2018 Annual Mushroom Grower's Survey

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Introduction

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The purpose of this survey is to collect data on mushroom growing in Canada. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, other federal government departments, provincial governments, and producer associations use the data to analyze do nestic production trends and the varieties of mushrooms grown. Your information may also be used by Statistics Canada for other statistical and research purposes.

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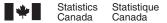
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В	susiness or organization and contact information
1.	Verify or provide the business or organization's legal and operating name and correct where needed.
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	Legal name	Operating name (if applicable)			
2.	Verify or provide the contact information of the designated by and correct where needed. Note: The designated contact person is the person who should receive this quest actually completes the questionnaire. First name				
	Title	Preferred language of communication English French			
	Mailing address (number and street)				
	, D' C				
	City	Province, territory or state			
	Postal code or ZIP code Example: A9A 9A9 or 12345-124				
	Country				

Email address

Example: user@example.gov.ca

Telephone number (including area code) Example: 123-123-1234 Fax number (including area code)

Extension number (if applicable)

Example: 123-123-1234

 Verify or provide the current operational status of the business or organization identified by the legal and operating name above. B000323 Operational → Go to question 4 					
Not currently operational e.g., temporarily or permanently closed, change of ownership					
Why is this business or organization not currently operational? B00309 2					
Seasonal operations → Go to question 3a					
Ceased operations → Go to question 3b					
Sold operations → Go to question 3c					
Amalgamated with other businesses or organizations → Go to question 3d					
⁶ Temporarily inactive but will re-open → Go to question 3e					
No longer operating due to other reasons → Go to question 3f					
3a. Seasonal operations					
When did this business or organization close for the season?					
YYYY MM DD					
Date B00217					
When does this business or organization expect to resume operations?					
B00218					
Date G to uestion 4					
3b. Ceased operations					
When did this business or organization so se operations?					
YNY MM DD					
Date B00211					
Why did this business or organization cease operations?					
¹ Bankruptcy					
² Liquidation					
³ Dissolution					
Other Specify the other reasons why the operations ceased B00312					

3c. Sold operations	
When was this business or organization sold?	
YYYY MM DD	
Date	
Duice	
What is the legal name of the buyer?	
B00406	→ Go to question 4
	y do to question 4
3d. Amalgamated with other businesses or organizations	
When did this business or organization amalgamate?	
YYYY MM DD	
Date Date	/
What is the legal name of the resulting or continuing business or organization?	
B00407	
	\sim
What are the legal names of the other amalgamated businesses or organization?	
	→ Go to question 4
, O' XO	
3e. Temporarily inactive but will re-open	
When did this business or organization become temporary inactive?	
YYYY MM DI	
Date	
When does this business or organization expect to resume operations?	
YYYY MM DO	
Date	
Why is this business or are the temperarily inactive?	
Why is this business or organization temporarily inactive?	
	→ Go to question 4
3f. No longer operating due to other reasons	
When did this business or organization cease operations?	
YYYY MM DD B00216	
Date	
Why did this business or organization cease operations?	
800314	

ote: The described activity was assigned using the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).
This is the current main activity Go to next section This is not the current main activity Provide a brief but precise description of this business or organization's main activity e.g., breakfast cereal manufacturing, shoe store, software development B05003
Vas this business or organization's main activity ever classified as:
Yes No → Go to next section
When did the main activity change? Particular of the main activity change? P
1 2 1

Sp	pecies of mushrooms grown				
1.	What species of mushrooms did this operation gro Mark all that apply	w in 2018?			
1	White Agaricus mushrooms i.e., white button				
1	Brown Agaricus mushrooms Include crimini and portabella. B05312_y23_dt21	uestion 2			
1	Specialty — shiitake i.e., Lentinula edodes				
1	1	Go to question 8			
f	Specialty — other				•
	OR 805312_y24		Ó	4 %	
Ī	Did not grow mushrooms in 2018 → Go to c	question 27)×		
Αç	garicus mushrooms – unit of measu	re			
2.	What unit of measure will be used to report growing	ng area and produc	tion	uantity of Agaricus mush	nrooms?
	Area	(O , \			
	B17048_y32 Square feet				
	² Square metres				
	Quantity				
	B40302_y32				
	Pounds				
	Kilograms				
W	hite Agaricus mushrooms - growing	area			
3.	In 2018, what was the total growing area and the Include: • beds, trays, tunnels and other types of production sys • all growing substrata such as composted straw, hay,	stems	ion cy	ycles for white Agaricus r	mushrooms?
	Example: 10,000 square feet of total growing area x 3 production cycles = 30,000 square feet of total harvested area	Total growing area		Number of production cycles	Total harvested area
	White Agaricus	B17046_y21	x	B10054_y21	B17047_y21

