



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

May 9, 2022 (000 cwt)

Province	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	3-yr. Average	2021-2022	2022 vs. 3-yr. avg
Prince Edward I	5,313	5,385	4,710	5,136	6,942	35%
New Brunswick	2,921	3,384	1,639	2,648	2,361	-11%
Quebec	905	1,268	1,321	1,165	2,068	77%
Ontario	841	1,036	1,357	1,078	1,884	75%
Eastern Canada	<u>9,981</u>	<u>11,073</u>	<u>9,027</u>	<u>10,027</u>	<u>13,254</u>	32%
Manitoba	4,122	4,536	5,614	4,757	4,536	-5%
Alberta	6,280	6,490	3,905	5,558	3,878	-30%
Western Canada	<u>10,402</u>	<u>11,026</u>	<u>9,519</u>	<u>10,315</u>	<u>8,414</u>	-19%
Total Canada	<u>20,383</u>	<u>22,099</u>	<u>18,546</u>	<u>20,342</u>	<u>21,668</u>	7%

Processing Holdings on May 9, 2022 are 7% above the 3-yr. average at 21.7 million hundred weight. Country wide, this would be short of covering the needs of plant expansions in recent years. New Brunswick has been exporting potatoes to Western Canada, as reflected in their holding reduction this month. Fryers in Western Canada will be eagerly awaiting any new crop, but floods and cool planting weather in the prairies have lowered that probability. In addition, growth in the early planted crop in the Pacific Northwestern USA has been slow and behind normal. Increased chip supply in Ontario and Quebec, should allow plants to run mostly on domestic volume into early summer.