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FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING TO EAT

# Expo West Updates and Highlights

## Show Floor Hours:

Wednesday 10:00am - 6:00pm  
Thursday 10:00am - 6:00pm  
Friday 10:00am - 2:00 pm

## Buyer-Only Hours:

Wednesday, March 4  
9:00am – 10:00am  
(ACC Level 3 & North Halls)

Thursday, March 5  
9:00am – 10:00am  
(ACC Halls A-E & Arena)



## New Pavilions

- Snack Lab (ACC Level 3)  
Taste and Rate attendee experience
- Launch Pad (ACC Arena)  
Emerging Brands

## Arena Makeover

- Accelerator Meeting Space
- Hosted Buyer Lounge
- New Hope Café



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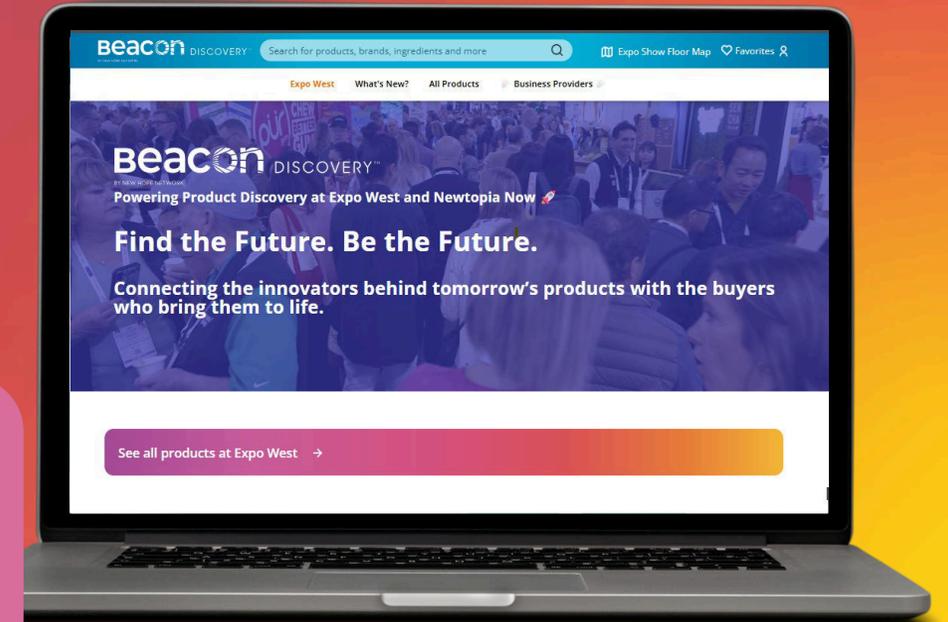


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Beacon Discovery connects buyers and brands at Expo West and year-round through smart, targeted visibility that turns missed encounters into meaningful partnerships.



**2500+**

**Retailers**  
Use Beacon

**30,000+**

**Products**  
On Beacon

**5900+**

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August 18-20th, 2026

Newtopia Now is *the* destination for new product innovation and can't-miss discovery opportunities. It connects CPG brands—whether launching for the first time or expanding their product line—with buyers, investors, and experts who provide insights and explore opportunities in an intimate setting. Newtopia Now is where conscious products grow.

Learn more at the Newtopia Now Meetup on Thursday, March 5, in the new Arena Accelerator Meetup Space.

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# Today's Presenters



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Content & Insights Director  
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**Kathryn Peters**  
Head of Industry Relations  
SPINS



**Nick McCoy**  
Co-Founder & Managing Director  
Whipstitch Capital



**Kevin Liebrock**  
Product Director  
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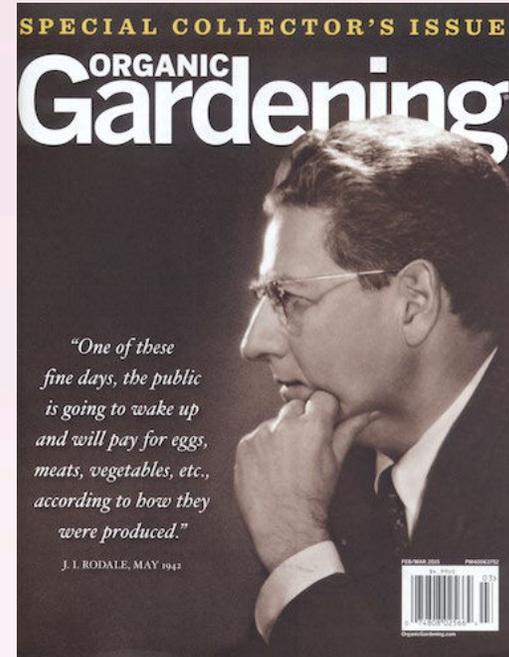
# It's 45 years of Expo!



# But it's an industry with deep roots



1935



1940/42



**Bread & Circus**  
The Food, The Whole Food  
and Nothing But the Food.

1975

1977

1978

**WHOLE  
FOODS**  
MARKET

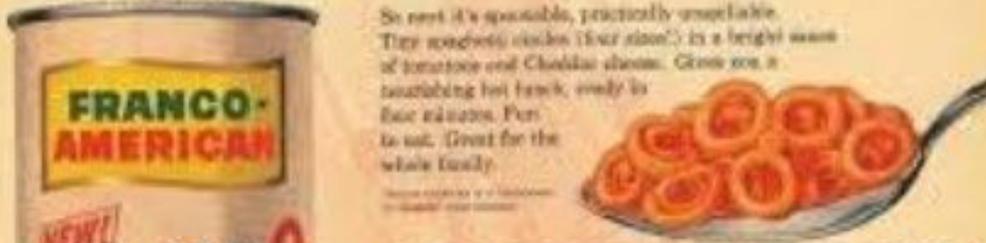
# ...on a straightforward value proposition



**NOW!** The neat new spaghetti you can eat with a spoon

# SPAGHETTI<sup>0</sup>s

So neat it's spoonable, practically unspagable. They spaghetti sticks (four sticks!) is a bright wash of tomato and Cheddar cheese. Glass you a tantalizing hot lunch, ready in four minutes. Fun to eat. Great for the whole family.



FRANCO-AMERICAN  
NEW!  
SPAGHETTI<sup>0</sup>s  
ALL-NATURAL AND CHEESE SAUCE

SAVE 7¢  
On One Can of New  
FRANCO-AMERICAN  
SPAGHETTI<sup>0</sup>s  
in tomato and Cheddar Sauce  
See your store for details and how to get both a coupon.

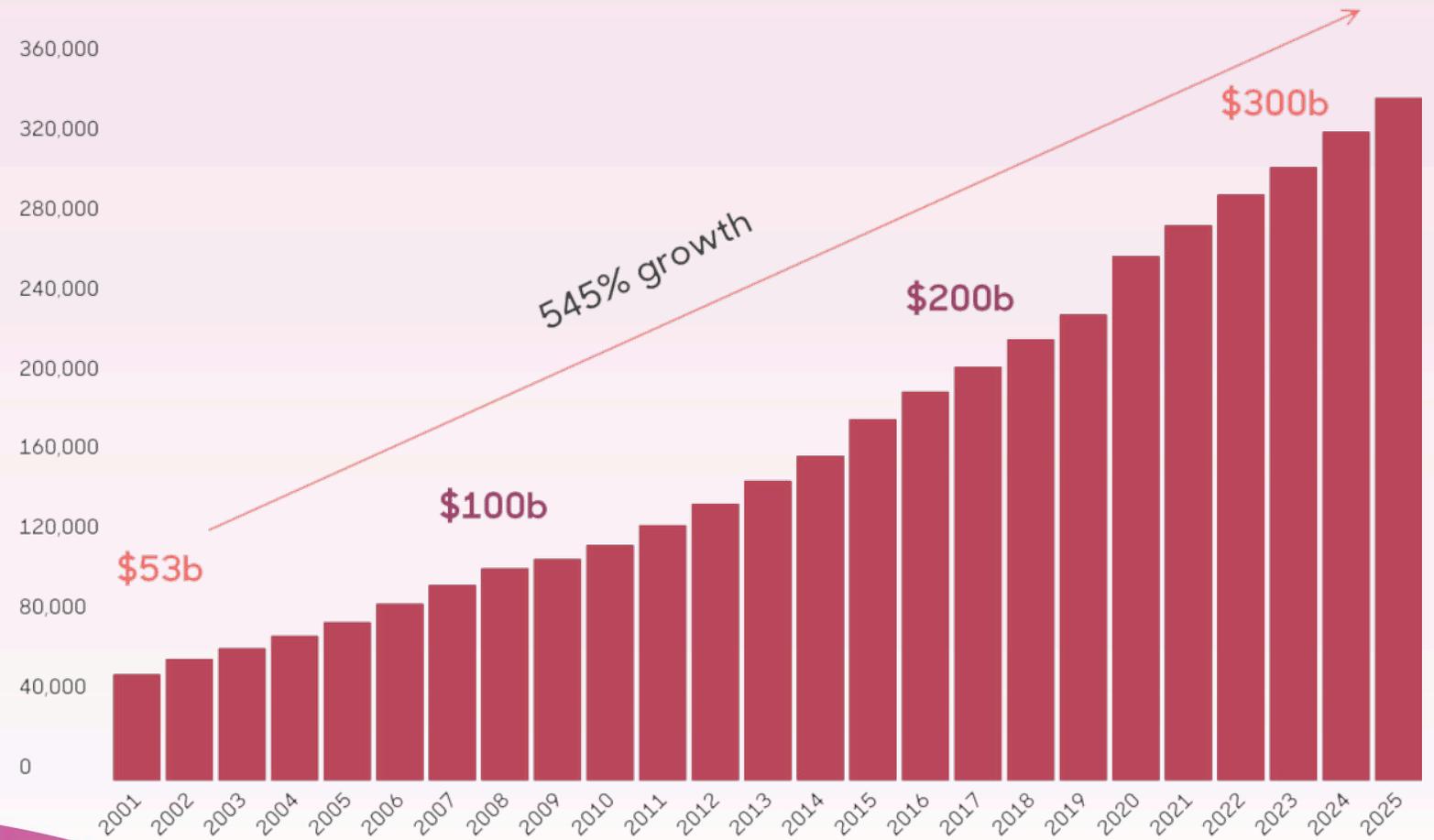
The spaghetti sticks are the perfect size!



