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## PLANT-BASED DIMINISHES AMID Sustainable and Healthy Products

Grocers are carefully considering what products will attract shoppers' attention as they fight against rising prices, making on-trend items especially important. Health and sustainability remain at the forefront of consumer interest, and selections that can tap into these interests without breaking the bank are well-positioned to succeed.

The ESG (environmental, social, and governance) standards of product manufacturers are currently top of mind, and it's affecting what appears on shoppers' grocery lists. Mintel found that 27% of shoppers are reducing their meat consumption and 17% are lowering their dairy intake, leading to an increased interest in products that are both ethically sourced and healthier.

Grocery Doppio found that 71% of grocers cite sustainability as a key priority in 2023, with 43% saying a senior executive is leading the effort. More than a third (37%) of shoppers are willing to pay a premium of up to 17% for sustainable choices, which opens up opportunities for some higher-end versions. These shoppers also want to see product information related to sustainability efforts on shelf labels and digital channels, along with other information.

More than 63% of U.S. adults are interested in clean labels that have fewer, more recognizable ingredients, according to IFT. Consumers want to understand what they're eating, as well as the impact it has on the environment, and more people than ever are paying attention to the labels on the products they buy.

"Consumers are looking for CPG brands to be transparent about what their products are made of, as well as what the brand stands for," said Stephanie Hunter, Brand Manager at Egglife Foods. "Having clear nutrition statements, clear brand stories, and

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clear values will be a must to win with the modern shopper. CPG brands must remember that consumers have countless options every time they enter a grocery store, and they will be looking to purchase brands they can feel good about.”

## Plant-based Withers (a Bit)

Plant-based superfoods could thrive in this environment. NielsenIQ found that superfood sales grew 22% to \$36 billion through late 2022, and the trend is likely to carry on through 2023. Sales of food and drinks made with ancient grains grew 29% to \$57.8 billion during the same period, and sales of those products containing sprouted ingredients were up 36% to \$588.7 million.

Plant-based substitutes may not be the answer, however, to this demand. A study by Datassential found that these products are being challenged by perceptions of processing, which undermines their healthy reputation, contributing to 31% of U.S. users stopping their purchases of meat alternatives, while another 35% have reduced their purchases.

Additionally, the technology behind these items may be impacting their popularity. Even though 57% of consumers say they're open to trying technology-driven products, 28% are extremely concerned about bioengineered foods; 25% feel that way about cultured meat; 23% about cellular



Products that avoid fears of being over-processed but tap into the meat-alternative interests of these shoppers have a chance to thrive.

## Indulgence Endures

Health is not the only thing on shoppers' minds, and indulgent products have their place. Mintel found that 27% of consumers are eating more salty snacks in 2023 compared to the prior year. The biggest demographics for this trend are millennials (47%), parents (46%), and those who work from home at least some of the time (42%). An example of this trend can be seen in cheese grab-and-go snack kits, with sales up 3.6%.

Additionally, time-strapped consumers are looking for products that can provide a meal in a hurry. Currently, 17% of people purchase deli prepared foods at least once a week (up from 11% last year) according to FMI. Frozen items are also popular, with the largest categories being handheld, waffles, and breakfast entrées, according to IRI.

The number of shoppers regularly going to the deli for lunch rose to 21% from 13%, according to FMI. Products that can offer additional options for easy meals could stand out as an alternative to waiting for a sandwich to be made.

Tying this all together is a shift toward private label products in general. Oliver Wyman found that 83% of shoppers have adjusted their shopping behavior due to economic conditions, and about a third have shifted toward more private labels as a result. Naturally, this shift has come at the cost of interest in national brands. Retailers may be looking for brand partners who can tap into the above trends to help them offer their own alternatives.



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dairy; and 16% about plant-based proteins, according to a survey by The Hartman Group.

That's not to say these products will go away altogether. Globally, two-thirds of consumers are still extremely or very interested in plant-based protein, according to HealthFocus. Additionally, 25% say plant protein is more important to their diet than it was a year ago. Some people may be shying away, but there is still some interest.

