



Canadian (**Processing**) Potato Storage Holdings by Province

June 1, 2020 Infohort: AAFC (000 cwt)

Province	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	3-yr. Average	2019-2020	2020 vs. 3-yr. avg
Prince Edward I	4,506	4,773	3,863	4,381	4,900	+11.8%
New Brunswick	2,577	2,500	2,042	2,373	2,451	+3.3%
Quebec	838	661	593	697	848	+17.8%
Ontario	337	714	578	543	560	+3.1%
Eastern Canada	8,258	8,648	7,076	7,994	8,759	+9.6%
Manitoba	4,260	3,953	2,871	3,695	3,722	+0.7%
Alberta	2,696	4,555	4,500	3,917	5,376	+37.2%
Western Canada	6,956	8,508	7,371	7,612	9,098	+19.5%
Total Canada	15,214	17,156	14,448	15,606	17,857	+14.4%

Processing Holdings on June 1, 2020 are 14.4% or 17.9 million cwt. above the 3-yr. average. Although the COVID-19 Pandemic has had an effect on all sectors, the usage decline was most dramatic in processing, as sit-down portions of quick service and fast casual restaurants were closed. The decline in French fry production would actually be much larger as this time last year fry companies were importing potatoes from the United States to supplement their local factories. In recent days, French fry sales seem to have begun their climb back upwards as restaurants begin to open and fryers advise their contract growers they may need more raw product than what they had indicated a month earlier.