# The U.S. natural products industry is a force

Natural and Organic Product Industry sales, 2001-2025

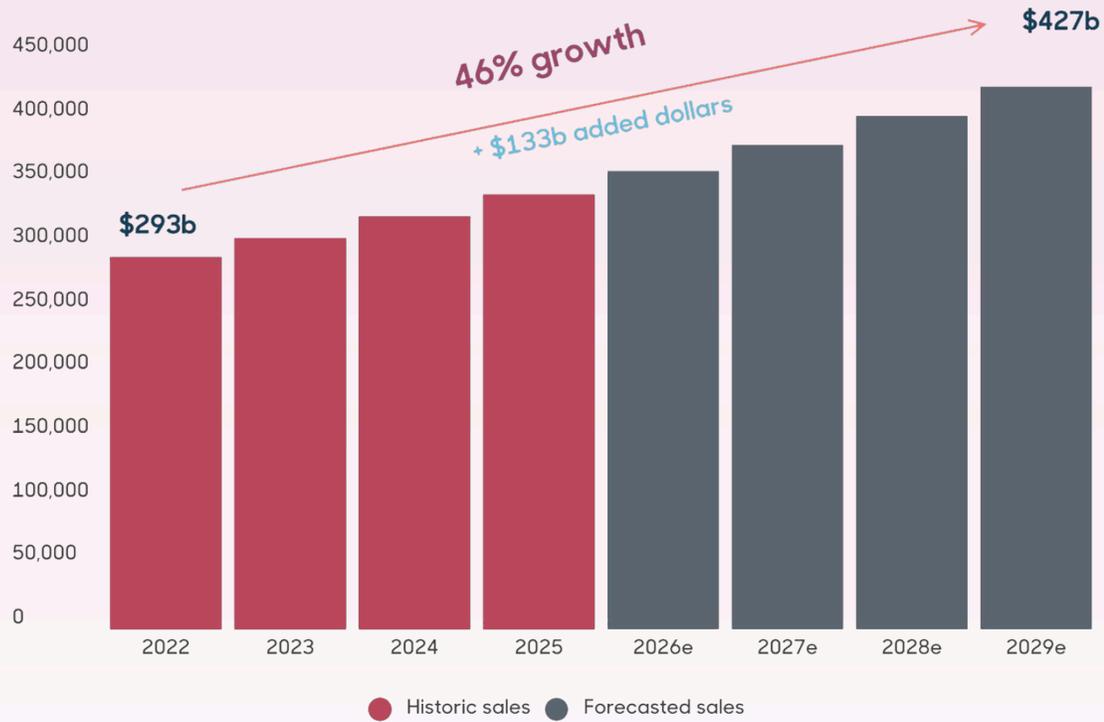
This industry has  
**grown 545%**  
since 2001  
from **\$53b** to over  
**\$342B** in 2025



Source: NBJ (\$mil, consumer sales), developed with input from SPINS

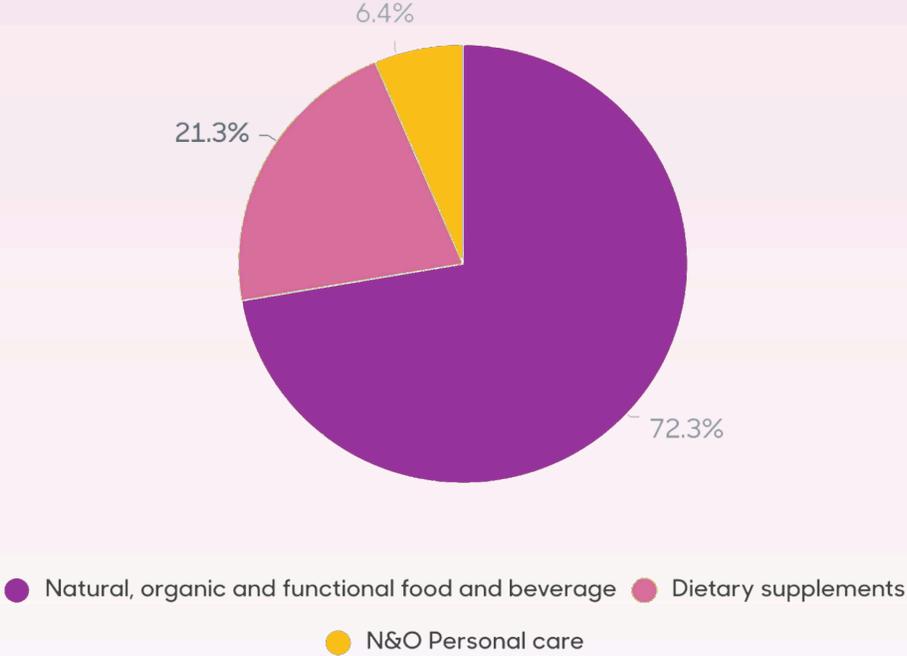
# Natural and organic industry grew 5.2% over 2024, predicted 5.7% annual growth into 2029

Natural and organic product industry sales and growth, 2022-2029e



Source: NBJ (\$mil, consumer sales), developed with input from SPINS

\$342.10b Natural and Organic Product Industry Sales by Category, 2025



Source: NBJ, developed with input from SPINS

Natural and organic food and beverage alone is approaching **\$150b**

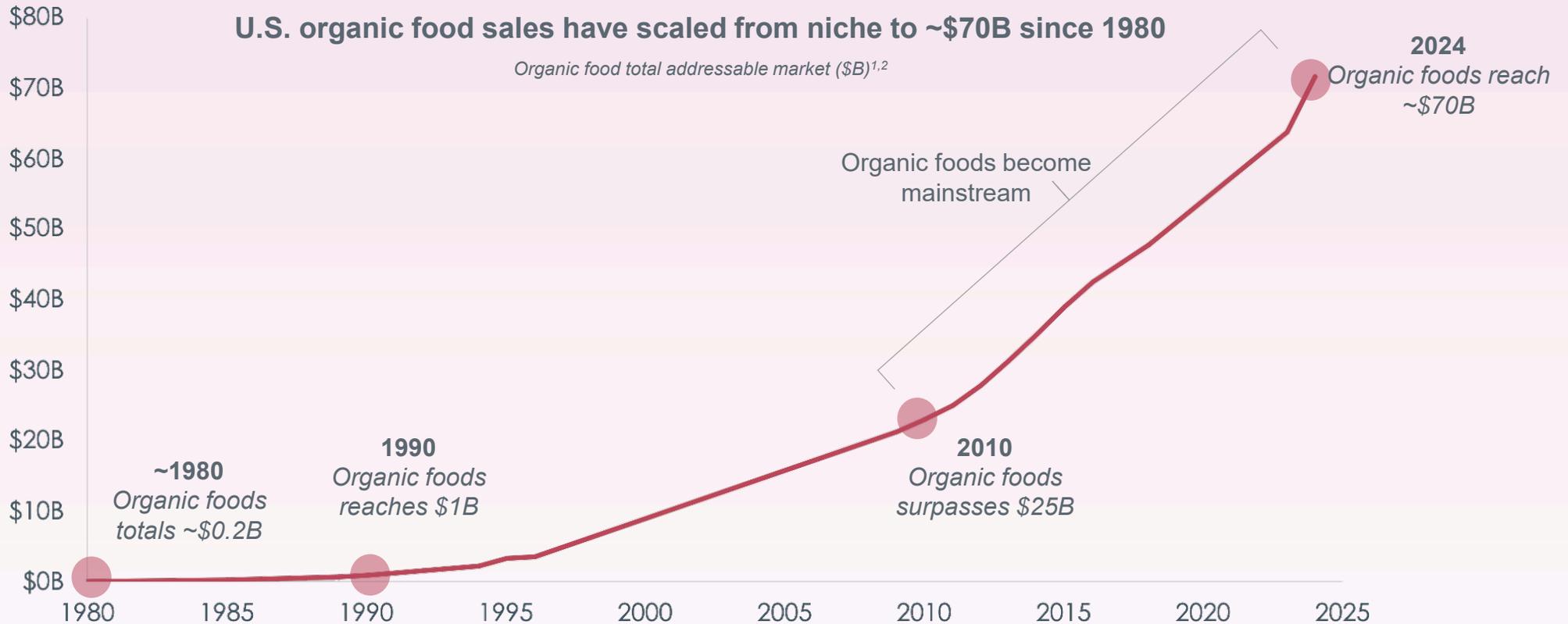
Natural and organic food and beverage sales, 1997-2025



Source: NBJ (\$mil, consumer sales), developed with input from SPINS

Organic since Expo Inception

# The Industry Has Grown from Nascent to Mainstream Since Expo's Inception



- 1) Natural Foods Merchandiser, June 1996
- 2) Organic Trade Association, December 2025

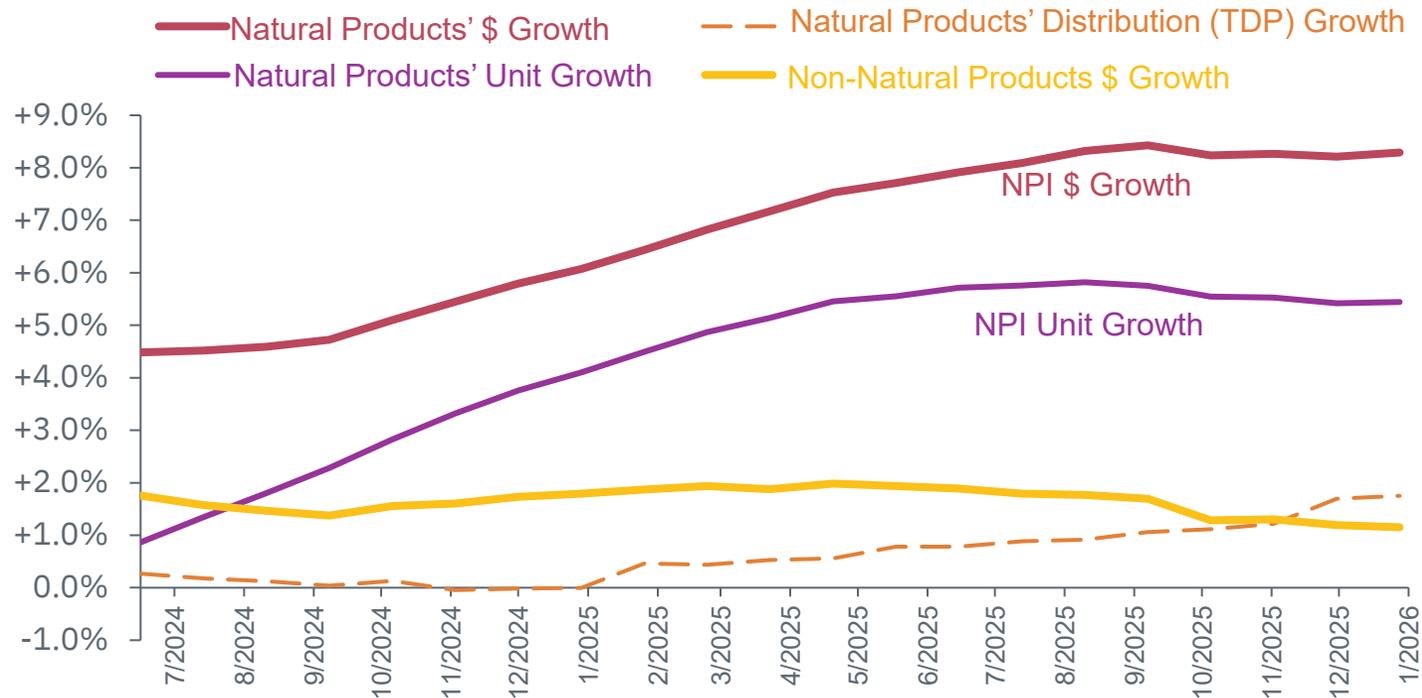
# Better for you is growing faster than historical rates



