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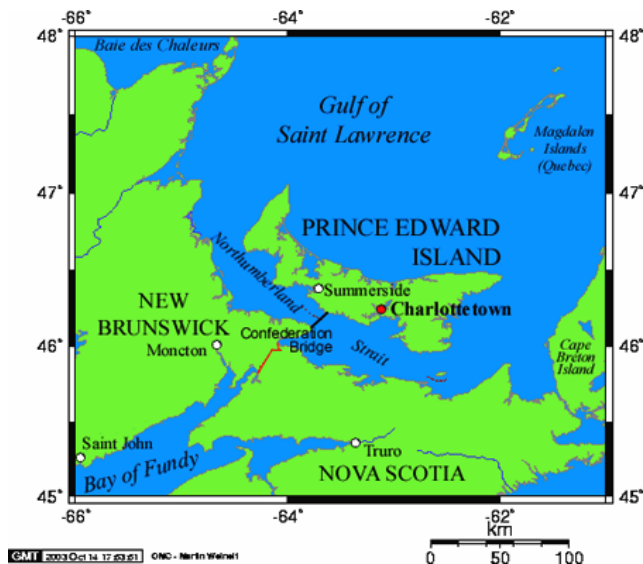
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# **SIMPLY, SUSTAINABLY, STRAW**



This is Molly Youngerman from the project that takes place in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. The project is about the resource straw and how it can be used in sustainable agriculture. The aim of the young people involved is to educate the public about new ways of sustainable agriculture that can be carried out now.





**Economy:** The provincial economy is dominated by the seasonal industries of agriculture, tourism, and the fishery. Agriculture remains the dominant industry in the provincial economy, as it has since colonial times, although potatoes have replaced mixed farming during the

20th century to become the leading cash crop - accounting for one-third of provincial farm income. The province currently accounts for a third of Canada's total potato production, producing approximately 1300 million kg annually; comparatively, the state of Idaho produces approximately 6200 million kg annually. PEI is a major producer of seed potatoes, exporting to more than 20 countries around the world. Tourism eclipsed the fishery in the latter half of the 20th century with over a million visitors entering the province each year to use beaches, golf courses, and visit local attractions and events. The province is less dependent on the ground fishery than the other Atlantic provinces, with fishing being dominated by shellfish harvesting - most notably lobster.

