As the BioPreferred® Program celebrates 20 years as the Federal Government’s **official advocate and market accelerator for biobased products**, we look back on a variety of milestones and accomplishments.

**The USDA BioPreferred Program is Introduced!**
First introduced in the 2002 Farm Bill and reauthorized in 2018. It requires federal agencies and contractors to give purchasing preference to biobased products.

**A.K.A**
In the Farm Bill, the Program was referred to as the “Biobased Markets Program.” Today, it’s more commonly known as The USDA BioPreferred Program.

Since 2006, we have hosted training sessions for federal procurement professionals, providing educational guidance to over 10,000 people.

BioPreferred Program team has attended **200+ industry related conferences and events.**

**4 Economic Impact Reports Released** (2015, 2016, 2019, 2021)

In FY2022 alone, the team reviewed more than **425 federal solicitations**, looking for the inclusion of Clause 52.223-2 Affirmative Procurement of Biobased Products in Service and Construction Contracts. It requires contractors to purchase biobased products and to report those purchases for the previous fiscal year.

Number of federal contracts in FY2021 that reported the use of biobased products: **2,119**

In FY 2021, contractors reported **$76.12MM** in biobased product purchasing activities in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov).

Of the 200 product categories in our catalog, **139** are designated for federal purchasing preference.

Total number* of USDA Certified Biobased Products in our catalog – **6,200+**

Total number* of companies with certified products – **1,250+**

Total number* of product categories in our catalog (including certification-only categories) – **200+**

Total number* of products in catalog eligible for federal purchasing preference – **7,000+**

*As of June 2022