1. SPINS, MULO + Natural + Convenience, 4 WE 12/28/25; NPI = Natural Products Industry, TPL = Total Products Library

# Our industry's pace of growth continues to accelerate. And attracts more buyers and trips

Year over year rolling growth for combined Natural Supermarkets and Mainstream Outlets  
% chg. of each 52-week ending period vs YA



**+6%**

INCREASE IN TRIPS PER BUYER

**+3%**

INCREASE IN DOLLARS PER TRIP

**99.6** of Households buy Natural Foods and buyer count continues to increase

Latest 52 weeks versus year ago

**+10%**

ALL OUTLET NATURAL PRODUCTS \$ SALES GROWTH, UNITS +7%

# Overall, shoppers are buying more natural products

Shoppers are spending nearly 10% more than last year on natural products and where they spending those dollars is evolving.

| Overall, where are natural products being purchased? | Share of a \$100 NPI Wallet | Growth vs Prior Year | Index to Conventional Product Shr of Wallet |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Supermarkets (including natural)                     | \$39                        | -\$1.00              | 105   |
| <b>Club Stores</b>                                   | <b>\$20</b>                 | <b>+\$1.60</b>       | <b>151</b>                                  |
| Walmart  | \$13                        | +\$0.30              | 53  |
| Internet (buying online)                             | \$10                        | +\$0.50              | 157   |

Source: SPINS TriLens Consumer Panel (powered by Circana), 52 weeks ending 12/28/25

- **Natural supermarkets are growing** driven by more household penetration and buyer count.
- **Club stores continue to make strong strides with natural shoppers** followed by buying online and Walmart. All are growing.
- Natural products shoppers continue to have a much **higher share of spend at club stores and via the internet** than conventional products shoppers.

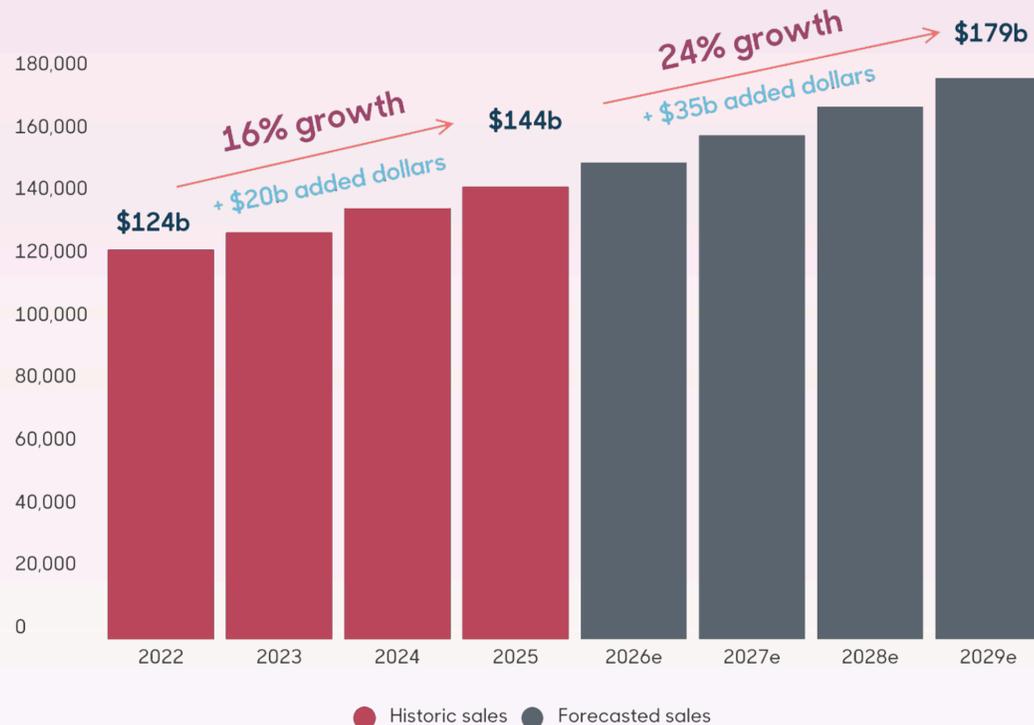
# Across retail, the Natural Channel is leading overall growth

Natural products (the 'NPI') continue to outpace other products across most SPINS tracked channels. The Natural Channel continues to lead overall growth.

| Natural Supermarket Channel                    | Regional & Independent Grocery Supermarket Channel | Conventional MultiOutlet                       | Convenience Channel                            |
|--|--|--|--|
| <b>+4.2% Sales Growth</b>                      | <b>-0.7% Sales Growth</b>                          | <b>+1.9% Sales Growth</b>                      | <b>+1.0% Sales Growth</b>                      |
| <b>+7.6% NATURAL PRODUCTS</b>                  | <b>+5.0% NATURAL PRODUCTS</b>                      | <b>+8.3% NATURAL PRODUCTS</b>                  | <b>+4.7% NATURAL PRODUCTS</b>                  |
| <b>+1.9% SPECIALTY &amp; WELLNESS PRODUCTS</b> | <b>+0.0% SPECIALTY &amp; WELLNESS PRODUCTS</b>     | <b>+3.4% SPECIALTY &amp; WELLNESS PRODUCTS</b> | <b>+4.8% SPECIALTY &amp; WELLNESS PRODUCTS</b> |
| <b>-2.0% CONVENTIONAL PRODUCTS</b>             | <b>-1.7% CONVENTIONAL PRODUCTS</b>                 | <b>+0.7% CONVENTIONAL PRODUCTS</b>             | <b>-2.1% CONVENTIONAL PRODUCTS</b>             |

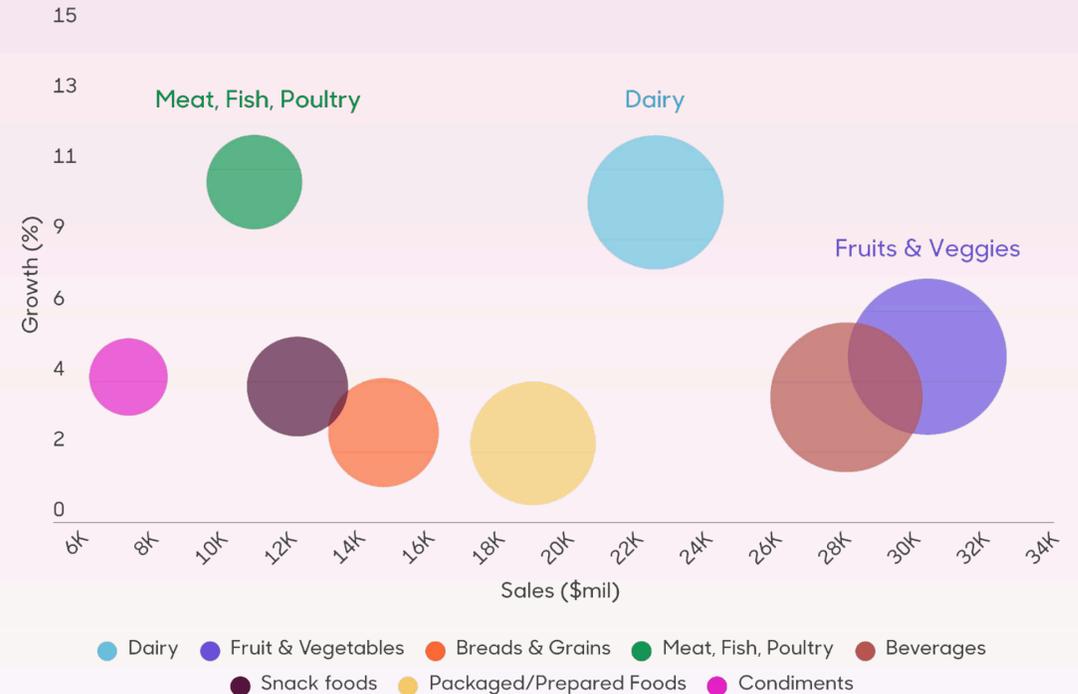
# Natural and organic food and beverage market projected to reach \$179b by 2029, led by Meat, Dairy and Fruits & Veggies

Natural and organic food and beverage sales and growth, 2022-2029e



Source: NBJ (\$mil, consumer sales), developed with input from SPINS

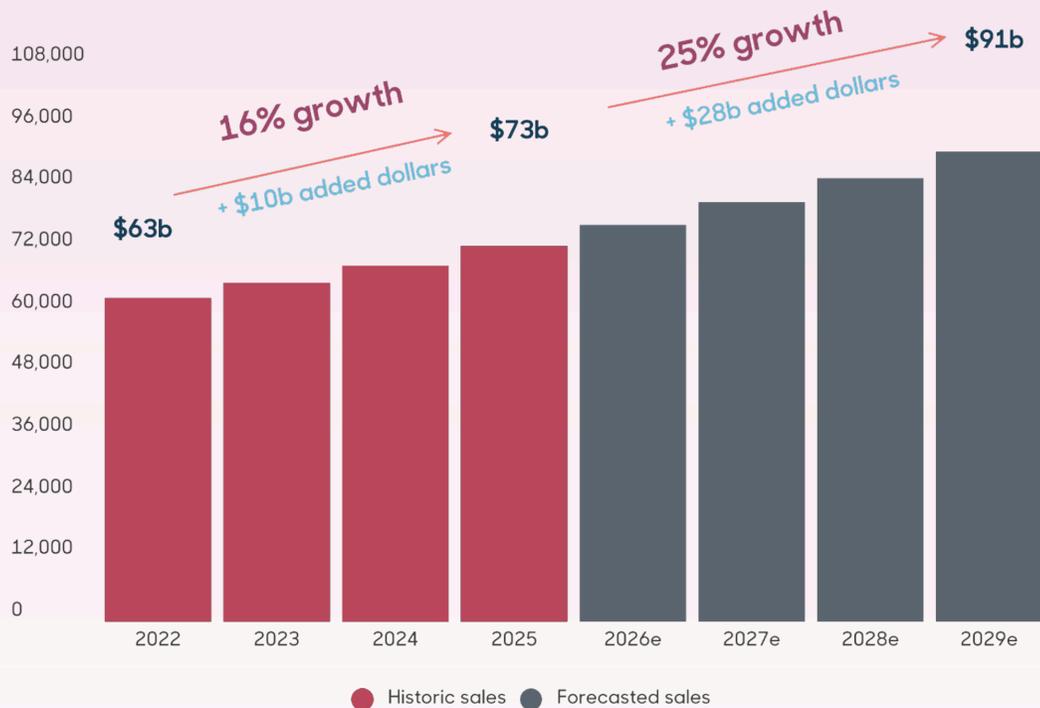
\$144.73 Billion N&O Food and Beverage Industry, 2025



