



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

May 1, 2023 Infohort: AAFC (000 cwt)

Province	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2022/23 vs. 2021/22	3-yr. Average
Prince Edward Island	1,741	1,319	2,394	2,073	-13.4%	1,818
New Brunswick	358	647	1,301	1,282	-1.5%	769
Quebec	1,196	1,166	1,702	1,316	-22.7%	1,354
Ontario	251	323	406	335	-17.5%	327
Eastern Canada	3,546	3,456	5,803	5,006	-13.7%	4,268
Manitoba	389	566	443	605	36.6%	466
Alberta	18	46	34	74	117.6%	33
British Columbia	62	134	72	45	-37.5%	89
Western Canada	469	746	549	724	31.9%	588
Total Canada	<u>4,015</u>	<u>4,202</u>	<u>6,351</u>	<u>5,730</u>	-9.8%	<u>4,856</u>

Current stocks on hand as of May 1, 2023, of Fresh potatoes in Canada, were 5.7 million cwt, down 9.8% overall when compared to last year but are still well above the 3 year average. There were 2.5 million cwt of fresh potatoes shipped in April which is down 934,000 cwt from March shipments, a 27.2% decrease, as many areas reported a slow down after the Easter holiday in early April. When compared to April of last year shipments appear down 0.4%, however adjusting for 1 fewer working days in the month of April in 2023 shipments were actually slightly higher. Based on stocks reported in the first holding report published in December, we estimate approximately 73% of the crop has been shipped to date and if this rate continues fresh stocks could potentially be done in July, we will continue to keep an eye on the transition. Planting has begun in all provinces, with some further along than others, but at a much better pace for BC, Manitoba and New Brunswick when compared to the cold and rainy spring of last year. Current shipping pace along with weather through May and June will be important factors for transition from old crop to new crop.

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