



Canadian (Seed) Potato Storage Holdings by Province

December 1, 2019 Infohort: AAFC (000 cwt)

Province	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	3-yr. Average	2019-20	2019 vs. 3-yr. avg
Prince Edward I	2,137	1,943	2,075	2,052	2,245	+9.4%
New Brunswick	2,241	1,991	1,792	2,008	1,818	-9.5%
Quebec	1,057	1,176	1,298	1,177	1,231	+4.6%
Ontario	114	123	128	122	68	-44.3%
Eastern Canada	5,549	5,233	5,293	5,359	5,362	+0.1%
Manitoba	1,690	1,593	1,241	1,508	1,341	-11.1%
Alberta	3,340	2,363	2,900	2,868	3,667	+27.9 %
British Columbia	259	202	197	219	138	-37.1%
Western Canada	5,289	4,158	4,338	4,595	5,146	+12.0%
Total Canada	10,839	9,391	9,632	9,954	10,508	+5.6%

Out of all the sectors, the seed category shows the most variability this year, as compared to December 1, 2018. Seed supply is significantly less in New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, and British Columbia. Alberta has the largest seed stocks increase over a year ago driven by increased plantings, good yields, and a successful harvest of most seed acres. Any additional seed available in Canada is readily needed by areas which were unable to harvest all of their crop and by an expanding requirement for planting processing acres.