Manufacturers shouldn't forget that many consumers looking to cut out meat are focused on specific eating habits. According to Datassentials, 29% of consumers belong to one of four "meat limiter" segments:

- Flexitarians, who occasionally eat animal-based products
- Pescatarians, who consume fish but not meat or poultry
- Vegetarians, who do not eat meat, poultry, fish, or seafood
- Vegans, who do not eat any animal products, including dairy and eggs



# Spices and Seeds Rise to the Top as Healthy Ingredients



Health has been top-of-mind for years now, but over time some ingredients fade out of the spotlight while others rise to take their place.

Cinnamon is already a common ingredient in many settings, but it can potentially enhance the health halo of foods to which it is added. The spice is rich in antioxidants and has anti-inflammatory, anti-cancer, and antimicrobial properties. Additionally, studies have suggested that cinnamon can help promote healthy blood sugar levels, particularly when eaten in conjunction with other strategies that help control blood sugar.

The spice also has another benefit when used in deserts in that it can make foods taste sweeter than they actually are. The inclusion of cinnamon can help create products with lower sugar content than they might normally require, further improving health claims.

Garlic, including garlic powder, is another mainstay ingredient with some health claims. Garlic supplements have been shown to help reduce blood pressure and cholesterol levels and stimulate the immune system, and at least one review found that compounds in garlic have immunomodulating, anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, and antiviral properties. Garlic won't make an item healthy on its own, but it can add flavor to other healthy snacks while providing its own benefits.



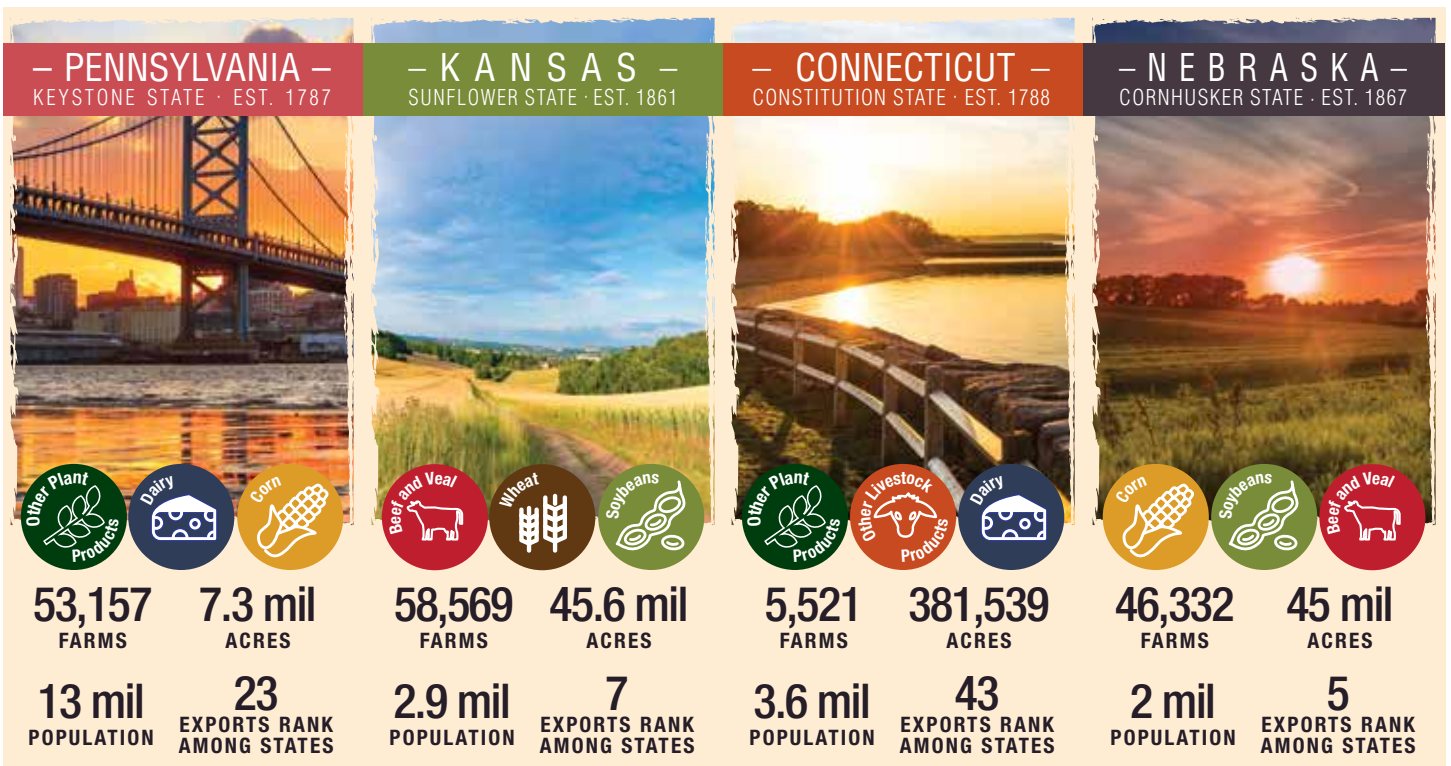
A less common but still potentially interesting healthy ingredient is seeds. Hemp, chia, and flaxseed in particular have gained some interest as potential health foods, and they can make natural complements to savory snacks.