Br	own .	Agaricus mushrooms – growing	area		
4.	In 201	8, what was the total growing area for browe:	vn Agaricus mushrooms?		
		s, trays, tunnels and other types of production syst rowing substrata such as composted straw, hay, n			Total growing area
					B17046_y22
	Brown	n Agaricus			
5.	for bro	8, what was the percentage of the total grov own Agaricus mushrooms?		stion 4 and the number of	of production cycles
		do not produce a specific brown Agaricus variety li that variety.	sted below, please enter	Percentage of total growing area	Number of production cycles
				B17046_y22_dt41	B10054_y22_dt41
	a. B	rown Agaricus — crimini		%	
				B17046_y22_dt42	B10054_y22_dt42
	b. B	rown Agaricus — portabella			
			\bigcirc	B1,046_y22_dt90	B10054_y22_dt90
	c. O	other brown Agaricus		%	
Ac	aricu	us mushrooms — quantity sold a	and value of sales		
		8, what was the quantity of Agaricus mushro			
	Quanti	sh market quantity sold. Ity sold to processors includes canning, pickling a nushrooms were sold to co-operatives, wholesal rest estimate.		eed for either the fresh or programmer Quantity sold to processors	ocessing market, provide Total quantity sold
	a. W	White Agaricus	E60052_sc21_y21	E60052_sc22_y21	E60052_sc100_y21
	a. v	ville Agailous			
	b. B	Brown Agaricus — crimini	E60052_sc21_y22_dt41	E60052_sc22_y22_dt41	E60052_sc100_y22_dt41
			E60052 sc21 y22 dt42	E60052_sc22_y22_dt42	E60052_sc100_y22_dt42
	• D	travia A gariava — partshalla	L00002_5021_y22_u142	200002_5622_y22_u142	E00032_30100_y22_ut42
	c. B	Brown Agaricus — portabella			
			E60052_sc21_y22_dt90	E60052_sc22_y22_dt90	E60052_sc100_y22_dt90
	d. O	Other brown Agaricus			
			E60052_sc21_y22_dt100	E60052_sc22_y22_dt100	
		subtotal — brown Agaricus			E60052_sc100_y22_dt100
	,				E60052_sc100_y22_dt100
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			E60052_sc21_y31	E60052_sc22_y31	E60052_sc100_y22_dt100 E60052_sc100_y31
	т	otal — Agaricus	E60052_sc21_y31	E60052_sc22_y31	
	т	otal — Agaricus	E60052_sc21_y31	E60052_sc22_y31	

In 2018, what was the value of sales of Agaricus mushrooms to fresh market and to processors? Sales to fresh market includes farmers' markets, retailers, packers, brokers and restaurants. Include sales of dried mushrooms in the fresh market sales. Sales to processors **includes** canning, pickling and freezing. If the mushrooms were sold to co-operatives, wholesalers or packers, and might be used for either the fresh or processing market, provide your best estimate. Sales to Sales to **Total sales** fresh market processors (CAN\$) (CAN\$) (CAN\$) F43564_sc22_y21 F43564_sc21_y21 F43564_sc100_y21 .00 \$.00. .00 White Agaricus F43564_sc21_y22_dt41 F43564_sc22_y22_dt41 F43564_sc100_y22_dt41 .00 \$.00 .00 F43564_sc21_y22_dt42 F43564_sc22_y22_dt42 F43564_sc100_y22_dt42 .00 .00 Brown Agaricus — portabella F43564_sc21_y22_dt90 F43564_sc22_y22_dt90 F43564_sc100_y22_dt90 Other brown Agaricus00 .00 F43564_sc21_y22_dt100 F43564_sc22_y22_dt1 F43564_sc100_y22_dt100 Subtotal - brown Agaricus .00 .00 (b+c+d) F43564_sc21_y31 F43564_sc100_y31 .00 .00 Total — Agaricus If this operation grew specialty mushrooms in 2018, go to question 8 otherwise, go to question 21. Specialty mushrooms production systems e ation us for its specialty mushroom production in 2018? 8. What type of production system did this ONIC Mark all that apply. Specialty - Shiitake B15024_m21_y23_dt21 Bags B15024_m22_y23_dt21 Natural wood lo B15024_m23_y23_dt21 Forest floor Exclude wild mushrooms B15024_m90_y23_dt21 Other e.g., beds, shelves, trays and other types of production systems Specialty - Oyster B15024_m21_y23_dt22 Bags B15024_m22_y23_dt22 Natural wood logs

