

Canadian Potato Storage Holdings (All Sectors) by Province

May 1, 2023 Infohort: AAFC (000 cwt)

*Note: Saskatchewan data not available

Province	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Apr 23 vs. Apr 22	3-yr. Average
Prince Edward Island	8,768	7,611	10,121	10,220	1.0%	8,833
New Brunswick	4,778	3,138	5,126	4,620	-9.9%	4,347
Quebec	2,898	2,823	4,464	3,361	-24.7%	3,395
Ontario	1,324	1,710	2,370	1,733	-26.9%	1,801
Eastern Canada	<u>17,768</u>	<u>15,282</u>	<u>22,081</u>	<u>19,934</u>	-9.7%	<u>18,377</u>
Manitoba	5,997	7,252	6,338	6,462	2.0%	6,529
Alberta	7,480	4,699	4,496	6,151	36.8%	5,558
British Columbia	134	202	108	77	-28.7%	148
Western Canada	<u>13,611</u>	<u>12,153</u>	<u>10,942</u>	<u>12,690</u>	16.0%	<u>12,236</u>
Total Canada	<u>31,379</u>	<u>27,435</u>	<u>33,023</u>	<u>32,624</u>	-1.2%	<u>30,612</u>

Source: <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/sector/horticulture/market-information-infohort/storage-reports/potato>

Total Canadian Potato Storage Holdings on May 1, 2023 are down 1.2% over 2022 numbers for the same period, and higher than the 3-yr. average. There were fresh shippers in both Canada and the U.S. that noticed a slow-down in sales after the Easter holiday in April, which bears out when we look at the disappearance figures by sector where we saw a decrease in movement in the Fresh sector when compared to movement in April of last year. The larger shipments were in processing (9% up over April 2022) and seed at 75.2% up over April of last year most likely due to a warmer and drier spring with producers pulling seed earlier as they are on-time for planting this year compared to last. In total, growers shipped 12.8 million cwt of potatoes from storage in April 2023, an increase over March shipments of 11.6 million cwt and 16.7% higher than in April 2022 with the bulk of this increase coming out of the seed sector. In Fresh many benefitted from good demand in April leading up to Easter but saw a slight decline the last two weeks of April, with shipments for the month overall down compared to March for all provinces except New Brunswick, Ontario and Alberta. Other than Quebec and Manitoba, all provinces showed decreased movement of potatoes in the

processing sector as well and all showed moderate to good movement of seed as growers prepared for planting, with a particularly large movement of seed out of Alberta.

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