



## Canadian (Seed) Potato Storage Holdings by Province

April 1, 2020 Infohort: AAFC (000 cwt)

Province	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	3-yr. Average	2019-20	2020 vs. 3-yr. avg
Prince Edward I	1,949	1,788	1,861	1,866	2,010	+7.7%
New Brunswick	1,811	1,625	1,543	1,660	1,519	-8.5%
Quebec	790	894	1,016	900	950	+5.6%
Ontario	108	80	46	78	49	-37.2%
Eastern Canada	4,658	4,387	4,466	4,504	4,528	+0.5%
Manitoba	1,660	1,499	1,241	1,467	1,341	-8.6%
Alberta	2,697	1,642	1,586	1,975	1,949	-1.3%
British Columbia	119	113	132	121	94	-22.3%
Western Canada	4,476	3,254	2,959	3,563	3,384	-5.0%
<b>Total Canada</b>	<b>9,134</b>	<b>7,641</b>	<b>7,425</b>	<b>8,067</b>	<b>7,913</b>	<b>-1.9%</b>

Seed Inventory on April 1, 2020 is 1.9% below the 3-yr. average, at 7,913,000 hundred weight. Draw down on seed in Western Canada has been rapid with an on time start to planting in the Pacific Northwest. Seed is currently moving in the Eastern provinces. Most growers had reported a sold-out situation on many varieties, however the seed sector is bracing for disruption as processors and their growers may need to reduce seed orders as volumes to plant the 2020 crop are adjusted downward.