Hemp seeds are known for their high protein content, at 10 grams per three tablespoons. They also contain high amounts of omega-3 fatty acids and magnesium, a mineral that helps regulate heart rhythm, blood sugar, blood pressure, sleep cycles, and stress response.

Chia seeds pack lots of fiber and calcium as well as several other vitamins, minerals, and ALA omega-3 fats. They also have the unusual attribute of holding 12 times their weight in water, which has led to people eating significantly less in studies where they consumed a chia-enhanced snack.

Flaxseed can contribute to heart health. One analysis of 15 studies found that the ingredient can help lower blood pressure and offer fiber and omega-3s to help lower inflammation and bolster the body's defenses against heart disease and other chronic health conditions. This ingredient should be used ground, rather than whole, to make absorption easier and draw out its health benefits.

## Featured U.S. Midwest & Northeast State Profiles



# news briefs

**Americans consumed 20.5 lbs. of seafood per capita in 2021, rising 1.5 lbs. when compared to 2020.** According to the National Fisheries Institute, the increase followed a slight drop in 2020, when Americans decreased their seafood intake by 0.3 lb., reported *Seafood Source*.

**It's the summer of the popsicle, with wild flavors popping up across the U.S.** And according to *Bloomberg*, dairy-free popsicles rule the realm of frozen desserts, whether fruit-based treats or vegan pops made with nondairy milks.

**Private label is beginning to win food and beverage brand wars.** Studies show that more consumers are willing to change brand affinity as prices increase even as brands report robust profits. It's a big shift in consumer behavior, as inflation leaves its imprint on F&B, reported *Forbes*.



## Candy and snack food thrive during difficult financial times.

"Indulgence is winning," said Sally Lyons Wyatt, vice president and practice leader at Circana (formerly IRI).

*Supermarket News* reported that about half of consumers snack at least three times per day and that consumers don't think negatively about indulgent snacks.

**Plant-based meat is predicted to rebound as it gets cheaper and tastier.** PlantPlus Foods CEO John Pinto said his company, a joint venture between Marfrig Global Foods and Archer-Daniels-Midland Co., sees global sales of plant-based food surging to \$30 billion in a decade, reported *Bloomberg*.

**The plant-based seafood category could see a CAGR of 28.5% through 2029.** A report from Data Bridge Market Research noted growth may be driven by the rising popularity of veganism alongside growing interest in environmental, health, and animal welfare issues, reported *Vegconomist*.

**Alternative milks remain the darling of plant-based growth.** These products are leading the category in both sales and household penetration. Record high dairy inflation and a steady stream of new alternatives, however, are slowing product movement.

**Olive oil prices are at a quarter-century high, and they're expected to stay there.** *CNBC* reported that the drought in Spain has ravaged olive farmers in an extremely dry growing season that has produced an olive crop 50% less than the usual output.



**Meanwhile, more than 80% of industry executives say they plan to increase private brand investments moderately or significantly in the next two years.** At the same time, only 10% of executives said their organizations are "very far along" with innovation, indicating opportunities for growth, according to a new report from FMI.

**A recent survey found that, amid inflation, 62% of Americans view healthy food as "a luxury."** As a result, most of those health-conscious shoppers are on the hunt for discounts.



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Lansing, Michigan

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## The Karma Sauce Company

*Rochester, New York*

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**Dairy Products Inc.**

*Eden Prairie, Minnesota*

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**Plenus Group**

*Lowell, Massachusetts*

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