

Canadian Potato Storage Holdings (All Sectors) by Province

February 1, 2023 Infohort: AAFC (000 cwt)

Province	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Feb 23 vs. Feb 22	3-yr. Average	2022-23 vs. 3-yr. avg
Prince Edward Island	12,948	19,433	17,571	-9.6%	16,651	5.5%
New Brunswick	6,185	9,843	9,005	-8.5%	8,345	7.8%
Quebec	6,536	8,383	7,503	-10.5%	7,474	0.6%
Ontario	3,787	4,670	4,063	-13.0%	4,173	-0.2%
Eastern Canada	29,456	42,329	38,142	-9.9%	36,642	4.5%
Manitoba	12,823	12,848	13,058	1.6%	12,910	3.4%
Alberta	12,448	12,673	15,575	22.9%	13,565	12.0%
British Columbia	621	572	388	-32.2%	527	-29.8%
Western Canada	25,892	26,093	29,021	11.2%	27,002	7.5%
Total Canada	55,348	68,423	67,163	-1.8%	63,644	5.8%

*Note: Saskatchewan data not available

Total Canadian Potato Storage Holdings on February 1, 2023 are down slightly (-1.8%) over 2022 numbers for the same period, but are still 5.8% above the 3-yr. average, mostly due to the increased size of the crop in the last two years. Based on the disappearance figures, there were 10.9 million cwt of potatoes shipped from storage in January 2023, 9.7% higher than in January 2022 and 14.7% higher than pre-covid (2019) numbers. Most provinces saw a decrease in shipments of Fresh potatoes in January, typical post holiday, with the exception of Quebec, Manitoba and Alberta, however all provinces shipped more processing potatoes in January over December and in the Seed sector Alberta had a good increase in shipments for January, with most other provinces on par for seed shipments compared to December.

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