

Canadian (Fresh) Potato Storage Holdings by Province

July 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	542	295	837	407	-51.4%	558
New Brunswick	35	0	989	0	-100.0%	341
Quebec	349	197	422	256	-39.4%	323
Ontario	12	43	39	19	-51.3%	31
Eastern Canada	938	535	2,288	682	-70.2%	1,254
Manitoba	95	213	167	220	31.4%	159
Alberta	ı	ı	ı	1	0.0%	-
British Columbia	2	12	5	ı	0.0%	6
Western Canada	96	225	172	220	27.6%	165
Total Canada	<u>1,034</u>	<u>761</u>	<u>2,460</u>	<u>902</u>	<u>-63.3%</u>	<u>1,418</u>

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

*Note: Saskatchewan data not available, New Brunswick data for 2020-21 and 2022-23 was not available

The Fresh potato stocks in Canada are much lower overall when compared to last year and well below the 3-year average. Even if we included an estimate for New Brunswick, which had not been reported this month, the inventories would remain below average for this time of year. Without NB figures it is difficult to give an exact comparison, but based on estimates June disappearance for 2023 would still be higher than reported levels in 2022. The market is good in North America as a whole, with strong demand for yellows, good movement of reds, and pricing remains strong for all colours even with the entry of the crop from California which has been at lower volumes and later than normal to start and now the addition of North Carolina more recently.

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