



## Canadian (Seed) Potato Storage Holdings by Province

**February 1, 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	1,863	1,602	1,673	4.4%	1,712	-2.3%
New Brunswick	1,081	1,711	1,611	-5.9%	1,468	9.7%
Quebec	1,111	1,389	1,130	-18.6%	1,210	-6.6%
Ontario	69	160	198	23.8%	142	39.1%
Eastern Canada	4,125	4,863	4,612	-5.2%	4,533	1.7%
Manitoba	1,531	1,471	1,990	35.3%	1,664	19.6%
Alberta	3,209	3,354	3,451	2.9%	3,338	3.4%
British Columbia	156	143	86	-39.9%	128	-33.0%
Western Canada	4,896	4,968	5,527	11.2%	5,130	7.7%
<b>Total Canada</b>	<b><u>9,021</u></b>	<b><u>9,831</u></b>	<b><u>10,139</u></b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b><u>9,663</u></b>	<b>4.9%</b>

Seed Inventory on February 1, 2023 is 10.1 million hundred weight which is only 4.9% above 3-yr. average levels and 3.1% over last year at the same period. Movement of seed potatoes in January 2023 was up by about 12% over December's shipments, with close to 75% of the 0.4 million cwt being moved out of Alberta. However January 2023 movement is up just over 39% when compared to shipments for January 2022, perhaps an indication of a tighter overall seed market in North America and particular varieties being planted soon in certain regions of the continent. Although the overall seed crop did increase in 2023 over previous years, the tightness in seed is regional and varietal in nature, with growth in processing demand outstripping the increased availability of certain seed.

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