

Human Resources and Skills Development Canada

National List of Commodities for the Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program and the Agricultural Stream of the Pilot Project for Occupations Requiring Lower Levels of Formal Training

On August 1, 2011, an updated list of eligible commodities under the Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program (SAWP), took effect. This standard list of commodities is extended to all provinces participating in the Program. Wages for these commodities are indicated below and also apply to workers hired for these commodities under the Agricultural Stream of the Pilot Project for Occupations Requiring Lower Levels of Formal Training (NOC C and D).

The national SAWP commodities list restricted to on-farm primary agriculture, include:

- Fruits, Vegetables (includes canning/processing), greenhouses, and nurseries
- Apiary Products
- Christmas Trees
- Flowers
- Pedigreed Canola Seed
- Sod
- Tobacco
- Bovine
- Dairy
- Duck
- Horse
- Mink
- Poultry
- Sheep
- Swine

Note: to hire agricultural workers for an occupation or in a commodity that is not part of the list above, employers may still do so through the regular stream of the NOC C and D Pilot Project.

Commodity - Fruits, vegetables(includes canning/processing), greenhouses, and nurseries

Province	Current Wage	Expected Wage on January 1, 2012	Expected Minimum Wage Increase in 2012
AB	\$9.40	\$9.40	\$0.00
BC	\$9.28 (\$9.50 on November 1, 2011)	\$9.56	\$10.25 on May 1st
MB	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00
NB	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$0.00
NFLD	\$10.00*	\$10.30*	\$0.00
NS	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00

ON	\$10.25	\$10.56	\$0.00
PEI	\$9.60	\$9.60	\$10.00 on April 1st
QUE	\$9.65	\$9.79	\$0.00
SASK	\$9.50	\$9.67	\$0.00

*Currently applicable under the new Agricultural Stream only.

Commodity - Apiary Products

Province	Current Wage	Expected Wage on January 1, 2012	Expected Minimum Wage Increase in 2012
AB	\$10.87 to \$12.94 (See note below)	\$11.20 to \$13.33	\$0.00
BC	\$11.24	\$11.58	\$0.00
MB	\$10.00 to \$11.91(See note below)	\$10.07 to \$12.27	\$0.00
NB	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$0.00
NFLD	\$10.00*	\$10.30*	\$0.00
NS	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00
ON	\$10.25	\$10.56	\$0.00
PEI	\$9.60	\$9.60	\$10.00 on April 1st
QUE	\$9.65	\$9.79	\$0.00
SASK	\$9.78	\$10.07	\$0.00

*Currently applicable under the new Agricultural Stream only.

Note: The 2011 wage rate of \$12.94/hr (Alberta) and \$11.91/hr (Manitoba) and the 2012 wage rate of \$13.33/hr (Alberta) and \$12.27/hr (Manitoba) refer to Apiary Technician. They apply to SAWP and High Skill Streams only.

Commodity - Christmas Trees

Province	Current Wage	Expected Wage on January 1, 2012	Expected Minimum Wage Increase in 2012
AB	\$9.40	\$9.40	\$0.00
BC	\$8.75 (\$9.50 on November 1, 2011)	\$9.56 on November 1	\$10.25 on May 1st
MB	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00

NB	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$10.00 on April 1st
NFLD	\$10.00*	\$10.30*	\$0.00
NS	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00
ON	\$10.25	\$10.56	\$0.00
PEI	\$9.60	\$9.60	\$10.00 on April 1st
QUE	\$9.65	\$9.79	\$0.00
SASK	\$9.50	\$9.67	\$0.00

*Currently applicable under the new Agricultural Stream only.

Commodity - Flowers

Province	Current Wage	Expected Wage on January 1, 2012	Expected Minimum Wage Increase in 2012
AB	\$9.40	\$9.40	\$0.00
BC	\$8.75 (\$9.50 on November 1, 2011)	\$9.56	\$10.25 on May 1st
MB	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00
NB	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$10.00 on April 1st
NFLD	\$10.00*	\$10.30*	\$0.00
NS	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00
ON	\$10.25	\$10.56	\$0.00
PEI	\$9.60	\$9.60	\$10.00 on April 1st
QUE	\$9.65	\$9.79	\$0.00
SASK	\$9.50	\$9.67	\$0.00

*Currently applicable under the new Agricultural Stream only.