Source: NBJ, developed with input from SPINS

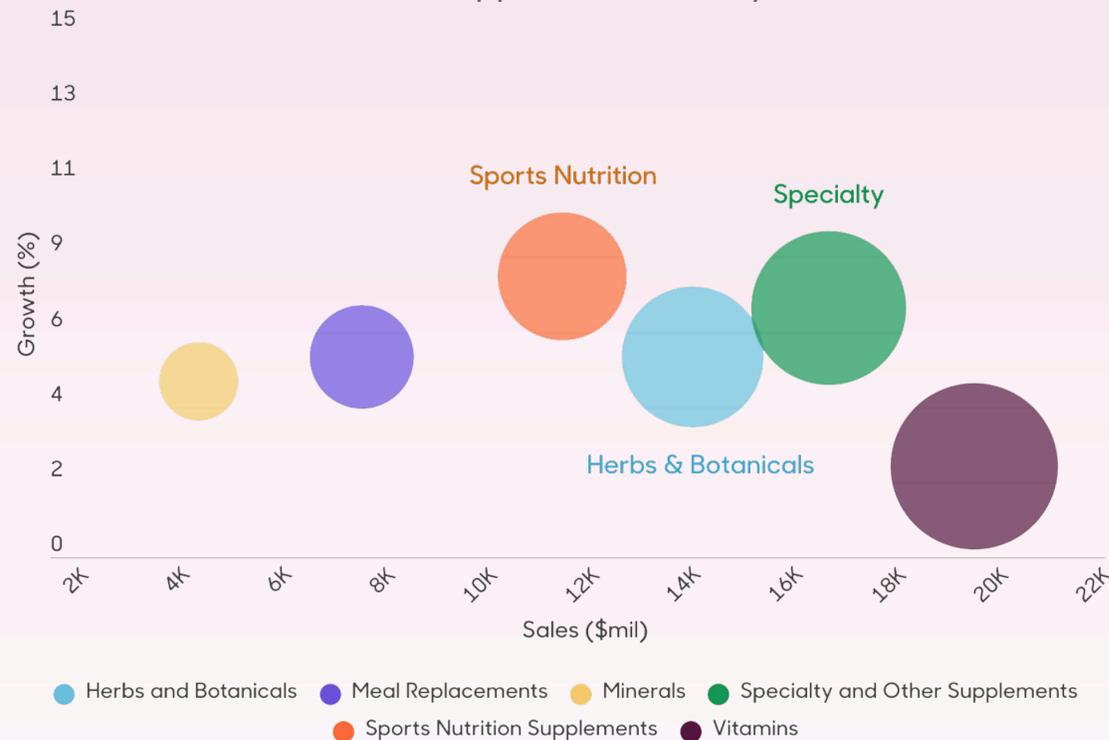
# Supplement industry grew 5.5% in 2025, adding \$3.78b; driven by specialty, sports nutrition and herbs

Supplement Industry sales and growth, 2022-2029e



Source: NBJ (\$mil, consumer sales), developed with input from SPINS

\$72.98 Billion Supplement Industry, 2025



Source: NBJ, developed with input from SPINS

# Personal care grew 4.2% to reach \$22b in 2025

## Watch feminine hygiene, fragrance and hair products

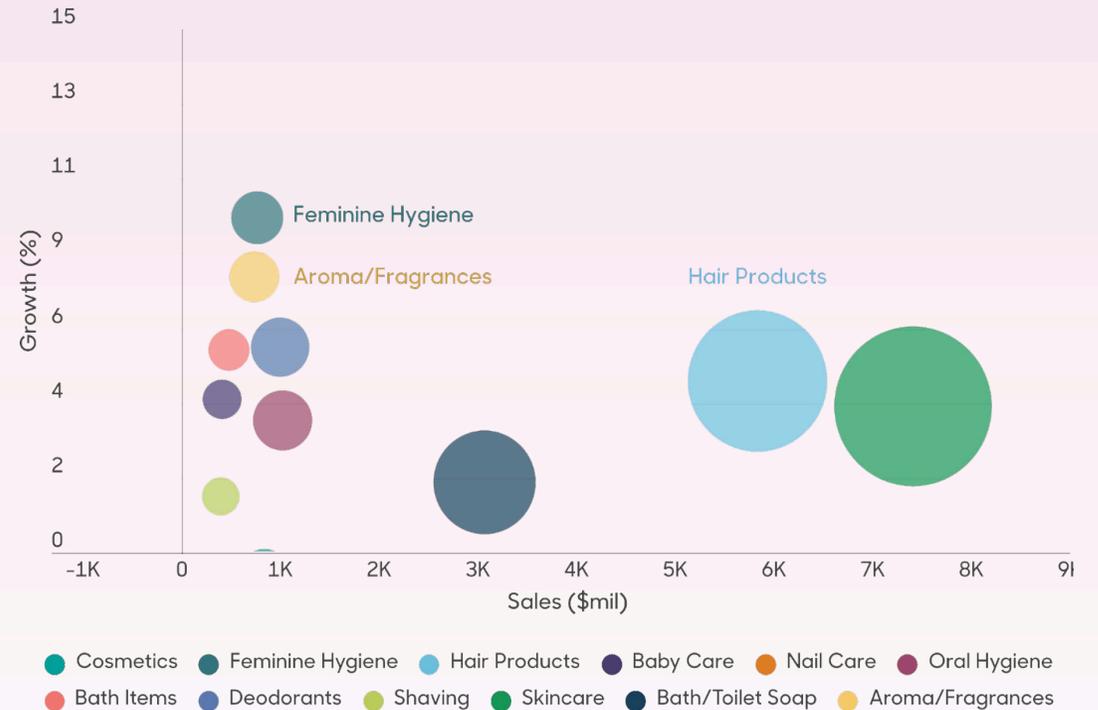
Natural and Organic Personal Care sales and growth, 2022-2029e



● Historic sales ● Forecasted sales

Source: NBJ (\$mil, consumer sales), developed with input from SPINS

\$21.96 Billion N&O Personal Care Industry, 2025



● Cosmetics ● Feminine Hygiene ● Hair Products ● Baby Care ● Nail Care ● Oral Hygiene  
● Bath Items ● Deodorants ● Shaving ● Skincare ● Bath/Toilet Soap ● Aroma/Fragrances

Source: NBJ, developed with input from SPINS

**But, while we have  
tremendous tailwinds,  
we also have headwinds.**

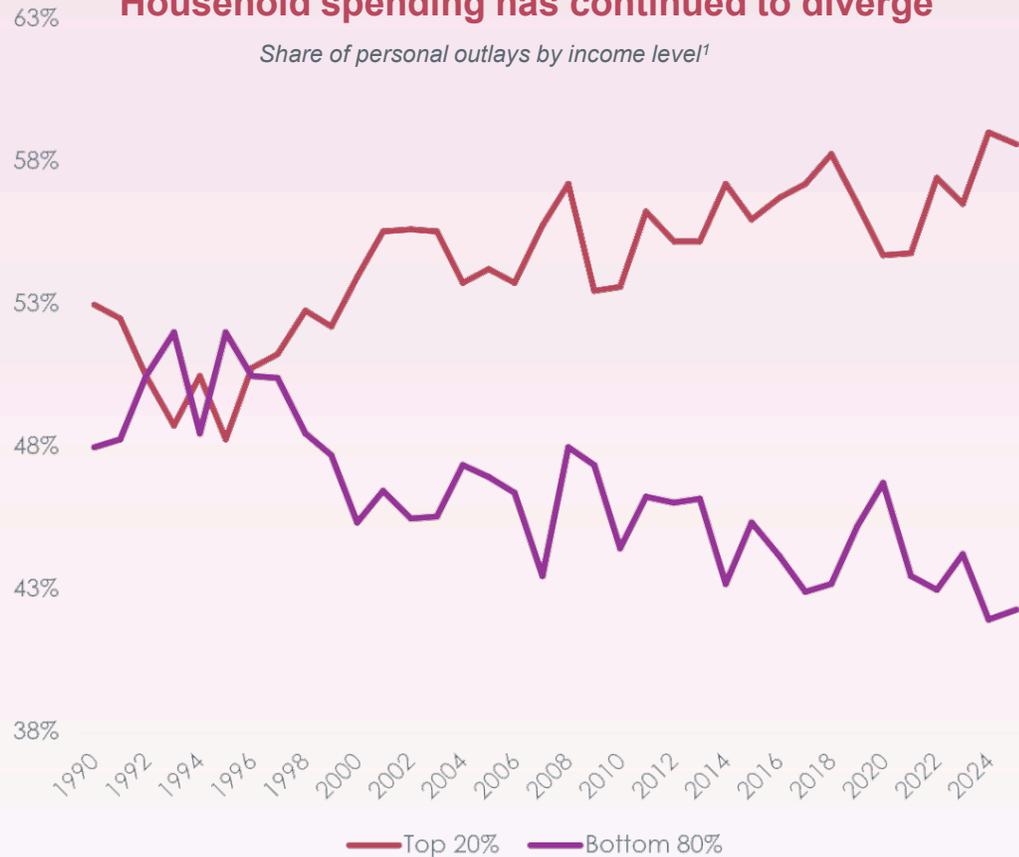
**What one word comes to mind  
when you think about the  
current state of the economy?**

