



POTATO GROWERS OF CANADA
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2019 Canadian Potato Plantings (Acres)

Source: Statistics Canada Table 32-10-0358-01 Acreage of Potatoes July 18, 2019

Province	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Change
Newfound land	380	400	400	350	350	300	-14. %
Prince Edward Is.	85,000	85,800	87,000	84,200	86,000	85,500	-0.6%
Nova Scotia	1,725	1,624	1,774	1,700	1,600	1,550	-3.1%
New Brunswick	47,700	47,700	47,630	51,700	52,000	54,000	+3.8%
Quebec	42,255	41,761	41,761	42,255	42,749	43,243	+4.7%
Ontario	35,500	34,750	34,800	35,400	34,000	33,850	-0.4%
Manitoba	63,000	67,300	65,914	62,900	64,100	67,500	+5.3%
Saskatchewan	6,900	6,700	6,900	6,500	6,300	6,300	0.0%
Alberta	52,984	53,128	52,998	53,570	55,318	61,700	+11.5%
British Columbia	5,890	6,100	7,250	6,500	6,600	6,600	0.0%
Total	341,335	345,263	346,417	345,076	349,017	360,543	+3.3%

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Statistics Canada released their first estimate of potato acreage in Canada as a result of data obtained from their survey of potato growers in Canada.

Statistics Canada has estimated the 2019 potato acreage to be up 3.3% or 11,526 acres above 2018.

Given some of the additional acreage required to supply two new fry plants and a recently completed new line in Canada, industry had expected the increase to be higher.

The two areas requiring significant acreage expansion to meet their market requirements are Alberta, for the new Cavendish Farms Plant opening in August, and Manitoba, for the new JR Simplot Plant addition, opening in January. The Alberta figure of an additional 6,682 acres is current with industry projections, however the 3,400 acre increase in Manitoba seems low compared to what the province had estimated and the volume the new plant will require.

It is important to note that the acreage increases in the 2019 Canadian Potato Crop are justified and needed for an expanding market.

Our next opportunity for revision of these figures will be in November when the Canadian Potato Production Estimates are released by Stats Canada.

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