

## Insurance premiums on the rise

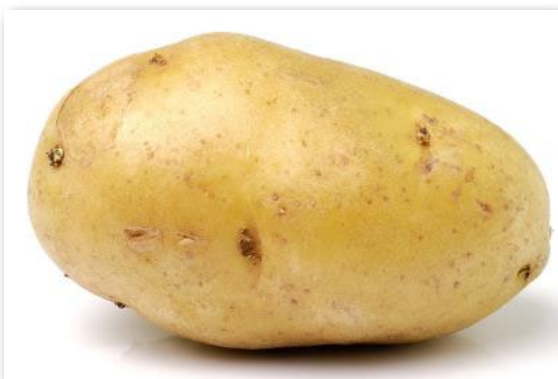
Canadians paid more year over year for homeowners' home and mortgage insurance (+6.3%) and passenger vehicle insurance premiums (+8.8%) in June. This was partly attributable to the rising cost and frequency of claims associated with weather-related events.



Source: [Consumer Price Index, June 2019](#).

## Potato planting picked up this spring

Potato farmers planted 145 906 hectares of potatoes in 2019, up 3.3% from 2018, likely in response to the rising demand for processing potatoes.



Source: [Canadian potato production, June 2019](#)

## Retail sales decline for the first time in four months

Retail sales edged down 0.1% to \$51.5 billion in May, the first decrease in four months. Lower sales at food and beverage stores were the main contributors to the decline.



Source: [Retail trade, May 2019](#)

## Breastfeeding most common reason for mothers to share a bed with their infant

One-third of mothers (33%) said that their babies (younger than 1) slept with them or with someone else every day or almost every day. Breastfeeding was the most common reason (39%) given, followed by facilitating the mother's or the child's sleep (29%).

Source: [Health Reports: Infant bed sharing in Canada](#)