B15024_m23_y23_dt22 1
Forest floor Exclude wild mushrooms.
B15024_m90_y23_dt22
Other
e.g., beds, shelves, trays and other types of production systems
Specialty – other
B15024_m21_y23_dt90
Bags
B15024_m22_y23_dt90
Natural wood logs
B15024_m23_y23_dt90 1
Forest floor Exclude wild mushrooms.
B15024 m90 y23 dt90
1 Other
e.g., beds, shelves, trays and other types of production systems
Specialty mushrooms — unit of measure
9. What unit of measure will be used to report the dimensions of this operation's bays and natural wood logs?
B40303_m24_y23
¹ Feet
Metres
10. What unit of measure will be used to report the area of this operation's forest floor used for production?
B40303_m23_y23
Square feet
Square metres
³ Acres
Hectares
11. What unit of measure will be used to report the area of this operation's beds, shelves, trays and other types of
production systems?
B40303_m90_y23
Square feet
² Square metres
12. What unit of measure will be used to report production quantity of specialty mushrooms?
B40303_y23 1
Pounds
¹ Kilograms
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Specialty mushrooms — bags		
13. What was the number of bags and the number of production cycles for the Exclude natural wood logs, forest floor, beds, shelves, trays and other types of production the number of bags this operation has in production during a given production.	duction systems.	ushrooms in 2018?
	Number of bags	Number of production cycles
	B15021_m21_y23_dt21	B10054_m21_y23_dt21
a. Shiitake	B15021_m21_y23_dt22	B10054_m21_y23_dt22
b. Oyster	B15021_m21_y23_dt90	B10054_m21_y23_dt90
c. Other specialty mushrooms	5,002	3.000 []_20_000
14. What were the dimensions of a typical bag used in 2018?	, ,	
Estimate the dimensions when the bags are full of substratum. If the bag sizes vary, estimate the dimensions of an average production bag.	40%	
	Leag th B1502 m2 (y23 dt21	Width B15023_m21_y23_dt21
a. Shiitake	2	
b. Oyster	B15022_m21_y23_dt22	B15023_m21_y23_dt22
	B15022_m21_y23_dt90	B15023_m21_y23_dt90
c. Other specialty mushrooms		
Specialty mushrooms — ratural wood Nov		
15. What was the number of natural wood logs and the number of production mushrooms in 2018? Exclude bags, forest floor bads, shelves trave and other types of production system		g specialty
Estimate the number or natural wood logs this operation has in production during a g	given production cycle.	
	Number of natural wood logs	Number of production cycles
a. Shiitake	B15021_m21_y23_dt21	B10054_m21_y23_dt21
	B15021_m21_y23_dt22	B10054_m21_y23_dt22
b. Oyster	B15021_m21_y23_dt90	B10054_m21_y23_dt90
c. Other specialty mushrooms		

