ontario	6.70	6.40	6.30	8.30	8.10	8.10
Manitoba	6.50	6.40	6.20	8.20	8.10	8.00
Saskatchewan	7.00	6.90	6.70	9.10	8.80	8.60
Alberta	7.10	7.00	6.90	8.80	8.90	8.80
British Columbia	7.80	7.80	7.40	9.90	9.90	9.50
Canada	6.20	6.10	5.90	7.70	7.70	7.50

Average Wages of Male Farm Help per Month as of May 15, 1960-62

Province	With board			Without board		
	1962	1961	1960	1962	1961	1960
dollars						
Maritimes (P.E.I., N.S., N.B.) ..	108.00	107.00	105.00	143.00	144.00 ^r	134.00
Quebec	113.00	110.00	111.00	154.00	149.00	149.00
Ontario	120.00	119.00	117.00	165.00	162.00	156.00
Manitoba	136.00	135.00	133.00	166.00	165.00	160.00
Saskatchewan	147.00	145.00	143.00	184.00	185.00 ^r	181.00
Alberta	145.00	143.00	142.00	186.00	188.00	180.00
British Columbia	147.00	144.00	139.00	208.00	201.00	196.00
Canada	132.00	131.00	128.00	174.00	172.00	165.00

^r Revised figures.

Average Wages of Male Farm Help per Year as of May 15, 1960-62

	With board			Without board		
	1962	1961	1960	1962	1961	1960
dollars						
Eastern Canada	1,315.00	1,290.00	1,250.00	1,820.00	1,790.00	1,700.00
Western Canada	1,485.00	1,405.00	1,360.00	1,980.00	1,965.00	1,850.00
Canada	1,390.00	1,340.00	1,300.00	1,890.00	1,870.00	1,770.00