



## Canadian (Seed) Potato Storage Holdings by Province

May 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	1,757	1,664	1,732	1,718	1,899	+10.6%
New Brunswick	1,436	1,275	1,015	1,242	1,035	-16.7%
Quebec	505	522	579	535	435	-18.7%
Ontario	61	52	28	47	37	-21.3%
Eastern Canada	3,759	3,513	3,354	3,542	3,406	-3.8%
Manitoba	1,435	1,415	520	1,123	1,073	-4.5%
Alberta	1,128	816	600	848	972	+14.6%
British Columbia	70	36	71	59	72	+22.0%
Western Canada	2,633	2,267	1,191	2,030	2,117	+4.3%
<b>Total Canada</b>	<b>6,392</b>	<b>5,780</b>	<b>4,545</b>	<b>5,572</b>	<b>5,523</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>

Seed Inventory on May 1, 2020 is 0.9% below the 3-yr. average, at 5.5 million hundred weight. The overall picture for seed stocks is wide ranging with provinces like Quebec at 18.7% below 3-yr. average followed by New Brunswick at -16.7%. Meanwhile Alberta seed holdings are 14.6% above 3-yr. average. Some available seed may not get planted this year as seed growers in all provinces are reeling from the effect of reductions in volume given to processing growers by French fry manufacturers as they react to the effect of COVID-19 slowdowns.