



**American  
Forest & Paper  
Association**

*Office of the President*

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Dear AF&PA Members and Paper Industry Contacts:

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is currently contacting pulp, paper and board producers to update the sample of goods and services comprising the monthly Producer Price Index (PPI). The PPI program tracks prices for most goods and services produced in the United States and all indexes are available for free online at [www.bls.gov/ppi](http://www.bls.gov/ppi). PPI data for the industry have been published monthly since 1947.

The quality of PPI data depends on businesses responding to the PPI survey. If your company is asked to volunteer, you or a colleague need only contribute a few minutes per month to provide information on a selection of your company's transactions. All data is used by the BLS for statistical purposes only and in aggregated form, so no individual company is identifiable. Please see <http://www.bls.gov/respondents/ppi/home.htm> for more information about participating in the survey.

Companies that participate in the survey will be assigned a BLS economist who can answer your questions about PPI data and also assist with reporting prices. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Donna".

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