

Canadian Potato Storage Holdings (All Sectors) by Province

March 1, 2023 Infohort: AAFC (000 cwt)

*Note: Saskatchewan data not available

Province	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Feb 23 vs. Feb 22	3-yr. Average	2022-23 vs. 3-yr. avg
Prince Edward Island	12,379	13,391	11,507	14,832	15,320	3.3%	13,243	15.7%
New Brunswick	7,550	7,711	5,123	8,450	7,660	-9.3%	7,094	8.0%
Quebec	5,281	5,698	5,598	7,209	6,212	-13.8%	6,168	0.7%
Ontario	2,570	2,724	3,251	3,976	3,422	-13.9%	3,317	3.2%
Eastern Canada	<u>27,780</u>	<u>29,523</u>	<u>25,479</u>	<u>34,467</u>	<u>32,614</u>	-5.4%	<u>29,823</u>	9.4%
Manitoba	8,640	8,974	11,146	10,820	10,950	1.2%	10,313	6.2%
Alberta	11,811	11,711	10,269	10,453	13,189	26.2%	10,811	22.0%
British Columbia	548	391	463	331	292	-11.8%	395	-26.1%
Western Canada	<u>20,999</u>	<u>21,076</u>	<u>21,878</u>	<u>21,604</u>	<u>24,431</u>	13.1%	<u>21,519</u>	13.5%
Total Canada	<u>48,779</u>	<u>50,599</u>	<u>47,356</u>	<u>56,071</u>	<u>57,045</u>	1.7%	<u>51,342</u>	11.1%

Total Canadian Potato Storage Holdings on March 1, 2023 are up slightly (1.7%) over 2022 numbers for the same period, and almost 6% above the 3-yr. average. Based on the disappearance figures, there were 10.1 million cwt of potatoes shipped from storage in February 2023, down from shipments levels last month, 11% lower than in February 2022 but still 22% higher than pre-covid (2019) numbers. Shipments of Fresh potatoes were down in February for all provinces except PEI and NB who were on par with January numbers. PEI and Quebec showed increased movement of potatoes in the processing sector in February over January, and Quebec and Alberta had a good movement of seed potatoes for the month compared to last. Most areas were commenting on slower sales in February, particularly in reds vs. yellows or russets, but are predicting good movement in March leading up to St Patrick's Day.

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