



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

January 1, 2021 Infohort: AAFC (000 cwt)

Province	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	3-yr. Average	2020-2021	2021 vs. 3-yr. avg
Prince Edward I	11,395	10,637	10,489	10,840	9,540	-12.0%
New Brunswick	7,399	7,250	7,108	7,252	4,408	-39.2%
Quebec	3,173	2,928	3,088	3,063	2,870	-6.3%
Ontario	3,008	2,711	2,837	2,852	3,182	+11.6%
Eastern Canada	24,975	23,526	23,522	24,007	20,000	-16.7%
Manitoba	10,692	10,056	9,776	10,175	11,673	+14.7%
Alberta	12,937	11,750	11,920	12,202	10,351	-15.2%
Western Canada	23,629	21,806	21,696	22,377	22,024	-1.6%
Total Canada	48,603	45,332	45,217	46,384	42,024	-9.4%

Holdings of potatoes destined for processing are down 9.4% or 4.4 million hundred weight below the 3-yr. average on January 1st. The biggest decrease is in New Brunswick at 39% below 3-yr. averages for this time of year. PEI's crop inventory available for processing is also down 12%. Alberta has seen rapid disappearance with stocks down 15%. Manitoba's holdings are 14.7% above 3-yr. average but still short, requiring potatoes to be imported into the province each week. Overall, French fry plants in Canada are trying to take scheduled down time for maintenance and upgrades to manage their reduced inventories. Ontario's 11.6% increase in processing stocks would be almost entirely destined for the chip industry which continues to see rapid growth.