

Fertilizer Shipments Survey, fourth quarter 2018/2019

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After somewhat of a down period during the previous fertilizer year, year-over-year increases in the production of several fertilizer products resulted in a return to historical values in the 2018/2019 fertilizer year.

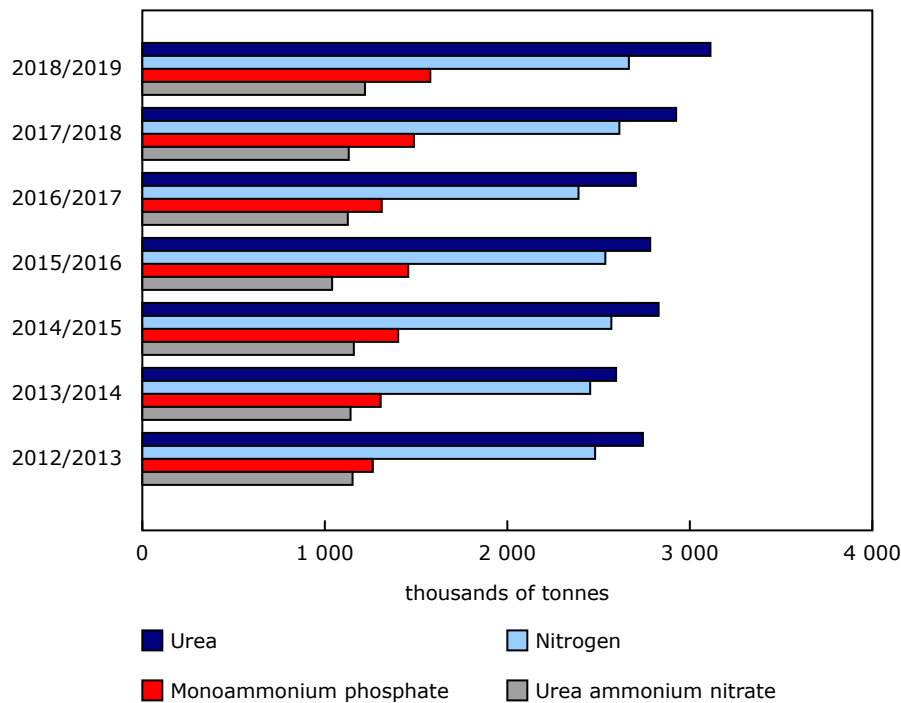
Ammonia production reached 4 804 000 tonnes in the 2018/2019 fertilizer year, up 7.9% year over year. In the previous year, ammonia production of ammonia had dropped to 4 451 000 tonnes, down 7.8% from the 4 825 000 tonnes produced in 2016/2017, illustrating the return to pre-2017/2018 levels.

This was also observed in the Canadian production of several other fertilizer products, including urea ammonium nitrate (UAN), which was down 9.7% in 2017/2018, and then rose 9.3% to 1 404 000 tonnes in 2018/2019.

Shipments of urea within Canada reached 3 113 000 tonnes in the 2018/2019 fertilizer year, up 6.4% from the previous year. This continued the trend observed in the first three quarters of the year of record high levels of urea shipments. This trend was driven by the Prairies, which accounted for 90.1% of Canadian urea shipments in the 2018/2019 fertilizer year. Conversely, urea shipments in the east were down 15.4% year over year.

These trends were consistent with shipments of nitrogen to Canadian agricultural markets, up 4.3% in the Prairies, and down 10.2% in the east. The increase in nitrogen shipments in the Prairies was further supported by similar year-over-year trends in the shipments of monoammonium phosphate (+8.3%), UAN (+16.6%) and urea (+9.5%).

Chart 1
Shipments of selected fertilizer products, along with nitrogen content, fourth quarter, by fertilizer year



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