



Canadian (Seed) 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	31	0	10	105	915.7%	14
New Brunswick	180	0	309	514	66.6%	163
Quebec	87	86	136	24	-82.7%	103
Ontario	1	-	-	2	0.0%	1
Eastern Canada	299	86	455	645	41.7%	280
Manitoba	11	-	100	-	0.0%	56
Alberta	250	235	96	5	-94.8%	194
British Columbia	56	68	5	-	0.0%	43
Western Canada	317	303	201	5	-97.5%	274
Total Canada	<u>616</u>	<u>389</u>	<u>656</u>	<u>650</u>	<u>-0.9%</u>	<u>554</u>

The seed inventory recorded as of June 1, 2023 is at 0.65 million cwt, down only 6,000 cwt from last year at this time but still above the 3 year average. This season did start off with approximately 800,000 cwt more in storage (based on December published numbers) however the shipping pace is up 131,000 per month on average for December through May of 2023 compared to the same period in 2022, with 5 million cwt being moved in May, on track with shipments for May 2022. New Brunswick, PEI and Manitoba saw significant increases in shipments in May compared to April, with all other provinces seeing decreases in movement for the month as stocks were depleted. The bulk of the seed storage left is in New Brunswick, which may be based on a couple of factors; the province has not completely done planting and there may be a slight lag in reporting by a couple of weeks.

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