# K-Shaped Economy

## The U.S. Economy is Increasingly K-shaped ... food is less

### Household spending has continued to diverge

Share of personal outlays by income level<sup>1</sup>



### Value-oriented consumption is growing faster, even as high-income capacity expands

Dollar share buying private label<sup>2</sup>

**\$ Share of CPG** → **23.2%**

**\$ % Growth** (Annual vs. Yago) → **+4.6%**

**\$ % Growth** (Annual vs. Yago) → **Non-private label: +2.6%**

### Food spending closely mirrors household income distribution

Food, % of dollar spend by household income<sup>3</sup>

**Bottom 74%**

**Top 26%**



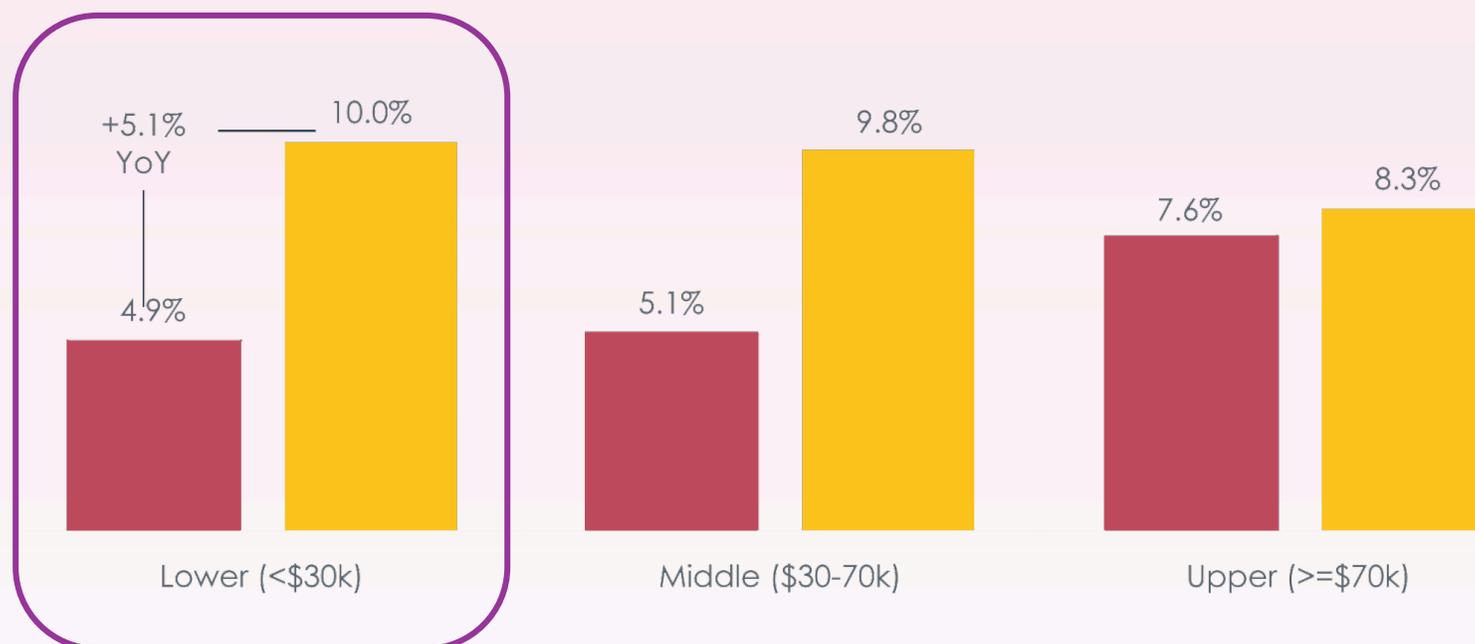
## K-Shaped Economy

# Low Income Growth Is Accelerating in “K Economy”

Lower income consumers are driving the fastest acceleration in natural product spend

*Growth in \$/Buyer – Natural Products<sup>1,2</sup>*

■ YoY Growth - Last Year    ■ YoY Growth - This Year

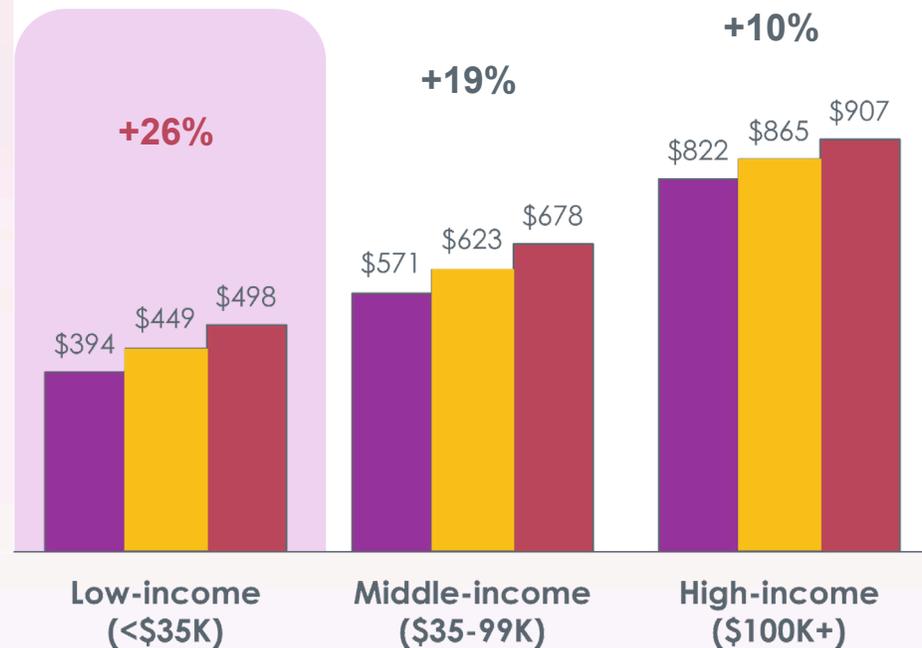


1) SPINS, Trilens, Natural Positioning, 52 Weeks ending 12/31/25

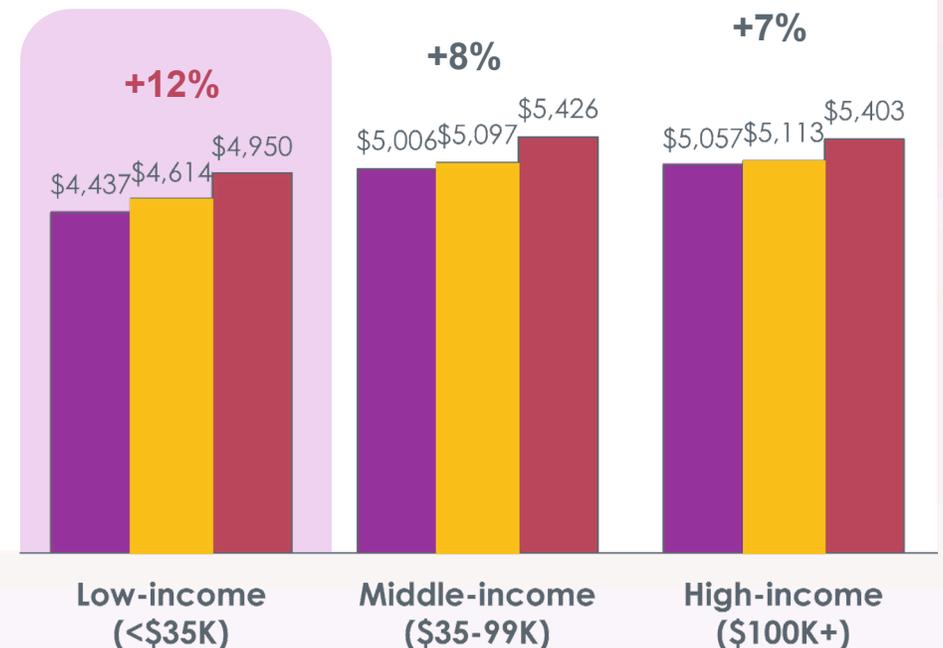
# FLASHBACK - Enhanced SNAP and COVID Wage Gains Boosted Better For Spending from 2019 - 2022

## Opportunity to Advance the Democratization of Wellness by Capturing White Space

Total NPI Sales by Income:



Total Conventional Sales by Income:



■ 52 WE 9/6/20  
■ 52 WE 9/5/21  
■ 52 WE 9/4/22

# In this increasingly 'K economy', we see Values give shoppers motivation while Financial Sentiment dictates the execution

## Improved Financial Standing

*These consumers are shopping with intentionality and redefining "premium" as an attribute profile, not just a price barrier.*

### 30% Increased Their Trips

With nearly 85% shopping multiple times per week

### 29% Expanded Attribute Loyalty

% who increased purchasing of health-focused, sustainable products



### Diversified Channels

Leaned heavier into **Natural and Specialty channels** for curated shopping vs one-stop stock-ups



## Facing Financial Headwinds

*These consumers are executing a strategy of control when purchasing – shifting from exploration to efficiency*

### 43% Decreased Their Trips

Fewer trips to consolidate and reduce impulse exposure

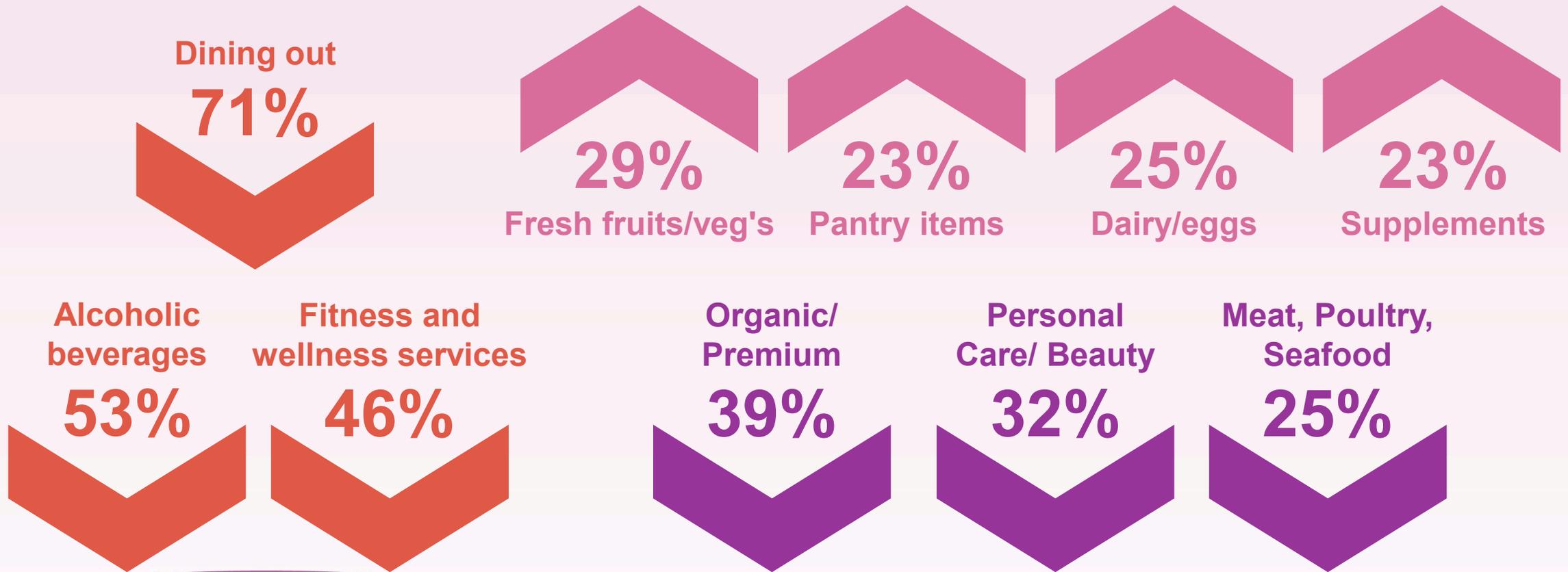
### 60% Focused on Price Comparing

More crucial to decision hierarchy than scrutiny of ingredient labels

### 49% Relied on Private Label

Their value toolkit also included buying in bulk (29%) and seeking out promotions (57%)

# Consumers more likely to cut experiences and non-essentials than core nutrition purchases



# The Shopper of the Next 5 Years

**Values-driven** shopper preferences for **health**, **sustainability**, and **transparency** combined with the growing influence of agentic commerce will transform how brands and retailers grow

PREFERENCE-BASED  
CONSUMPTION

NON-HUMAN  
PARTICIPATION

ANYWHERE  
COMMERCE



**>90%** U.S. shoppers seek to buy values-oriented products: Good for people, planet and animals<sup>1</sup>

**90%** of Gen Z & Millennials are actively looking to avoid using or consuming certain ingredients<sup>2</sup>

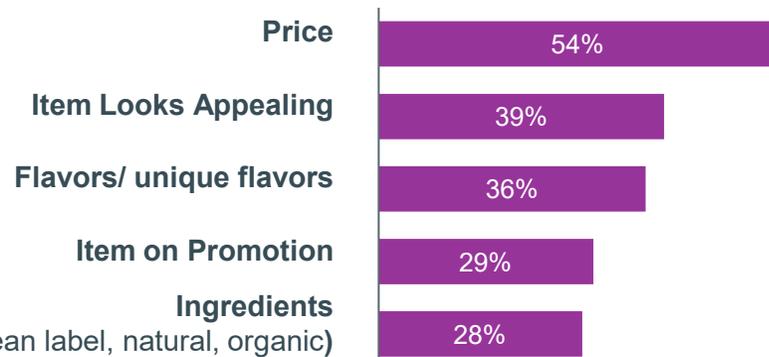
**63%** of 2025 CPG unit growth across channels driven by Naturally Positioned products alone<sup>3</sup>

# Ingredients are an important factor after price and taste when choosing a new or premium brand

**56%**

Of consumers **always** or **usually** pay attention to ingredients and nutrition on labels.

