

## **Bioproducts Development Survey**

[What is the Bioproducts Development Survey?](#)

[How was my business selected?](#)

[What type of information will be collected?](#)

[Is the information provided by businesses confidential?](#)

[How will the information be used?](#)

[Do I have to complete this survey?](#)

[When will the results be available?](#)

[How do I find out more information about the survey?](#)

[Questionnaire](#) (for information only)

### **What is the Bioproducts Development Survey?**

Statistics Canada is conducting this survey to produce a profile of firms engaged in the development or production of bioproducts in Canada. The survey focuses on the key characteristics and activities of firms that develop or produce bioproducts as part of their company's activity.

### **How was my business selected?**

Most firms are selected as part of a random sample [from the Business Registrar \(BR\)](#) to represent other firms engaged in the development or production of bioproducts with similar characteristics, such as size, employment, or revenue. Some other firms were selected because information was available about their involvement in the development or the production of bioproducts.

### **What type of information will be collected?**

Some of the topics on which information will be collected include use of biomass and development or production of bioproducts, benefits from developing or producing bioproducts, barriers to developing or producing bioproducts, firm characteristics, human resources in bioproducts development or production, firm financial profile, intellectual property, business practices, raising capital, government support programs and strategies used in 2003.

### **Is the information provided by businesses confidential?**

Yes. The Statistics Act contains very strict confidentiality provisions that protect collected information from unauthorized access. Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (formerly Revenue Canada), the RCMP and the courts do not have access to individual survey responses.

All Statistics Canada employees take an oath of secrecy and face severe penalties for any breach of confidentiality.

The confidentiality provisions in the Statistics Act override the public's right to access government documents under the federal Access to Information Act.

Statistics Canada takes special care to prevent statistics from being used to derive information about a particular company. The Agency carefully screens final results before releasing them to ensure the confidentiality of published information.

**How will the information be used?**

Bioproducts are an emerging sector of the Canadian economy and their impact has the potential to be felt through all parts of the Canadian society. An accurate understanding of bioproducts requires comprehensive data. Survey results may be used by businesses for economic or market analysis, by trade associations to study industry performance, government departments and agencies to assist policy formation, and by the academic community for research purposes.

**Do I have to complete this survey?**

The survey is mandatory. The survey feeds directly into legally mandated programs, so response is mandatory to ensure an adequate response rate and reliable results. Canadians need accurate and reliable information as the cornerstone of democratic decision-making. Through the [Statistics Act](#), Parliament has mandated Statistics Canada, as the national statistical agency to produce such information.

**When will the survey results be available?**

Results from the survey will be available early next year. At that time, there will be an announcement in [The Daily](#), Statistics Canada's official release bulletin, saying that the results have been released.

**How do I find out more information about the survey?**

If you have any questions, please phone 1-888-820-1169 or e-mail [sieidinfo@statcan.ca](mailto:sieidinfo@statcan.ca).