



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

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Province	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2022 vs. 2021	3-yr. Average	2022 vs. 3-yr. avg
Prince Edward Island	3,457	7,371	5,170	-29.9%	5,333	-3.0%
New Brunswick	1,347	2,227	2,001	-10.1%	1,858	7.7%
Quebec	2,905	3,708	3,167	-14.6%	3,260	-2.9%
Ontario	1,005	1,139	826	-27.5%	990	-16.6%
Eastern Canada	8,714	14,445	11,165	-22.7%	11,441	-2.4%
Manitoba	1,209	928	1,300	40.1%	1,146	13.5%
Alberta	650	673	986	46.5%	770	28.1%
British Columbia	465	429	302	-29.6%	399	-24.2%
Western Canada	2,324	2,030	2,588	27.5%	2,314	11.8%
Total Canada	<u>11,038</u>	<u>16,475</u>	<u>13,753</u>	-16.5%	<u>13,755</u>	0.0%

Canadian growers and packers shipped 2.9 million cwt of fresh potatoes during January, only 0.2% higher than shipments for December, but up 23.4% compared to shipments in January of 2022. There is of course the impact of the US border closure to PEI potatoes in November 2021 which would have had an impact on total Canadian shipment for January, however even if we compare to other previous years, you would need to go back to 2018 to get a comparable number for January movement of fresh potatoes. Although some packers reported feeling sales have been somewhat slower this past month, the numbers do show increased movement and that perhaps it is more of a perception after a very busy pre-holiday period than an actual slowdown.

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