## Top 5 Purchase Drivers When Buying A New Brand



**47%**

Prioritize certain product attributes because 'they help me live a healthier lifestyle'

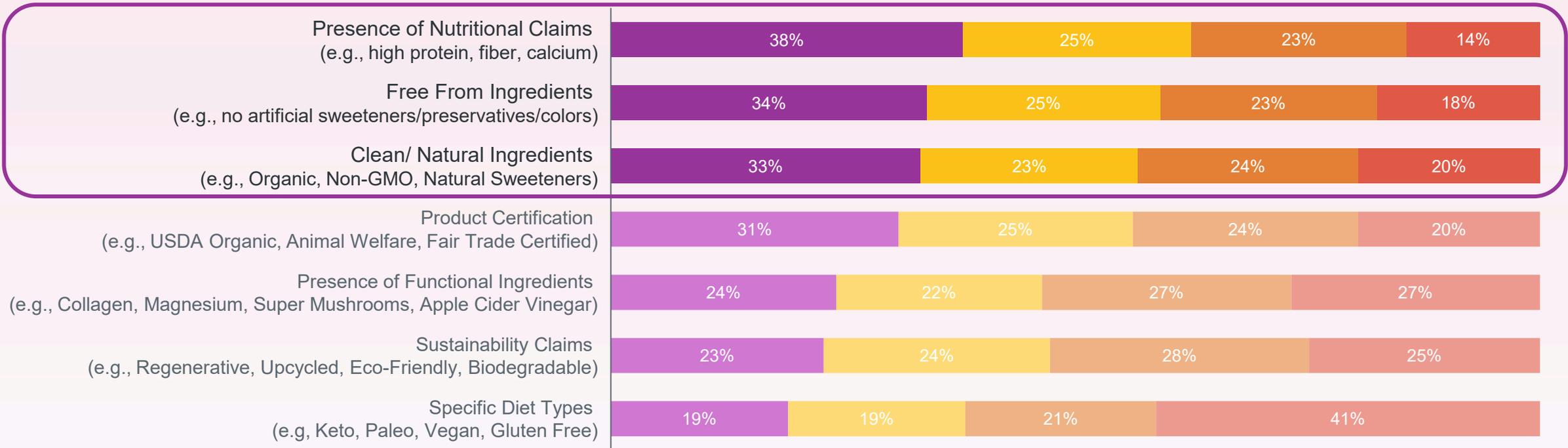
## Top 5 Characteristics Willing To Pay Premium For



# Nutritional Claims and Free From/Clean Ingredients are top of mind for the Conscious Consumer

Level of importance when shopping for groceries as identified through product and packaging.

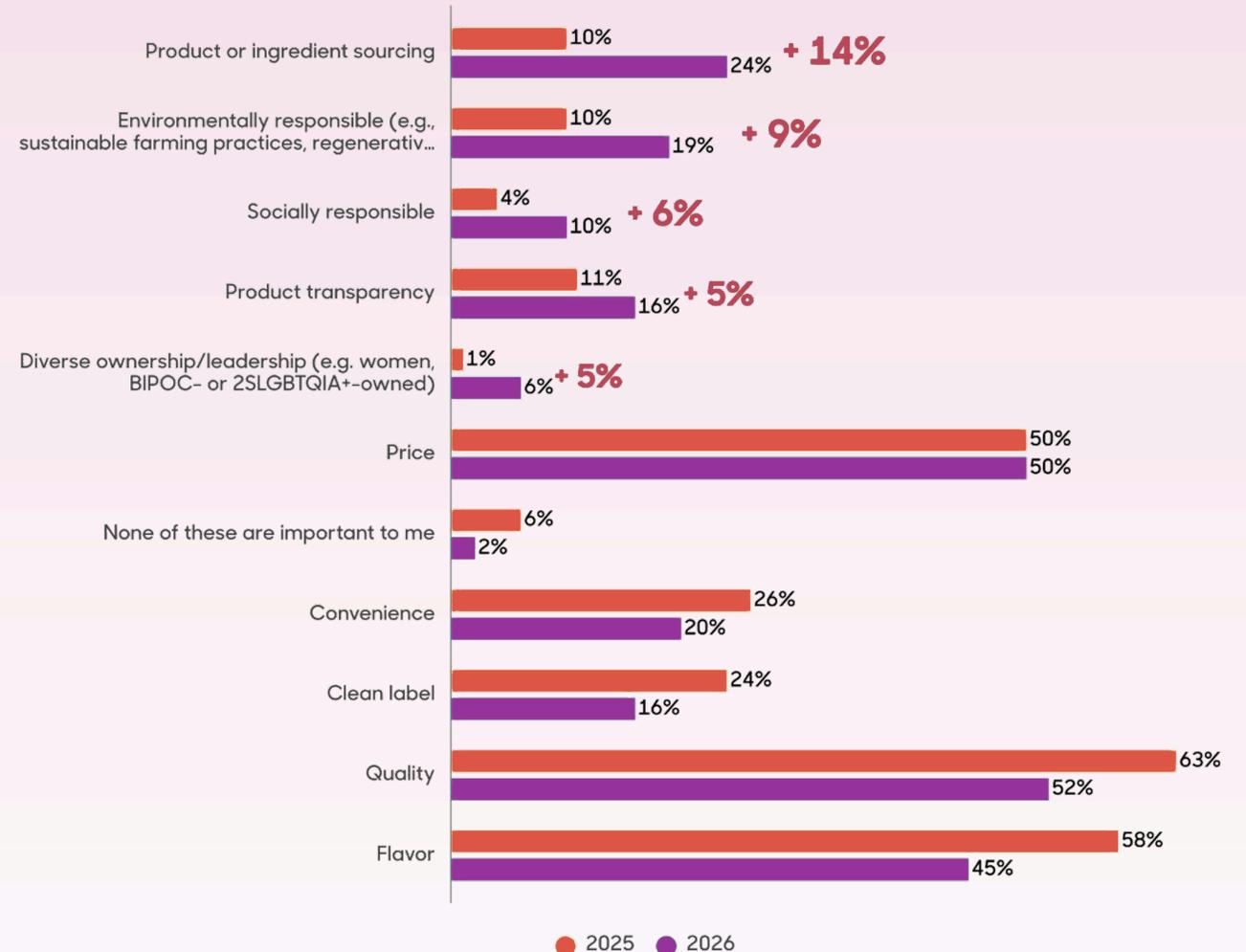
Extremely & Very Important    Moderately Important    Slightly Important    Not Important



# Purchase drivers expand beyond taste and price to include values-led attributes

- Product or ingredient sourcing shows the largest increase (+14 pts)
- Environmentally responsible attributes (+9 pts) and socially responsible claims (+6 pts) both gain relevance year over year
- Product transparency (+5 pts) continues to trend upward, reinforcing trust-driven demand

Attributes important to NOFB consumers



Source: Nutrition Business Journal surveys targeting consumers that purchase natural or organic food or beverage products, aged 20-75. Completed Feb 2025 with N=1,026; and Jan 2026 with N=1,012 powered by the Suzy online platform. Question: "What attributes are most important to you when purchasing natural or organic food and beverage products? Please select your top three options."

# Certifications are increasingly important, and it's not just personal

- Importance rises across nearly all certifications, indicating growing demand for third-party validation
- Demand expected to increase due to younger consumers



