



POTATO GROWERS OF CANADA

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# Estimate of Canadian Potato Production 2018 Dec 13, 2018

Source: Statistics Canada Table 32-10-0358-01 (000cwt) Dec 13 2018

Province	2015	2016	2017	2018	% Diff
NFLD.	60	74	63	56	-11.1%
P.E.I.	24,850	25,723	24,463	22,600	-7.6%
N.S.	330	432	432	365	-15.5%
N.B.	15,100	14,335	15,159	15,870	+4.7%
Que.	12,359	12,233	12,505	11,795	-5.7%
Ont.	7,970	6,603	7,830	6,919	-11.6%
Man.	21,630	22,400	22,200	20,300	-8.6%
Sask.	1,675	1,700	1,625	1,454	-10.5%
Alta.	19,270	20,012	20,507	22,336	+8.9%
B.C.	1,663	2,205	1,824	2,100	+15.1%
Canada	104,907	105,716	106,608	103,794	-2.6%

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## **Update on 2018 Potato Production**

**Given the late harvest in the country**, and the amount of acres left in the field, it was difficult for Statistics Canada to gather the appropriate information from growers at a normal time. Industry requested the delay into mid December to allow growers more time to respond. It should be noted that this report is an update and our most accurate information will not be available until January after final adjustments are made.

**The Stats Canada report indicates 16,365 acres of potatoes were abandoned for the 2018 crop.** This is very close to UPGC estimates circulated earlier in the fall.

2018 production in this report indicates a decrease of 2.8 million hundred weight below the 2017 crop. Industry had placed the losses closer to 5.5 million hundred weight but this appears to have been offset by increases of 2.7 million hundred weight in the provinces of Alberta, New Brunswick, and British Columbia.

Canadian yields would appear similar to last year's 312cwt./acre, however yields have less significance this year as they are calculated on harvested acres and not on planted acreage.

### **Some provincial highlights in this update include:**

Alberta Up 1.8 million cwt.

New Brunswick Up 710,000 cwt.

British Columbia Up 276,000 cwt.

Prince Edward Island Down 1.9 million cwt.

Manitoba Down 1.9 million cwt.

Ontario Down 912,000 cwt.

Quebec Down 710,000 cwt.

Saskatchewan Down 171,000 cwt.

Nova Scotia Down 67,000 cwt.

Look for further revisions in January 2019.



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