

## FARM WAGE RATES IN NORTH DAKOTA

Yes-sir, farm wages are going up! Farm wage rates usually reach their peak in North Dakota during the heavy demand season of the fall months. Monthly farm wage rates as of October 1, 1947 were \$131.00 per month with board; \$163.00 per month without board. Day wages as of October 1, 1947 were \$7.80 with board and \$9.70 without board.

One year ago, or on October 1, 1946 monthly farm wage rates with board were \$115.00; without board \$163.00; day wages with board on October 1, 1946 were \$6.20 and without board \$9.70.

Wages by the month without board advanced 12% between October 1, 1946 and October 1, 1947; day wages without board advanced nearly 28% in the same period.

The following table, prepared by Messrs. C. J. Heltemes and O. E. Grenier, Office of Agricultural Statistician, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture summarizes the story of the change in farm wage rates in North Dakota since 1925:

**NORTH DAKOTA: Farm Wages Rates, October 1, 1947,  
With Comparisons**

Year (On Oct. 1)	PER MONTH		PER DAY	
	With Board	Without Board	With Board	Without Board
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
1925-29 Av.	50.85	69.90	3.59	4.49
1930-34 Av.	24.45	35.60	1.21	1.77
1935-39 Av.	27.85	40.45	1.49	2.20
1940-44 Av.	70.50	90.70	4.77	5.79
1945	113.00	140.00	7.20	8.50
1946	115.00	146.00	6.20	7.60
1947	131.00	163.00	7.80	9.70

"Studies on Ergot of Grains and Grasses" is the title of Bulletin 348 of the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station. The author, W. E. Brentzel, is a plant pathologist in the Station. The bulletin contains a popular summary in the form of answers to 13 questions. The bulletin also reports the results of scientific investigations on the behavior of the ergot disease, and discusses the effect of the disease, as well as methods of control.

"First Aid for Irrigators" is a manual issued by the Farmers Home Administration, Washington, D. C. (44 pages)—for sale only at 20 cents upon request. Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.