Certifications important to NOFB consumers

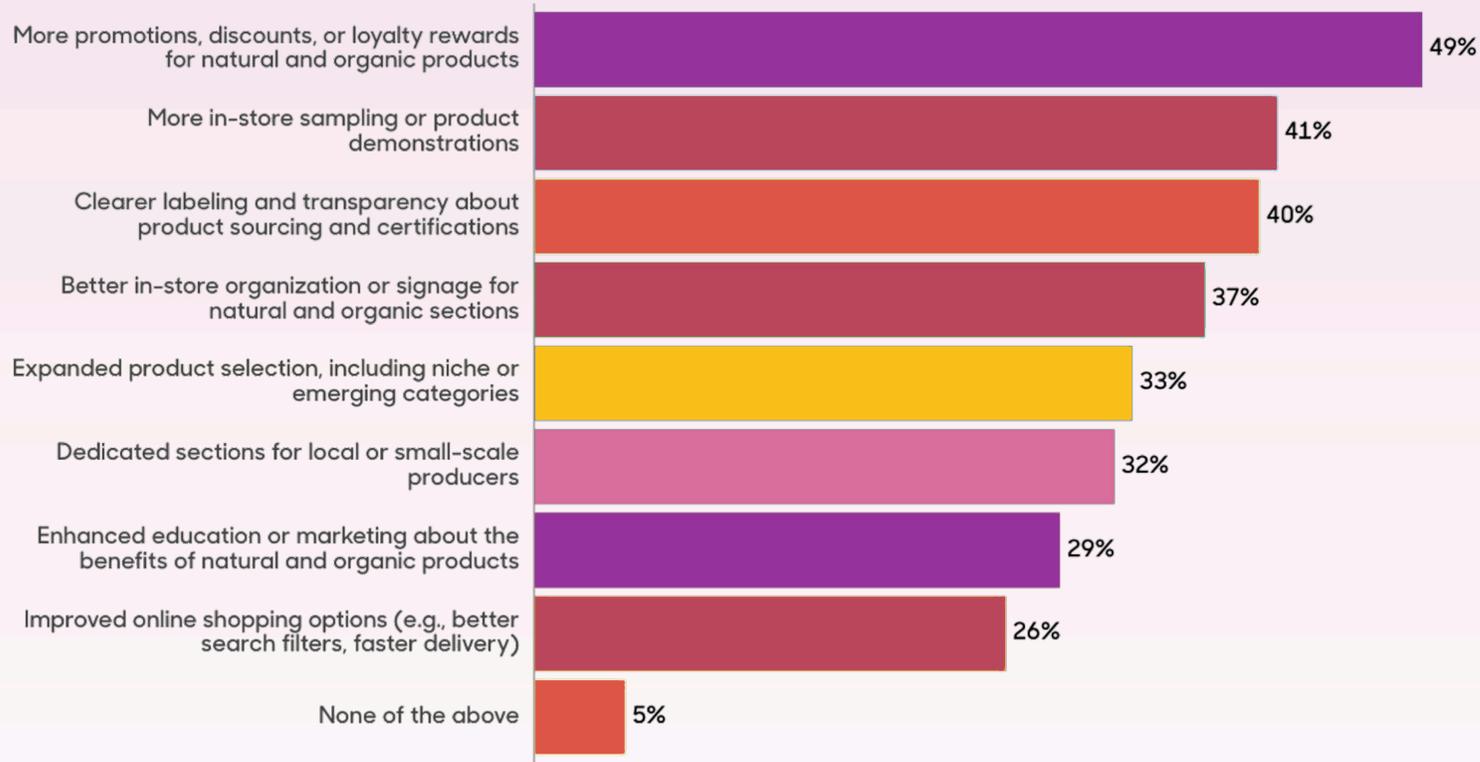


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 Question: "Which product certifications are most important to you when purchasing natural or organic food and beverage products? Please select all that apply."

# Retailers can win NOFB shoppers through value, experience, and clearer product transparency

- In-store sampling (41%) and clearer labeling/transparency (40%) indicate strong demand for education and product discovery
- Better signage and organization in natural/organic sections (37%) suggests navigation friction in current retail layouts

How retailers can improve shopping experience for NOFB consumers



Source: Nutrition Business Journal surveys targeting average consumers, aged 20-75. Completed January 2026; N=1,000; powered by the Suzy online platform. Question: "Which of the below do you feel retailers could do to improve the shopping experience for natural and organic products?"

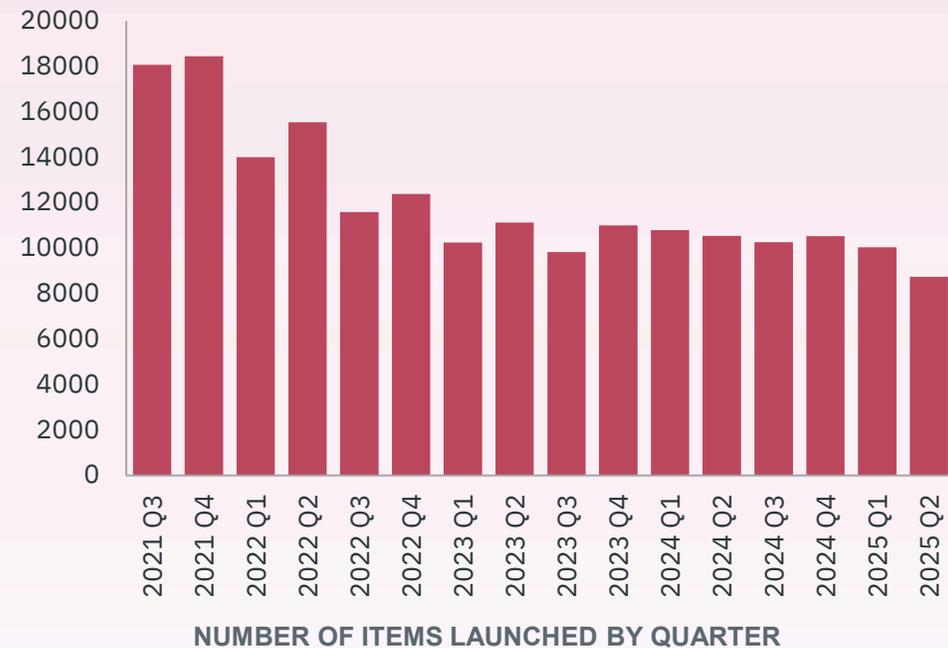
# The Innovation Gap

The gap between conscious consumer-driven demand and new product innovation creates **opportunity** in the market for disruptive innovation.

## Premium products lead CPG growth across store

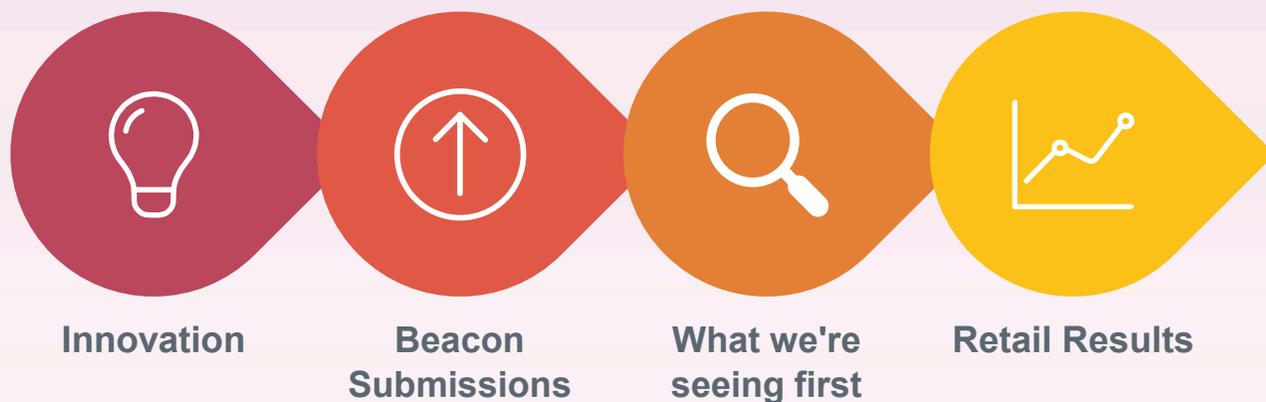
| Avg. Retail Price | Unit Growth Vs. YAGO | Dollar Growth Vs. YAGO | Positioning Group                        |
|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--|
| \$4.41            | -0.2%                | +1.8%                  | Total Store                              |
| <b>\$5.29</b>     | <b>+5.2%</b>         | <b>+8.1%</b>           | <b>NATURAL PRODUCTS</b>                  |
| <b>\$5.08</b>     | <b>+2.7%</b>         | <b>+3.7%</b>           | <b>SPECIALTY &amp; WELLNESS PRODUCTS</b> |
| \$4.16            | -1.4%                | +0.5%                  | CONVENTIONAL PRODUCTS                    |

## New product launches have slowed

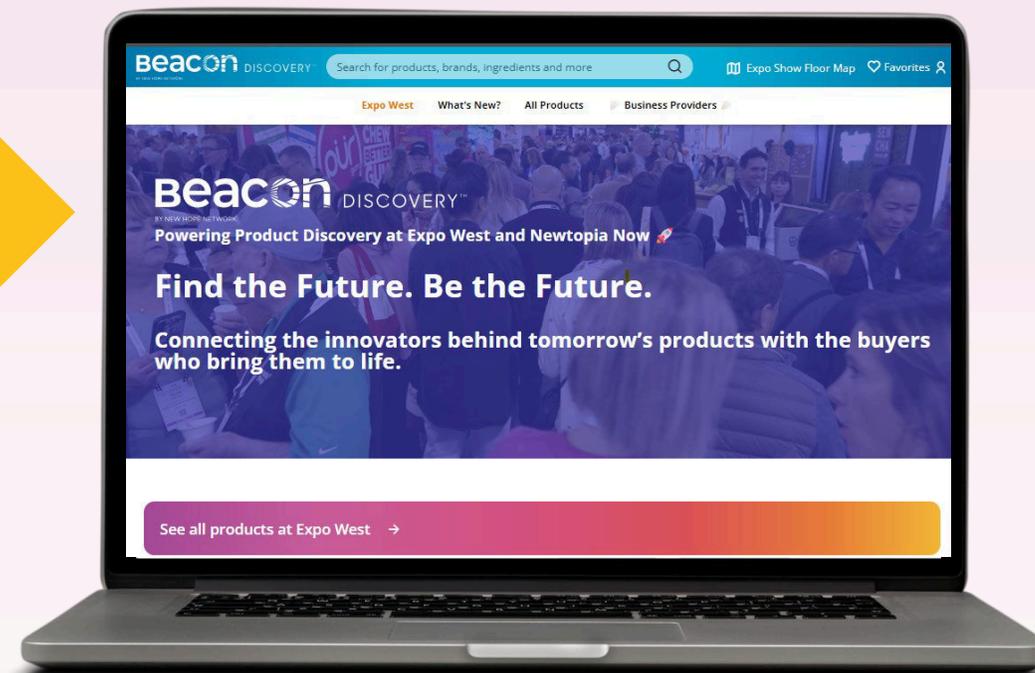


# Signals from the Edge

Beacon's view of what brands are building, before it hits retail.



What we see from Beacon Submissions, before they hit the show and retail shelves...



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NEW and innovative refrigerated protein SKUs identified in Beacon submissions

## Premium Protein: Innovation in Ready to Eat and Refrigerated Products

Refrigerated animal proteins emerging as high velocity new product submissions in Beacon ahead of distribution expansion



Across refrigerated and shelf-stable formats, animal proteins—grass-fed beef, bison, and pasture-raised eggs—are emerging as high-velocity signals in Beacon’s newest product submissions.

## What Users Are Discovering on Beacon: Five Behavioral Clusters User Favorites 2025-2026

### Sea moss breakout

- Gel-based formats
- Immune-focused positioning
- Fruit & botanical blends



### Refrigerated cultured Dairy alternatives

- Probiotic yogurt (plant-based)
- Sheep milk dairy
- High-protein cottage cheese
- Raw aged cheese



### Functional beverages

- Plant-based milk lattes
- Herbal tea blends
- Electrolyte powders
- Sparkling botanical teas



### Premium pantry & ingredient-forward

- Cold-pressed oils
- Organic sweeteners
- Roasted seeds & nuts
- Sprouted nut butters



### Functional supplements

- Omega-3 concentrates
- Mushroom extracts
- Amino acid supplements
- Plant-based berberine



# Sustainability Scores vs Sales

Analysis of 8,362 products across 1,130 brands: HowGood scores vs. velocity efficiency



- 1 Strongest sustainability correlation**
  - Refrigerated Yogurt / Kefir / Cultured Dairy
    - 2x higher dollar sales vs. Peers with lower HowGood estimates
  - Eggs (Premium & Pasture-Raised)
- 2 Moderate sustainability correlation**
  - Shelf-Stable Oils & Pantry Staples
    - 1.33x higher dollar sales for SKUs with higher HowGood estimates
  - Functional & Non-Alcoholic Beverages
    - Sustainability more strongly tied to growth signals

- 3 Catalog sustainability correlation**
  - Functional Supplements & Superfoods
    - Brands with higher HowGood estimates were more likely to have multiple strong SKUs
- 4 Minimal sustainability correlation**
  - Candy & Indulgent Snacks
  - Commodity Beverages
  - Frozen Novelties
  - Velocity driven primarily by taste, price, or impulse



# Gut Health: The Signal Emerging in Product Development

What brands are building into everyday formats before mainstream retail distribution

## 21× Growth

in microbiome SKUs entering the Beacon pipeline, with new formats emerging as well

**235**

Probiotic SKUs

**59**

Prebiotic SKUs

**68**

Fiber SKUs

**22**

Sea moss SKUs

Data Source: Beacon New Product Submissions Pipeline (2024 vs 2025 vs 2026 YTD)



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## Brain Function: The Signal Emerging in Product Development

What brands are building into everyday formats before mainstream retail distribution

Mental wellness ingredients are moving out of nootropic supplements and into mainstream beverages, coffee, and snacks.

