



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

June 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	4,079	3,518	4,809	4,852	0.9%	4,135
New Brunswick	2,451	820	1,166	808	-30.7%	1,479
Quebec	848	753	1,647	1,102	-33.1%	1,083
Ontario	560	842	1,156	810	-29.9%	853
Eastern Canada	7,938	5,933	8,778	7,572	-13.7%	7,550
Manitoba	3,722	4,090	2,891	2,420	-16.3%	3,568
Alberta	5,376	2,041	2,160	3,960	83.3%	3,192
British Columbia	-	-	-	-	-	0
Western Canada	9,098	6,131	5,051	6,380	26.3%	6,760
Total Canada	<u>17,036</u>	<u>12,064</u>	<u>13,829</u>	<u>13,952</u>	<u>0.9%</u>	<u>14,310</u>

As of June 1, stocks of processing sector potatoes in Canada are up just slightly over last year, with only 123K more in storage compared to May of 2022. With a record 7.3 million cwt shipped in May movement continues to outpace last year by 5.2% based on average shipments per month from December through May and there have been a total of 43,480 million cwt shipped in that time, 2.2 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. Only Quebec and Manitoba shipped fewer processing potatoes in the month of May compared to April, all other provinces saw greater movement for the month. Contract negotiations were settled in most areas with the exception of Manitoba who were still in discussions in May.

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