

Canadian (Fresh) Potato Storage Holdings by Province

June 1, 2020 Infohort: AAFC (000 cwt)

Province	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	3-yr.	2019-20	2020 vs.
				Average		3-yr. avg
Prince Edward I.	902	895	624	807	845	+4.7%
New Brunswick	604	658	243	502	160	-68.1%
Quebec	877	608	663	716	781	+9.1%
Ontario	119	154	81	118	81	-31.4%
Eastern Canada	2,502	2,315	1,611	2,143	1,867	-12.9%
Manitoba	203	320	179	234	186	-20.5%
Alberta	30	19	11	20	0	-100.0%
British Columbia	16	6	40	21	28	+33.3%
Western Canada	249	345	230	275	214	-22.2%
Total Canada	2,751	2,660	1,842	2,418	2,081	-13.9%

Fresh Holdings in Canada on June 1, 2020 are 13.9% below the 3-yr. average with 2 million hundred weight in storage. Table potato disappearance has been good (although slowed slightly from March and April) as more consumers cooked their meals at home during the COVID-19 pandemic. Prince Edward Island and Quebec are the only two provinces with holdings above their 3-yr. average. Fresh stocks are still at one of their lowest levels since provinces started reporting intended utilization data. Alberta and British Columbia have depleted their local supplies of table potatoes.