



## Canadian (**Fresh**) Potato Storage Holdings by Province

**January 11, 2023** Infohort: AAFC (000 cwt)

Province	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2022 vs. 2021	3-yr. Average	2022 vs. 3-yr. avg
Prince Edward Island	4,197	7,908	6,135	-22.4%	6,080	0.9%
New Brunswick	1,515	2,404	2,176	-9.5%	2,032	7.1%
Quebec	3,566	4,464	3,850	-13.8%	3,960	-2.8%
Ontario	1,221	1,383	1,057	-23.6%	1,220	-13.4%
Eastern Canada	<b>10,499</b>	<b>16,160</b>	<b>13,218</b>	<b>-18.2%</b>	<b>13,293</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>
Manitoba	1,364	1,084	1,585	46.3%	1,344	17.9%
Alberta	932	979	1,432	46.3%	1,114	28.5%
British Columbia	591	592	413	-30.2%	532	-22.4%
Western Canada	<b>2,887</b>	<b>2,655</b>	<b>3,430</b>	<b>29.2%</b>	<b>2,991</b>	<b>14.7%</b>
<b>Total Canada</b>	<b><u>13,386</u></b>	<b><u>18,815</u></b>	<b><u>16,648</u></b>	<b>-11.5%</b>	<b><u>16,283</u></b>	<b>2.2%</b>

As mentioned last month, although Fresh potato inventory does seem to be down in comparison to 2022, the overall inventory is well in line with the 3-year average, changes based a great deal by very good yields in 2021 compared to average yields in 2022. On a percentage basis, Alberta and Manitoba have the largest increases after experiencing a very good growing season particularly after such a late planting during a cold and wet spring. Quebec, British Columbia and Ontario all experienced declines in the fresh sector this year, mostly due to weather with acres lost either early on in planting from too much precipitation or later in August and September due to not enough rain. It is interesting to note the increase both year over year and versus the 3-year average for the fresh sector in Alberta who are well known for their processing acres. Disappearance during December was not quite as strong as in November with weather impacting transport and of course a bit shorter shipping month with the holidays.

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