What were the dimensions of a typical natural woo If the log sizes vary, estimate the dimensions of an average.)			
			Length		Width
			B15022_m22_y23_dt21		B15023_m22_y23_dt21
a. Shiitake					
			B15022_m22_y23_dt22		B15023_m22_y23_dt22
b. Oyster					
			B15022_m22_y23_dt90		B15023_m22_y23_dt90
c. Other specialty mushrooms					
Specialty mushrooms – forest floor					
				_	
 In 2018, what was the total growing area and the Include only the forest floor area used for mushroom pro 		ion cy	cles for the following	ig spec	cialty mushrooms?
Exclude bags, natural wood logs, beds, shelves, trays ar Example: 10,000 square feet of total growing area x 3 pr				ted are	a
		0		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
	Total growing area	11	Number of production cycles		Total harvested area
	B17046_m23_y23_dt21	,	510754_n 23_y/s_dt21		B17047_m23_y23_dt21
a. Shiitake		X		=	
	B179.0_1.93_), 3_dt22		B10054_m23_y23_dt22	_	B17047_m23_y23_dt22
b. Oyster	$\langle \mathcal{O}, \mathcal{A} \rangle$	X		=	
	B17046_m23_y27_dt90	Х	B10054_m23_y23_dt90	=	B17047_m23_y23_dt90
c. Other specialty mushrooms					
Specialty mushrooms — beds. shelves	, trays and oth	er ty	pes of produc	tion	systems
18. In 2018, what was the total growing are a and the Exclude bags, natural wood logs and forest floor. Example: 10,000 square leet of total growing area x 3 pr					
1120,	Total		Number of		Total
	growing area		production cycles		harvested area
	B17046_m90_y23_dt21		B10054_m90_y23_dt21		B17047_m90_y23_dt21
a. Shiitake		X		=	
	B17046_m90_y23_dt22	v	B10054_m90_y23_dt22		B17047_m90_y23_dt22
b. Oyster		X		=	
011	B17046_m90_y23_dt90	X	B10054_m90_y23_dt90	=	B17047_m90_y23_dt90
c. Other specialty mushrooms					

Spe	ecialty mushrooms — quantity sold	and value of	sales				
	n 2018, what was the quantity of specialty mushro Quantity sold to fresh market includes farmers' markets, he fresh market quantity sold. Quantity sold to processors includes canning, pickling and f the mushrooms were sold to co-operatives, wholesaler your best estimate.	retailers, packers, b	rokers and	d restaurants. Incl	ude sales		
		Quantity sold to fresh market		Quantity sold to processors		Total quantity sold	ı
	Q1 ''' 1	E60052_sc21_y23_dt21		E60052_sc22_y23_dt21		E60052_sc100_y23_dt21	
	a. Shiitake	E60052_sc21_y23_dt22		E60052_sc22_y23_dt22		E60052_sc100_y23_dt22	
	o. Oyster						
	c. Other specialty mushrooms	E60052_sc21_y23_dt90		E60052_sc22_y23_dt90		E60052_sc100_y23_dt90	
	, ,	E60052_sc21_y23_dt100	_	E6 052_sc22_y23_dt100	0	E60052_sc100_y23_dt100	4
	Total — specialty mushrooms		Q	2),	_	_
:	n 2018, what was the value of sales of specialty resales to fresh market includes farmers' markets, retailers he fresh market sales. Sales to processors includes canning, pickling and freeze the mushrooms were sold to co-operatives, wholesalers provide your best estimate.	s, packers, brokers a ing.	ld restav	ar s. la lude sale	es of dried		
		fresh market (C4.N\$) \$43564_801_y23_dt21		processors (CAN\$) F43564_sc22_y23_dt21		(CAN\$) F43564_sc100_y23_dt21	
	a. Shiitake\$		00 \$.00	\$.00
	O. Oyster\$	F43564_sc21_y23_dt22	00 \$	F43564_sc22_y23_dt22	.00	F43564_sc100_y23_dt22	.00
	14, V	F43564_sc21_y23_dt90		F43564_sc22_y23_dt90		F43564_sc100_y23_dt90	
	c. Other specialty houshrooms \$	F43564_sc21_y23_dt100	00 \$	F43564_sc22_y23_dt100	.00	\$ F43564_sc100_y23_dt100	.00
	Total – specialty mushrooms \$		00 \$.00	\$.00
Org	anic production		-		-		-
	Does this operation produce any organic mushro	oms for sale?					
1	Yes, certified organic						
2	Yes, but not certified						
3	No						

