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This report contains the first estimate of potato area for 2003.

Highlights

Demand for processing potatoes continues to push Canadian potato area higher. Preliminary 2003 potato area is estimated to be 448,500 acres (181 500 hectares), up 3.2% from the previous year's estimate of 434,400 acres (175 900 hectares). Again, Manitoba led the increase up 10.6% to 94,000 acres (38 000 hectares). Alberta is up 4.8% to 65,000 acres (26 300 hectares). Prince Edward Island showed the largest decrease, down 2.8% to 106,000 acres (42 900 hectares).

Release schedule

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November 21, 2003

January 16, 2004

The Canadian Potato Production bulletin is released three times a year in January, July and November.

Methodology

The preliminary potato area estimate for the current year is based upon data from sample surveys or consultation with provincial vegetable or potato specialists.

Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick - The Potato Area Survey, a probability telephone survey conducted in June, is the primary source of survey information. Results from the June Atlantic Survey and the Fruit and Vegetable Area Survey are also incorporated into the estimate.

Quebec, Ontario and Alberta - The estimates for these provinces are provided by their provincial departments of agriculture.

Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia - The preliminary area estimate is provided by the Fruit and Vegetable Area Survey and the June Crop Survey. Both surveys are probability area surveys.

For further information on concepts, methods, and data quality, see the November release of the Canadian Potato Production Bulletin.



	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield		Total production	
	Acres	Hectares	Acres	Hectares	Hundredweights per acre	Tonnes per hectare	Hundredweights	Tonnes
Potato production, Canada and provinces, 2002								
Canada	434,400	175,900	420,300	170,200	243.7	27.3	102,416,000	4,645,600
Newfoundland and Labrador	700	300	700	300	164.3	17.3	115,000	5,200
Prince Edward Island	109,000	44,100	107,000	43,300	270.0	30.3	28,890,000	1,310,500
Nova Scotia	5,500	2,200	5,500	2,200	220.0	25.0	1,210,000	54,900
New Brunswick	58,000	23,500	58,000	23,500	270.0	30.2	15,660,000	710,300
Quebec	48,700	19,700	47,400	19,200	206.6	23.1	9,795,000	444,300
Ontario	43,700	17,700	41,700	16,900	167.0	18.7	6,964,000	315,900
Manitoba	85,000	34,400	83,000	33,600	220.0	24.7	18,260,000	828,300
Saskatchewan	13,000	5,300	12,500	5,100	270.0	30.0	3,375,000	153,100
Alberta	62,000	25,100	55,800	22,600	280.0	31.4	15,624,000	708,700
British Columbia	8,800	3,600	8,700	3,500	290.0	32.7	2,523,000	114,400
Potato production, Canada and provinces, 2003								
Canada	448,500	181,500	..	..	..	..	..	..
Newfoundland and Labrador	700	300	..	..	..	..	..	..
Prince Edward Island	106,000	42,900	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nova Scotia	5,300	2,100	..	..	..	..	..	..
New Brunswick	59,000	23,900	..	..	..	..	..	..
Quebec	50,400	20,400	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ontario	44,900	18,200	..	..	..	..	..	..
Manitoba	94,000	38,000	..	..	..	..	..	..
Saskatchewan	14,000	5,700
Alberta	65,000	26,300
British Columbia	9,200	3,700

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Conversion factors:

The following metric conversion factors are used in this publication:

Area: 1 acre = 0.40469 hectare

Production: 1 cwt = 0.04536 tonne

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