



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

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Province	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2022/23 vs. 2021/22	3-yr. Average
Prince Edward Island	5,385	4,710	6,182	6,497	5.1%	5,426
New Brunswick	3,384	1,639	2,361	1,971	-16.5%	2,461
Quebec	1,268	1,321	2,068	1,611	-22.1%	1,552
Ontario	1,036	1,357	1,884	1,346	-28.6%	1,426
Eastern Canada	11,073	9,027	12,495	11,426	-8.6%	10,865
Manitoba	4,536	5,614	4,536	3,989	-12.1%	4,895
Alberta	6,490	3,905	3,878	5,827	50.3%	4,758
British Columbia	-	-	-	-		0
Western Canada	11,026	9,519	8,414	9,816	16.7%	9,653
Total Canada	<u>22,099</u>	<u>18,546</u>	<u>20,909</u>	<u>21,241</u>	1.6%	<u>20,518</u>

Stocks of processing sector potatoes in Canada are up 1.6% over last year, however we did start with a larger crop this season. Shipments have actually been outpacing last year by 5.7% based on average shipments per month from December through April and there have been a total of 36,191 million cwt shipped in that time, 1.9 million cwt more than last year during the same period. Demand from processors, impacted by the continued increase in global demand for frozen fries as well as catching up from shortages last summer, is keeping the movement strong in this sector. At the current average pace of shipments we would estimate stocks to be completely moved over the next 3 months, taking the sector into August or longer, depending on how the processors pull out of storage. The rate of shipments does vary between provinces when comparing April to March, with PEI, New Brunswick, Ontario and Alberta down for April but still well in line with traditional levels. Manitoba shipments were higher, compared to previous years, and Quebec had record movement of processing potatoes in April. Contract negotiations have been completed in all provinces except Manitoba who are still in talks.

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