22. What percentage of this operation's mushroom production was certified organic in 2018?
Percentage
E45203
%
23. With which certifying agency is your operation registered?
Atlantic Certified Organic Co-operative Limited (ACO)
British Columbia Association for Regenerative Agriculture (BCARA)
³ CCOF Certification Services, LLC (CCOF)
² Centre for Systems Integration (CSI)
Consorzio per il Controllo dei Prodotti Biologici Società a respnsabilità limitata (CCPBSRI
⁶ Ecocert Canada
Fraser Valley Organic Producers Association (FVOPA)
⁸ Global Organic Alliance
9 International Certification Services Incorporated (ICS)
10 LETIS S A
Oregon Tilth Incorporated (OTCO)
Organic Certifiers
Organic Crop Improvement Association (CCIA)
Organic Producers Association of Manitoba Co-operative Incorporated (OPAM)
Organisme de Cartification Québer Vrai (OCQV)
Pacific Agricultural Certification Society (PACS)
Pro-Cert Organic Systems Ltd. (Pro-Cert)
Quality Assurance International Incorporated (QAI)
Quality Certification Services (QCS)
TransCanada Organic Certification Services (TCO Cert)
Other Specify other agency 805253_nc322

As	set	ts	
24.		2018, what was the total value of assets used for all mushroom production on this operation? te: Report at current market value.	Value of assets (CAN\$)
	a.	Total value of land (leased or owned) used for mushroom production Note: Report at current market value.	\$.00
	b.	Total value of all buildings used for mushroom production Include bed structures, heating and cooling equipment. Note: Report at current market value.	F10003_ac21
	C.	Total value of machinery and equipment used for mushroom production Include machinery for harvesting, substratum preparation, bed preparation, etc.	F10003_ac23 \$.00
La	boı	ur	
25.		2018, what was the total number of employees for all mushroom production on this operation.	Number
	a.	Total number of full-time employees i.e., working 25 or more hours per week	E00056_y41
	b.	Total number of part-time employees i.e., working less than 25 hours per week	E00030_342
26.	• p	2018, what were the total labour costs for all mushroon production on this operation? ude: aid members of your family nanagement salaries Il benefits paid on behalf of employees i.e., medical, pension plans, s.c. Total labour cost 191548	



Area in crops		
28. What area of this operation is used for the following crops? Report the areas only once , even if used for more than one crop type.		
Exclude land used by others.	Area	Unit of measure
		B17032_p1
	B17031_p1	¹ Acres
		⁵ Hectares
a. Field crops		² Arpents
		B17032_p2
	B17031_p2	¹ Acres
	B11001_p2	⁵ Hectares
b. Hay		² Arpents
		B17032_p3
	B17031_p3	¹ Acres
	Б17001_ро	5 Hectares
c. Summerfallow		² Arpents
		B17032_p4
		1 Acres
	BJ 031_p4	⁵ Hectares
d. Potatoes		² Arpents
		B17032_p5
, C		1 Acres
4	B1703 05	5 Hectares
e. Fruit, berries and nuts	. ()	² Arpents
e. Fruit, berries and nuts f. Vegetables		B17032_p6
		1 Acres
	B17031_p6	5 Hectares
f. Vegetables		² Arpents
i. vegetables		
		B17032_p7 1
	B17031_p7	5 Hectares
g. Sod		² Arpents
g. <u>300</u>		·
Who Kho		B17032_p8
11, 0,	B17031_p8	Acres
		riectares
h. Nursery products		² Arpents
Greenhouse area		
	Total area	Unit of measure
	Total alea	
	B17033	B17034 7 Square feet
29. What is the total area under glass, plastic or other protection use	ed	Square reer
for growing plants?		⁸ Square metres

Livestock — excluding birds	
30. How many of the following animals are on this operation? Report all animals on this operation, regardless of ownership , including those that are boarded, custom-fed or fed under contract. Include all animals kept by this operation, regardless of ownership, that are pastured on a community pasture , grazing co-op or public land. Exclude animals owned but kept on a farm, ranch or feedlot operated by someone else.	Number
	E44117_p10
a. Cattle and calves	E44117_p11
b. Pigs	
	E44117_p12
c. Sheep and lambs	E44117_p13
d. Mink	
e. Fox	E44117_p14
Birds	
31. How many of the following birds are on this operation? Report all poultry on this operation, regardless of ownership , including those grown under contract. Include poultry for sale and poultry for personal use. Exclude poultry owned but kept on an operation operated by someone else.	
Exolute pountly owned but rept on an operation operation by dominant close.	Number
a. Hens and chickens	E44117_p15
b. Turkeys	E44117_p16
Maple taps	
	Total number of taps
	B45121
32. What was the total number of taps made on maple trees last spring?	

