



POTATO GROWERS OF CANADA  
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## 2021 Canadian Potato Plantings (Acres)

Source: Statistics Canada Table 32-10-0358-01 Acreage of Potatoes July 16, 2021

Province	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Change
Newfound land	350	350	350	325	325	<b>300</b>	<b>-7.7%</b>
Prince Edward Is.	87,000	84,200	86,000	85,500	83,600	<b>84,500</b>	<b>1.1%</b>
Nova Scotia	1,774	1,700	1,600	1,600	1,200	<b>1,100</b>	<b>-8.3%</b>
New Brunswick	47,630	51,700	52,000	52,900	48,540	<b>53,000</b>	<b>9.2%</b>
Quebec	41,761	42,255	41,956	43,508	45,638	<b>43,000</b> *5-yr.A	*%
Ontario	34,800	35,400	34,000	34,027	36,500	<b>38,325</b>	<b>5.0%</b>
Manitoba	65,914	62,900	64,100	70,000	71,500	<b>78,700</b>	<b>10.1%</b>
Sask.	6,900	6,500	6,300	6,300	6,000	<b>6,200</b>	<b>3.3%</b>
Alberta	52,986	52,483	55,645	61,235	59,677	<b>67,500</b>	<b>13.1%</b>
British Columbia	7,250	6,500	6,600	6,700	6,500	<b>6,000</b>	<b>-7.7%</b>
<b>Total Canada</b>	<b>346,415</b>	<b>343,988</b>	<b>348,551</b>	<b>362,095</b>	<b>359,480</b>	<b>378,624</b>	<b>5.3%</b>

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Statistics Canada released their first estimate of potato acreage in Canada from data obtained with their survey of Canadian potato growers. Please note that Quebec data was not available during the collection period, so a 5-year average of their seeded acreage was used in its place. Quebec data and corresponding Canadian data will be updated on December 7<sup>th</sup> when the estimates for harvested area, yield and production are released.

The 2021 potato acreage is estimated at 378,624 acres. This is an increase of 5.3% above 2020. A year ago, the 2020 acreage had declined below 2019 plantings due to COVID-19 market uncertainty. This year's increase, predominantly in major processing provinces, helps bring supply in the industry back to meet demand increases in the industry that began pre-COVID. The acreage of potatoes planted in Canada, is still well below its peak of 457,500 acres which occurred back in 2003.

The most significant acreage increases in 2021 occurred in the western provinces of Alberta and Manitoba, where each area has had processing plant expansion in the last 2-3 years. Alberta producers planted an additional 7,823 acres or an increase of 13.1%, and Manitoba growers planted an additional 7,200 acres or 10.1% above 2020. The third largest increase is in New Brunswick where an additional 4,600 acres (9.2%) are estimated to be planted, to help supply a formed line expansion for the fry plant in that province. Ontario's increase of 5% is also driven by strong processing demand but for chips instead of fries. Prince Edward Island reports an increase of 1.1% at 84,500 acres as it continues to plant the largest acreage in the country. The survey has used Quebec's 5-yr. average of 43,000 acres, however industry expected acreage to be at least equal to last year's 45,638 acres with demand increases identified for both fresh and processing sectors. It is also surprising to see a 5% decrease reported in British Columbia's acreage, down to 6,000 acres. Acreage in Saskatchewan moves back up closer to traditional levels at 6,200 acres. N.S. reports a decline of 100 acres this year. For more information please contact: **Kevin Maclsaac, General Manager, United Potato Growers of Canada** [Kevin@unitedpotatocanada.com](mailto:Kevin@unitedpotatocanada.com)

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