



POTATO GROWERS OF CANADA
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2020 Canadian Potato Plantings (Acres)

Source: Statistics Canada Table 32-10-0358-01 Acreage of Potatoes July 16, 2020

Province	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Change
Newfound land	400	350	350	350	325	325	0.0 %
Prince Edward Is.	85,800	87,000	84,200	86,000	85,500	84,500	-1.2%
Nova Scotia	1,624	1,774	1,700	1,600	1,600	1,650	+3.1%
New Brunswick	47,700	47,630	51,700	52,000	52,900	49,000	-7.4%
Quebec	41,761	41,761	42,255	41,956	43,508 *	47,805 *	+9.9% *
Ontario	34,750	34,800	35,400	34,000	34,027	36,500	+7.3%
Manitoba	67,300	65,914	62,900	64,100	70,000	72,000	+2.9%
Saskatchewan	6,700	6,900	6,500	6,300	6,300	6,000	-4.8%
Alberta	53,128	52,986	52,483	55,645	61,235	59,090	-3.5%
British Columbia	6,100	7,250	6,500	6,600	6,700	6,600	-1.5%
Total Canada	345,263	346,415	343,988	348,551	362,095	363,470	+0.4%

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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. The estimate is incomplete as the province of Quebec was unable to provide data due to COVID delays. The estimate will be updated when the official information is received. In the meantime, information from the Quebec Potato Producers Association and Statistics Quebec will be utilized. (* may be adjusted)

When the information from Quebec is added into the Statistics Canada survey, it is estimated that the 2020 potato acreage is very close to last year; Up 0.38% or 1,375 acres above 2019.

Given the cuts in processing volume, that were handed out at, or before, planting time, industry had expected a decrease in planted acres. Total acreage is estimated at 363,470 acres. Canada's acreage peaked at 457,500 acres in 2003.

The survey indicates decreases of 3,900 acres in New Brunswick, 2,145 acres in Alberta, 1,000 acres in Prince Edward Island, 300 acres in Saskatchewan, and 100 acres in British Columbia.

Provinces with acreage increases include, Quebec with 4,297 acres, Ontario with 2,473 acres, Manitoba with 2,000 acres, and Nova Scotia with 50 acres.

In a year with difficult circumstances to gather data as a result of COVID-19, the diligence of both Statistics Canada to conduct the survey, and growers who took the time to respond to it, is very much appreciated.

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