Commodity - Pedigreed Canola Seed

Province	Current Wage	Expected Wage on January 1, 2012	Expected Minimum Wage Increase in 2012
AB	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BC	\$11.00	\$11.33	\$0.00
MB	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NB	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00 on April 1st
NFLD	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

NS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ON	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PEI	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00 on April 1st
QUE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SASK	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Commodity - Sod

Province	Current Wage	Expected Wage on January 1, 2012	Expected Minimum Wage Increase in 2012
AB	\$9.40	\$9.40	\$0.00
BC	\$8.75 (\$9.50 on November 1, 2011)	\$9.56	\$10.25 on May 1st
MB	\$10.02	\$10.32	\$0.00
NB	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$10.00 on April 1st
NFLD	\$10.00*	\$10.30*	\$0.00
NS	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00
ON	\$10.25	\$10.56	\$0.00
PEI	\$9.60	\$9.60	\$10.00 on April 1st
QUE	\$9.65	\$9.79	\$0.00
SASK	\$9.50	\$9.67	\$0.00

*Currently applicable under the new Agricultural Stream only.

Commodity - Tobacco

Province	Current Wage	Expected Wage on January 1, 2012	Expected Minimum Wage Increase in 2012
AB	\$9.40	\$9.40	\$0.00
BC	\$8.75 (\$9.50 on November 1, 2011)	\$9.56	\$10.25 on May 1st
MB	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00
NB	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$10.00 on April 1st
NFLD	\$10.00*	\$10.30*	\$0.00
NS	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00
ON	\$10.25	\$10.56	\$0.00

PEI	\$9.60	\$9.60	\$10.00 on April 1st
QUE	\$9.65	\$9.79	\$0.00
SASK	\$9.50	\$9.67	\$0.00

*Currently applicable under the new Agricultural Stream only.

Commodity - Bovine

Province	Current Wage	Expected Wage on January 1, 2012	Expected Minimum Wage Increase in 2012
AB	\$12.03 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$12.03 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
BC	\$9.64 (supervised) \$12.51 (unsupervised)	\$9.64 (supervised) \$12.51 (unsupervised)	\$10.25 on May 1st
MB	\$12.03 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$12.03 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
NB	\$11.13 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$11.13 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
NS	\$10.00 (supervised) \$12.00 (unsupervised)	\$10.00 (supervised) \$12.00 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
ON	\$12.03 (supervised) \$13.97 (unsupervised)	\$12.03 (supervised) \$13.97 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
PEI	\$11.05 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$11.05 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
QUE	\$12.03 (supervised) \$13.28 (unsupervised)	\$12.39 (supervised) \$13.68 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
SASK	\$12.03 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$12.03 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00

Commodity - Dairy

Province	Current Wage	Expected Wage on January 1, 2012	Expected Minimum Wage Increase in 2012
AB	\$12.03 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$12.03 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
BC	\$9.64 (supervised) \$12.51 (unsupervised)	\$9.64 (supervised) \$12.51 (unsupervised)	\$10.25 on May 1st
MB	\$12.03 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$12.03 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
NB	\$11.13 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$11.13 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00

NS	\$10.00 (supervised) \$12.00 (unsupervised)	\$10.00 (supervised) \$12.00 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
ON	\$12.03 (supervised) \$13.97 (unsupervised)	\$12.03 (supervised) \$13.97 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
PEI	\$11.05 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$11.05 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
QUE	\$12.03 (supervised) \$13.28 (unsupervised)	\$12.39 (supervised) \$13.68 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
SASK	\$12.03 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$12.03 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00

Commodity - Duck

Province	Current Wage	Expected Wage on January 1, 2012	Expected Minimum Wage Increase in 2012
AB	\$10.96 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$10.96 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
BC	\$9.64 (supervised) \$12.51 (unsupervised)	\$9.64 (supervised) \$12.51 (unsupervised)	\$10.25 on May 1st
MB	\$10.96 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$10.96 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
NB	\$10.96 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$10.96 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
NS	\$10.00 (supervised) \$12.00 (unsupervised)	\$10.00 (supervised) \$12.00 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
ON	\$10.96 (supervised) \$13.97 (unsupervised)	\$10.96 (supervised) \$13.97 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
PEI	\$10.96 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$10.96 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
QUE	\$10.96 (supervised) \$13.28 (unsupervised)	\$11.29 (supervised) \$13.68 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
SASK	\$10.96 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$10.96 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00

