

2 Mycotoxins and food security survey - Food processors

Sir, Madam,

Still today, mould and mycotoxin contamination remains one of the principal causes of food and feed losses. With the present survey, we wish to collect information in order to help researchers and policy makers find workable solutions.

Consent Form

The purpose of this survey is to collect information from people who are working in the food chain process. In particular, the questions will investigate food security aspects and techniques locally applied to assess, contain and avoid mould and mycotoxins presence. The surveys are drafted and disseminated by a Scientific Network composed of food security scientific experts. The participation in this survey is voluntary. The on-line survey will take you approximately 15 min. Your answers will be treated as confidential, be anonymised and will respect your privacy. Identifying information is confidential and all collected data will be stored in a password protected electronic format for a maximum period of six months.



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Electronic consent. Select your choice: By clicking on the AGREE button you declare that you are voluntarily participating, you are at least 18 years of age and you have understood the above information.

- agree
- disagree

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Gender?

- female
- male
- prefer not to say
- Other:

Do you process crops? What types do you process?

- groundnuts
- maize
- rice
- sorghum
- soybeans
- cassava
- sunflowers
- millet
- peanuts
- cowpea
- other roots and tubers
- no, I do not
- Other:

Where is your headquarter located (country, region)?

Your answer



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What is the size of your business/enterprise?

- family business
- small enterprise (10-50 workers)
- medium enterprise (50-250 workers)
- big enterprise (>250 workers)
- micro enterprise (<10 workers)
- Other:

Where is your business/enterprise located? (Country, region)

Your answer

What is the average annual quantity of crop/product you manage?

- 1-5 tons
- 5-25 tons
- 25-100 tons
- 100 -1000 tons
- > 1000 tons
- Other:



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Do you test the presence of mycotoxins in the crop/product you manage?

- yes
- no
- occasionally
- I am following the regional/national food safety guidelines
- I apply a company protocol for the control of mycotoxin contamination
- I do not know

Do you check for mycotoxins in your product/crop during the storage period?

- no
- yes
- occasionally
- I am following the regional/national food safety guidelines
- I apply a company protocol for the control of mycotoxin contamination
- I do not know
- Other:



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If yes, on the product/crop, how many mycotoxin tests do you do in a year?

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- >3
- I am following the regional/national food safety guidelines
- it depends by the annual needs
- Other:

How do you minimize contaminations/diseases in the crops/products you manage?

- pre-harvest control systems
- post-harvested control systems
- cleaning systems at storage
- aerate storage
- cleaned and disinfected cargo/transport systems
- protected storage (from birds, insects, rodents)
- temperature storage control systems
- Other:

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Do you know about Mycotoxin contamination legal limits in your country?

- yes
- no
- other
- Other:

What mycotoxin tests do you do?

- aflatoxins group (AFLA)
- deoxynivalenol (DON)
- ochratoxin A (OTA)
- fumonisin group (FUM)
- zeralenone (ZEN)
- fumonisin B1
- I do not know
- aflatoxin B1
- Other:



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What do you do with contaminated products?

- destroy
- use for feed production
- use for food production
- use for other purposes
- not used
- left in the fields
- Other:

Do you collect information about mycotoxin presence?

- yes
- no
- occasionally
- I don't know
- yes, according to the national food guideline and program
- yes, according to internal guidelines
- yes, on voluntary base
- Other:



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Do you have an internal audit for mycotoxin presence?

- yes
- no
- occasionally
- I don't know
- may be
- I am the responsible person
- Other:

Do you have direct links or contacts with regional or national food authority?

- yes
- no
- occasionally
- I am not in charge of
- yes, I am the responsible person
- Other:

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Would you like to receive additional information about systems to reduce the presence of mycotoxins in the crops/products you manage?

- yes
- no
- may be
- Other:

How would you like to get additional information about mycotoxins?

- web
- radio
- personal contacts
- training course
- books, press
- e-mail
- mobile phone
- Other:

In which language do you prefer to receive information?

- English
- French
- Portuguese
- local language



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Do you feel the need to improve the safety measurements for mycotoxins in your company?

- yes
- no
- occasionally
- may be
- Other:

In your opinion, do mycotoxins have an impact on human health? (0=no; 5=yes)

	0	1	2	3	4	5	
no impact	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	high impact

In your opinion, do mycotoxins have an impact on animal health? (0=no; 5=yes)

	0	1	2	3	4	5	
no impact	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	high impact

From your point of view, to what extent are people of your community sensitive to mycotoxins? (0=no; 5=yes)

	0	1	2	3	4	5	
not sensitive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	very sensitive

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In your opinion, do mycotoxins have a financial impact on the company business?
(0=no; 5=yes)

0 1 2 3 4 5

no impact high impact

Are mycotoxin tests expensive?

- yes
- no
- maybe
- I don't know
- Other:

Are there any advantages if you test for the presence of mycotoxins?

- yes
- no
- maybe
- I don't know
- Other:

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