



Canadian (Processing) Potato Storage Holdings by Province

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Province	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2022/23 vs. 2021	3-yr. Average	2022/23 vs. 3-yr. avg
Prince Edward Island	8,959	11,719	11,987	2.3%	10,888	10.1%
New Brunswick	4,408	7,189	6,588	-8.4%	6,062	8.7%
Quebec	2,870	3,681	3,658	-0.6%	3,403	7.5%
Ontario	3,182	3,859	3,669	-4.9%	3,570	2.8%
Eastern Canada	19,419	26,448	25,902	-2.1%	23,923	8.3%
Manitoba	11,673	12,289	11,930	-2.9%	11,964	-0.3%
Alberta	10,351	10,677	13,106	22.8%	11,378	15.2%
British Columbia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Western Canada	22,024	22,966	25,036	9.0%	23,342	7.3%
Total Canada	<u>41,443</u>	<u>49,414</u>	<u>50,938</u>	3.1%	<u>47,265</u>	7.8%

We continue to see a tight market on processing potatoes, with most provinces showing a decrease when comparing 2022/23 and 2021/22 at the same period. Despite a higher disappearance in December 2022 compared to December of 2021, Alberta is showing a greater number of potatoes in storage destined for processing, due to an overall good growing season and good harvest. The largest decrease of just over 8% in New Brunswick may be a combination of lower yields at harvest and a stronger pull of potatoes into the plants, and into the U.S., through December. The 50.9 million hundred weight in storage as of January 11th is still 7.8% higher than the 3-year average reflecting the continual

increase in demand in the processing sector and therefore increased planted acres. There continues to be a very tight market across the continent in the processing sector and, despite having the largest increase in potatoes on hand in Alberta, it may still require Western Canada to import potatoes to keep their expanded processing plants running at full capacity.

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