

# 2021 Organic Sector Survey / Enquête sur le secteur biologique

## Certification

### Question 26

- **How extensive do you think the impact of fraud is on the organic industry in Canada?**
- **À votre avis, quelle est l'ampleur de la fraude dans l'industrie biologique au Canada?**

Answer Choices/ Responses

Very extensive / Très répandue: **11.67% (30)**

Extensive / Répandue: **18.29% (47)**

Somewhat extensive / Assez répandue: **31.13% (80)**

Not so extensive/ Peu répandue: **19.46% (50)**

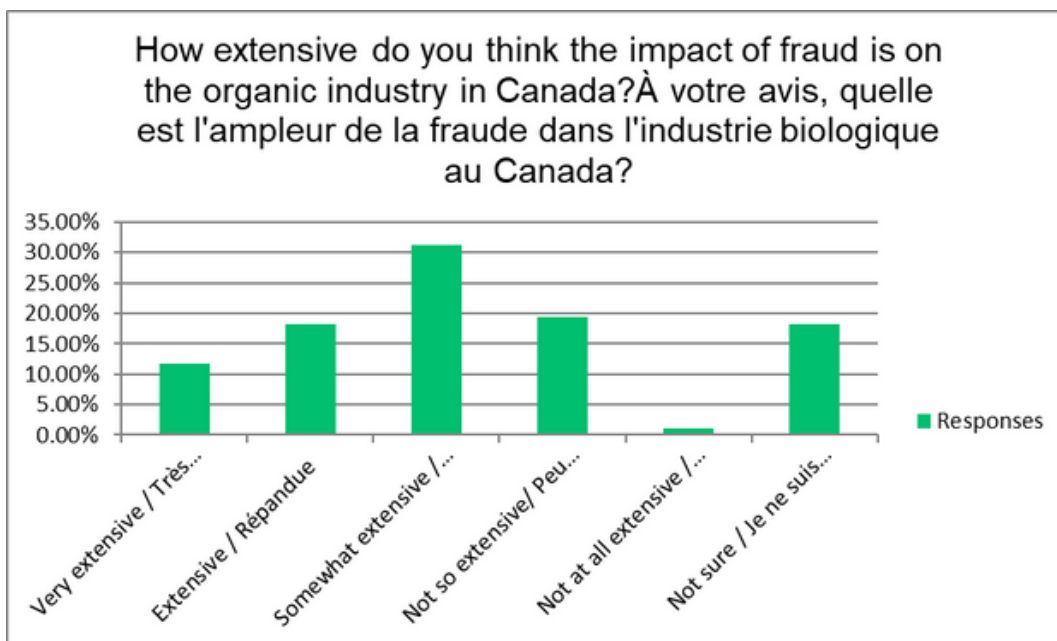
Not at all extensive / Aucunement répandue: **1.17% (3)**

Not sure / Je ne suis pas certain: **18.29% (47)**

Comments / Commentaires: **22**

Answered/ Ont répondu: **257**

Skipped/ N'ont pas répondu: **562**



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### Comments / Commentaires

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- I am concerned mainly about import products.
- Peu rependue mais ça fait mal à l'image du bio si ça devient connue
- It almost doesn't matter how extensive the problem is, it is the perception that certified organic is meaningless.
- heard of it more in the US and our prices are dictated by US prices
- I am especially skeptical of organic claims on products from overseas.
- Principalement au niveau des produits importés
- I don't know how extensive it is, but I want our regulators to be dilligent.
- Hard to compete against conventional products from China and turkey that magically transform into organic products at repacked in Chile or mexico
- I think our system has strong checks and a high degree of integrity. If fraud is occuring it is harming the honest people so it is important to prevent fraud and apply severe consequences if/when fraud is found out.
- We really don't see it in our area
- Organic producers I know are trustworthy, corporations I don't know but they are in it for the money, not the principle.
- It's hard to answer this question however I gather than so-called organic imports can be a major problem eroding the reputation of the organic sector overall. Locally there will always be cheaters but I have no idea how extensive that is.
- Real Organic Project in USA
- why would I as a consumer purchase organic products at a higher price point if those guys are "beyond organic" and half the price.
- It leads to speculation and discredits the majority of honest producers.
- Unsure
- I don't blame them! It is onerous and expensive to become certified. If you grow organically, and market your product as organically grown, it's true. A certificate makes no difference.

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- Unfortunately fraud is shaping the organic landscape and increased compliance scrutiny increases costs of good sold
- Les niveaux de fraude peuvent varier selon les secteurs. Elle est certainement plus répandue dans certains domaines que dans d'autres.
- écomme partout, il y a toujours des gens pour profiter sur le dos des autres
- It would be so nice to know! Very concerned that it's extensive but hoping that it's not.
- More concerned about the lack of focus on conventional farming.