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Canadian (Processing) Potato Storage Holdings by Province

April 1, 2023 Infohort: AAFC (000 cwt)

Province	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2022/23 vs. 2021/22	3-yr. Average	2022/23 vs. 3-yr. avg
Prince Edward Island	6,714	6,609	5,935	7,517	7,916	5.3%	6,687	18.4%
New Brunswick	4,045	4,100	2,304	3,598	3,088	-14.2%	3,334	-7.4%
Quebec	1,379	1,693	1,730	2,543	2,275	-10.5%	1,988	14.4%
Ontario	1,607	1,498	1,899	2,399	1,800	-25.0%	1,932	-6.8%
Eastern Canada	**13,745**	**13,900**	**11,868**	**16,056**	**15,079**	**-6.1%**	**13,941**	**8.2%**
Manitoba	5,466	5,459	7,183	6,364	6,115	-3.9%	6,336	-3.5%
Alberta	7,814	7,158	5,529	5,340	7,524	40.9%	6,009	25.2%
British Columbia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Western Canada	**13,280**	**12,617**	**12,712**	**11,704**	**13,639**	**16.5%**	**12,345**	**10.5%**
Total Canada	**27,026**	**26,518**	**24,580**	**27,761**	**28,719**	**3.5%**	**26,286**	**9.3%**

The market saw movement of 7.7 million cwt of processing potatoes in March, an increase of 11% over February, with the largest increase month over month in Alberta, while Quebec and Manitoba saw decreased movement in this sector for March. We continue to see a tight market on processing potatoes, with most provinces showing a decrease when comparing 2022/23 and 2021/22 holdings at the same period, other than Alberta who are still showing increased holdings of processing potatoes which is not surprising due to the increase planted acreage and production this season. The 28.7 million hundred weight in storage as of April 1st is only 3.5% higher than March of last year, and 9.3% higher than the 3-year average reflecting the continued increase in demand in the processing sector and therefore increased planted acres. To keep processing plants running at capacity in response to continued high global demand, particularly for frozen fries, we are still seeing strong exports to the US and movement from east to west, from both fresh and processing storage. Contract negotiations

continue across North America, with only the Columbia Basin fully complete (negotiated last fall) and growers are hesitant to commit to acreage without contract pricing in place to cover ever increasing input costs.

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