

HIGHLIGHTS

from the *Québec Survey on Potatoes* April 2022

Disposition of the 2020 harvest

The survey on potato disposition was conducted by the Institut de la statistique du Québec (ISQ) for the 2020 harvest. The data produced from this survey provide a portrait of Québec potato producers with at least 0.2 hectares in production.

To view the full results, click on the following link: statistique.quebec.ca/en/recherche? sujet=potatoes.

Increase in production area

In 2020, the estimated area planted to potatoes in Québec was 18.6 thousand hectares (kha), larger than the 2019 planting (17.7 kha) and the average annual planting from 2015 to 2019 (17.1 kha). On a regional level, the largest planted areas were observed in the combined administrative regions of Capitale-Nationale and Chaudière-Appalaches (4.8 kha) and Montréal, Laval and Lanaudière (3.9 kha).

Production and yield up

The potato harvested area was 18.0 kha, up 2.3% (+0.4 kha) from 2019. Meanwhile, potato production totalled 577.5 thousand metric tons (kt), up 33.3 kt from 2019 and 30.3 kt from the average annual production between 2015 and 2019.

The potato yield was 32.1 tonnes per hectare (t/ha) in 2020, 1.2 t/ha more than in 2019. However, it was 0.4 t/ha lower than the average annual yield obtained between 2015 and 2019 (32.5 t/ha).

Increased sales volume and revenues

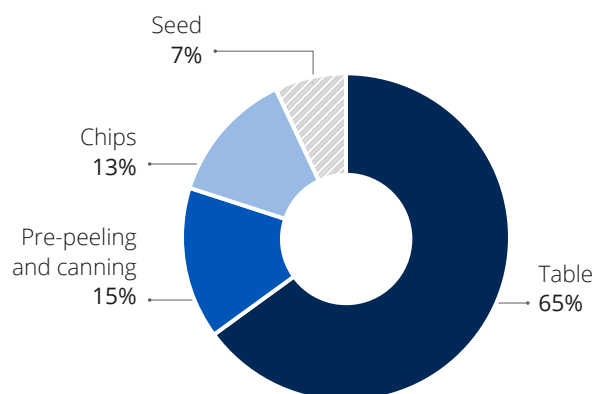
In 2020, nearly 537.9 kt of potatoes were sold outside the sector¹ up 30.5 kt from 2019. Compared with the average annual volume sold outside the sector between 2015 and 2019 (484.5 kt), this was an increase of 53.4 kt.

Market revenues totalled \$200.5 million, up 8.9% from 2019. This compares to an average of \$159.2 million per year over the 2015-2019 period. These revenues came from outside-sector sales of potatoes for table consumption (\$131.3 million), pre-peeling and canning (\$29.8 million), potato chips (\$26.1 million), and seed (\$13.3 million). In 2019, revenues stood at \$184.1 million.¹

1. Excludes sales in the agricultural sector.

Figure 1

Revenues from outside-sector sales in 2020



Source: Institut de la statistique du Québec, *Québec Survey on Potatoes*.

Preliminary results from the survey on the 2021 harvest

According to preliminary data from the survey on the 2021 harvest, the area planted to potatoes should increase to 19.0 kha, the harvested area should reach 18.8 kha, and production should rise to 735.2 kt. In addition, per hectare yield should be 39.0 t/ha.

Final data on the 2021 harvest will be collected in the summer 2022 and are expected to be released on the ISQ's website in the fall 2022.

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