

Canadian Potato Storage Holdings (All Sectors) by Province

April 1, 2023 Infohort: AAFC (000 cwt)

*Note: Saskatchewan data not available

Province	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Apr 23 vs. Apr 22	3-yr. Average	2022-23 vs. 3-yr. avg
Prince Edward Island	10,336	10,897	9,655	12,401	12,606	1.7%	10,984	14.8%
New Brunswick	6,229	6,208	4,195	6,769	6,140	-9.3%	5,724	7.3%
Quebec	4,241	4,243	4,352	5,925	5,008	-15.5%	4,840	3.5%
Ontario	1,985	1,975	2,491	3,200	2,429	-24.1%	2,555	-4.9%
Eastern Canada	<u>22,791</u>	<u>23,323</u>	<u>20,693</u>	<u>28,295</u>	<u>26,183</u>	-7.5%	24,103	8.6%
Manitoba	7,215	7,404	9,433	8,416	8,871	5.4%	8,418	5.4%
Alberta	9,709	9,253	7,562	7,122	10,179	42.9%	7,979	27.6%
British Columbia	365	212	316	217	192	-11.5%	248	-22.7%
Western Canada	<u>17,289</u>	<u>16,869</u>	<u>17,311</u>	<u>15,755</u>	<u>19,242</u>	22.1%	<u>16,645</u>	15.6%
Total Canada	<u>40,080</u>	<u>40,192</u>	<u>38,004</u>	<u>44,050</u>	<u>45,425</u>	3.1%	<u>40,748</u>	11.5%

Source: https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/sector/horticulture/market-information-infohort/storage-reports/potato

Total Canadian Potato Storage Holdings on April 1, 2023 are up 3.1% over 2022 numbers for the same period, and well over the 3-yr. average for the month of April. Based on the disappearance figures, there were 11.6 million cwt of potatoes shipped from storage in March 2023, an increase over February shipments of 10.1 million cwt, almost right on track with shipments of 11.7 in March of las year and 16% higher than the five year average for March disappearance. In the Fresh sector, many benefitted from good demand in March leading up to St Patrick's Day and Easter in early April, with shipments for the month up compared to February for all provinces except Ontario and Alberta. Other than Quebec and Manitoba, all provinces showed increased movement of potatoes in the processing sector in March over February, and Quebec, Ontario and Alberta showed a large jump in shipments of seed potatoes for the month compared to last, not surprisingly as growers start to prepare for planting.

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