Commodity - Horse

Province	Current Wage	Expected Wage on January 1, 2012	Expected Minimum Wage Increase in 2012
AB	\$12.50 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$12.50 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
BC	\$9.64 (supervised) \$12.51 (unsupervised)	\$9.64 (supervised) \$12.51 (unsupervised)	\$10.25 on May 1st

MB	\$12.50 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$12.50 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
NB	\$11.13 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$11.13 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
NS	\$10.00 (supervised) \$12.00 (unsupervised)	\$10.00 (supervised) \$12.00 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
ON	\$12.20 (supervised) \$13.97 (unsupervised)	\$12.20 (supervised) \$13.97 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
PEI	\$11.05 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$11.05 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
QUE	\$12.50 (supervised) \$13.28 (unsupervised)	\$12.88 (supervised) \$13.68 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
SASK	\$12.50 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$12.50 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00

Commodity - Mink

Province	Current Wage	Expected Wage on January 1, 2012	Expected Minimum Wage Increase in 2012
AB	\$10.42 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$10.42 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
BC	\$9.64 (supervised) \$12.51 (unsupervised)	\$9.64 (supervised) \$12.51 (unsupervised)	\$10.25 on May 1st
MB	\$10.42 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$10.42 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
NB	\$10.42 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$10.42 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
NS	\$10.00 (supervised) \$12.00 (unsupervised)	\$10.00 (supervised) \$12.00 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
ON	\$10.42 (supervised) \$13.97 (unsupervised)	\$10.42 (supervised) \$13.97 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
PEI	\$10.42 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$10.42 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
QUE	\$10.42 (supervised) \$13.28 (unsupervised)	\$10.73 (supervised) \$13.68 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
SASK	\$10.42 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$10.42 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00

Commodity - Poultry

Province	Current Wage	Expected Wage on January 1, 2012	Expected Minimum Wage Increase in 2012
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AB	\$10.21 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$10.21 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
BC	\$9.64 (supervised) \$12.51 (unsupervised)	\$9.64 (supervised) \$12.51 (unsupervised)	\$10.25 on May 1st
MB	\$10.21 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$10.21 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
NB	\$10.21 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$10.21 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
NS	\$10.00 (supervised) \$12.00 (unsupervised)	\$10.00 (supervised) \$12.00 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
ON	\$10.25 (supervised) \$13.97 (unsupervised)	\$10.25 (supervised) \$13.97 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
PEI	\$10.21 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$10.21 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
QUE	\$10.21 (supervised) \$13.28 (unsupervised)	\$10.52 (supervised) \$13.68 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
SASK	\$10.21 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$10.21 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00

Commodity - Sheep

Province	Current Wage	Expected Wage on January 1, 2012	Expected Minimum Wage Increase in 2012
AB	\$11.54 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$11.54 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
BC	\$9.64 (supervised) \$12.51 (unsupervised)	\$9.64 (supervised) \$12.51 (unsupervised)	10.25 on May 1st
MB	\$11.54 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$11.54 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
NB	\$11.13 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$11.13 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
NS	\$10.00 (supervised) \$12.00 (unsupervised)	\$10.00 (supervised) \$12.00 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
ON	\$11.54 (supervised) \$13.97 (unsupervised)	\$11.54 (supervised) \$13.97 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
PEI	\$11.05 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$11.05 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
QUE	\$11.54 (supervised) \$13.28 (unsupervised)	\$11.89 (supervised) \$13.68 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
SASK	\$11.54 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$11.54 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00

Commodity - Swine

Province	Current Wage	Expected Wage on January 1, 2012	Expected Minimum Wage Increase in 2012
AB	\$10.42 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$10.42 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
BC	\$9.64 (supervised) \$12.51 (unsupervised)	\$9.64 (supervised) \$12.51 (unsupervised)	\$10.25 on May 1st
MB	\$10.42 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$10.42 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
NB	\$10.42 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$10.42 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
NS	\$10.00 (supervised) \$12.00 (unsupervised)	\$10.00 (supervised) \$12.00 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
ON	\$10.42 (supervised) \$13.97 (unsupervised)	\$10.42 (supervised) \$13.97 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
PEI	\$10.42 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$10.42 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
QUE	\$10.42 (supervised) \$13.28 (unsupervised)	\$10.73 (supervised) \$13.68 (unsupervised)	\$0.00
SASK	\$10.42 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$10.42 (supervised) \$14.28 (unsupervised)	\$0.00

Directives for the Agricultural Stream under the Pilot Project for Occupations Requiring Lower Levels of Formal Training...
SAWP Directives...

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