Honey bees Number of colonies B45122 How many live colonies of honey bees (used for honey production or pollination) are owned by this operation? Include bees owned, regardless of location. **Mushrooms** Unit of measure Total area B17032_p19 MFORMATION COPALPO MFORMATION CO B17031_p19 Square feet 34. What is the total growing area (standing footage) for mushrooms? Square metres Include mushrooms grown using beds, trays, tunnels or logs.

Ch	anges or events
35.	Indicate any changes or events that affected the reported values for this business or organization compared with the last reporting period.
	Mark all that apply.
	B00302_t1
	Strike or lock-out
	B00302_t2
	Exchange rate impact
	B00302_t3
	Price changes in goods or services sold
	B00302_t4 Contracting out
	B00302_t5
	Organisational change
	B00302_16
	Price changes in labour or raw materials
	B00302_t7
	Natural disaster
	B00302_t8
	Recession
	B00302_t9 Channe in product line
	Change in product line
	Sold business units
	800302_t11
	Expansion
	B00302_t12
	New / lost contract
	B00302_t13
	Plant closures
	800302_t14
	Acquisition of business units
	Other changes or events – specify.
	B00302_t16
	OR
	B00302_t17
	No changes or events

Co	ontact person
36.	Statistics Canada may need to contact the person who completed this questionnaire for further information.
	If the contact person is the same as on cover page, please check → Go to "Feedback"
	Otherwise, who is the best person to contact about this questionnaire?
	First name
	Last name
	Title
	Email address (Example: user@example.gov.ca)
	Telephone number (including area code) Extension number (if applicable) Example: 123-123-1234 (if applicable) Example: 123-123-1234
Fe	edback
37.	Hours Minutes How long did it take to complete this questionnaire? Include the time spent gathering the necessary information
	How long did it take to complete this questionnaire? Include the time spent gathering the necessary in ormation. We invite your comments about this questionnaire.
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General information

Confidentiality

Your answers are confidential.

By law, Statistics Canada is prohibited from releasing any information it collects that could identify any person, business, or organization, unless consent has been given by the respondent, or as permitted by the *Statistics Act*. Statistics Canada will use the information from this survey for statistical purposes only.

Data-sharing agreements

To reduce respondent burden, Statistics Canada has entered into data-sharing agreements with provincial and territorial statistical agencies and other government organizations, which have agreed to keep the data confidential and use them only for statistical purposes. Statistics Canada will only share data from this survey with those organizations that have demonstrated a requirement to use the data.

Section 11 of the Statistics Act provides for the sharing of information with provincial and territorial statistical agencies that meet certain conditions. These agencies must have the legislative authority to collect the same information, on a mandatory basis, and the legislation must provide substantially the same provisions for confidentiality and penalties for disclosure of confidential information as the Statistics Act. Because these agencies have the legal authority to compel businesses to provide the same or information, consent is not requested and businesses may not object to the sharing of the data.

For this survey, there are **Section 11** agreements with the provincial statistical agencies of Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. The shared data will be limited to information pertaining to business establishments located within the jurisdiction of the respective province.

Section 12 of the *Statistics Act* provides for the sharing of information with federal, provincial or territorial government organizations. Under **Section 12**, you may refuse to share your information with any of these organizations by writing a letter of objection to the Chief Statistician and returning it with the completed questionnaire. Please specify the organizations with which you do not want to share your data.

For this survey, there is a **Section 12** agreement with the Prince Edward Island statistical agency.

For agreements with provincial and territorial government organizations, the shared data will be limited to information pertaining to business establishments located within the jurisdiction of the respective province or territory.

Record linkages

To enhance the data from this survey and to reduce the reporting burden, Statistics Canada may combine the acquired data with information from other surveys or folload ministrative sources.

Thank you for completing this questionnaire.

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