# 32x Growth

in brain-function SKUs entering the pipeline (2024 to 2025)

218

Mushroom SKUs

49

Creatine SKUs

22

Adaptogen SKUs

Data Source: Beacon New Product Submissions Pipeline (2024 vs 2025 vs 2026 YTD)



# 10.9x Growth

in hydration SKUs entering the pipeline

## Hydration: The Signal Emerging in Product Development

What brands are building into everyday formats before mainstream retail distribution

Sparkling formats are driving experimentation, while collagen and antioxidant add-ons are gaining traction in product development.

### Hydration base

|                              |                                    |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>195</b><br>Hydration SKUs | <b>65</b><br>Electrolyte SKUs      |
| <b>291</b><br>Sparkling SKUs | <b>112</b><br>Functional soda SKUs |

### Benefit layering

|                             |                                     |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>200</b><br>Collagen SKUs | <b>90</b><br>Antioxidant berry SKUs |
| <b>35</b><br>Aloe SKUs      | <b>22</b><br>Sea moss SKUs          |

Data Source: Beacon New Product Submissions Pipeline (2024 vs 2025 vs 2026 YTD)

# Nutrition and information are core drivers of wellness and healthspan

## Integrated Health “How You Show Up Today”

### Goals

- Physical health
- Mental performance and presence
- Skin vitality and appearance

## Long-Term Resilience “Healthspan”

### Goals

- Extend healthspan
- Avoid chronic diseases
- Metabolic optimization

## Functional Inputs “Nutrition, Supplementation, personal care and Medication”

### Goals

- Fuel to achieve your potential - Nutrition touches everything
- Body system optimization
- Reduction of risk of chronic disease

## Continuous Measurement “Optimization”

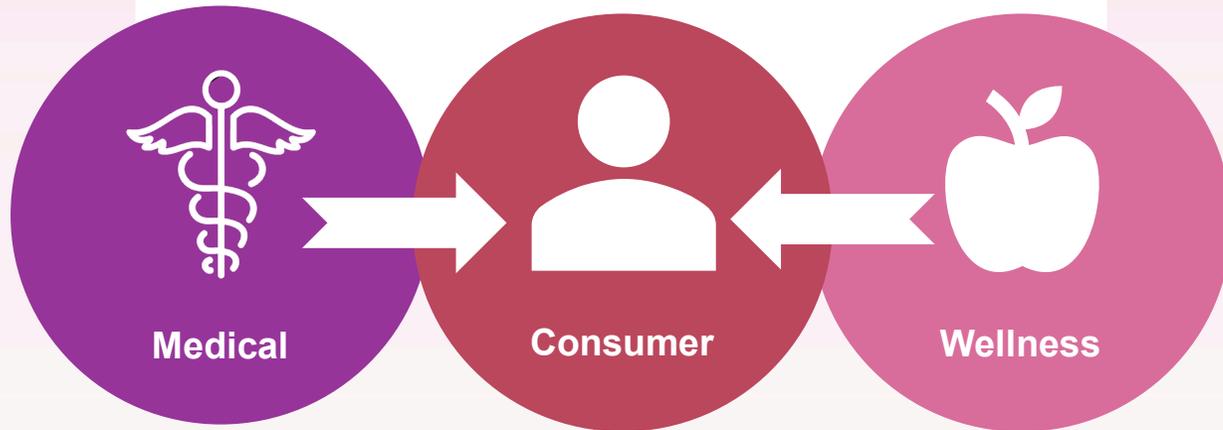
### Goals

- Real-time visibility of markers
- Early discovery of healthspan threats
- Comprehensive information

# Future of Health & Wellness

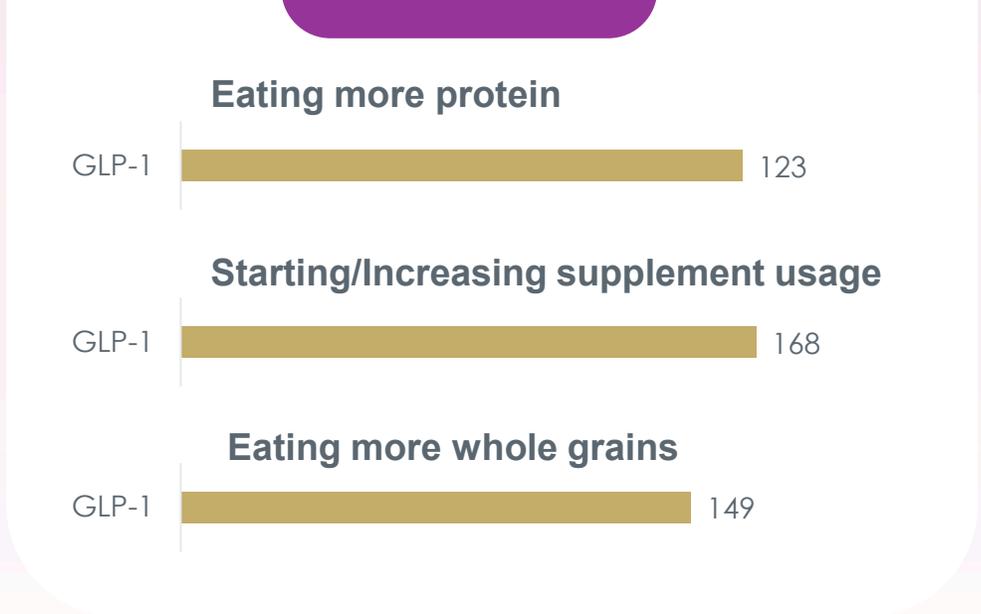
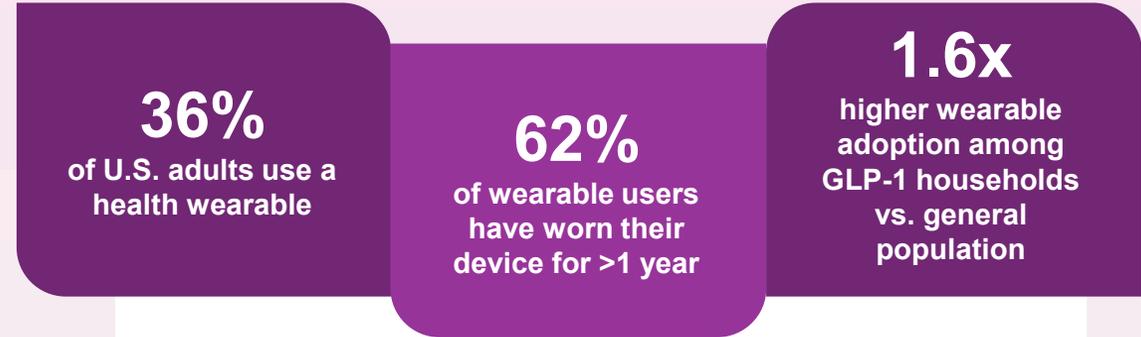
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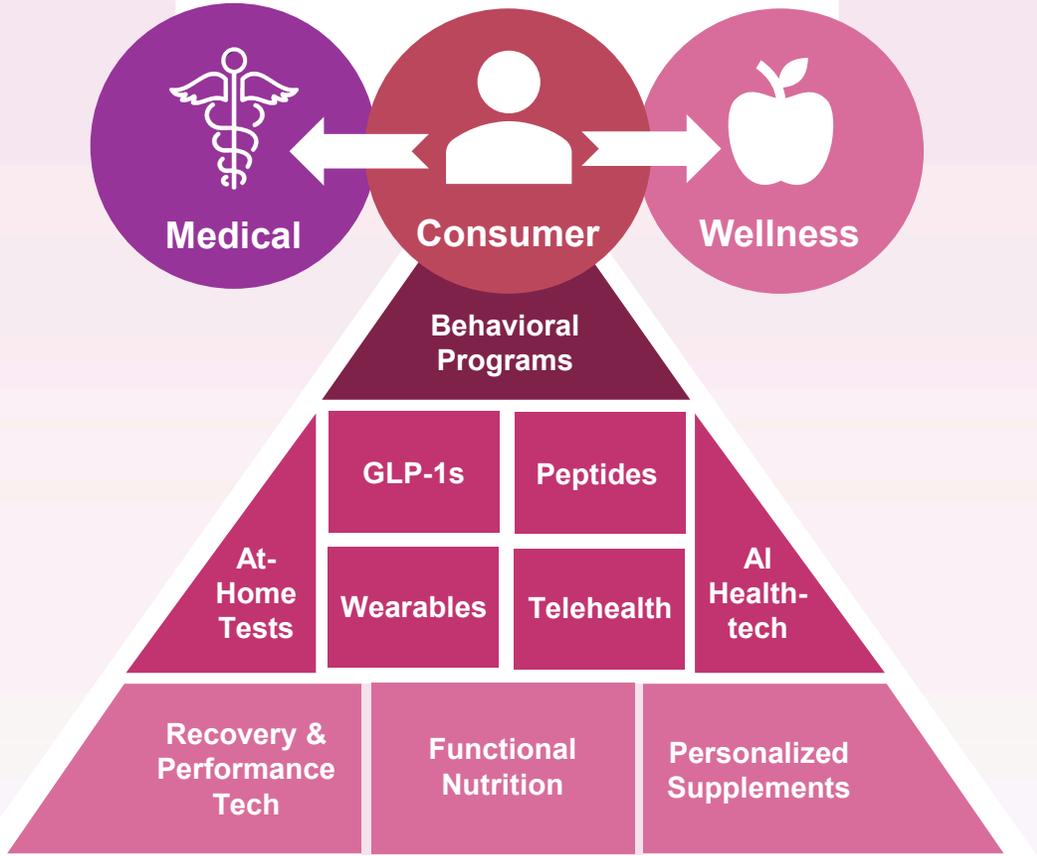
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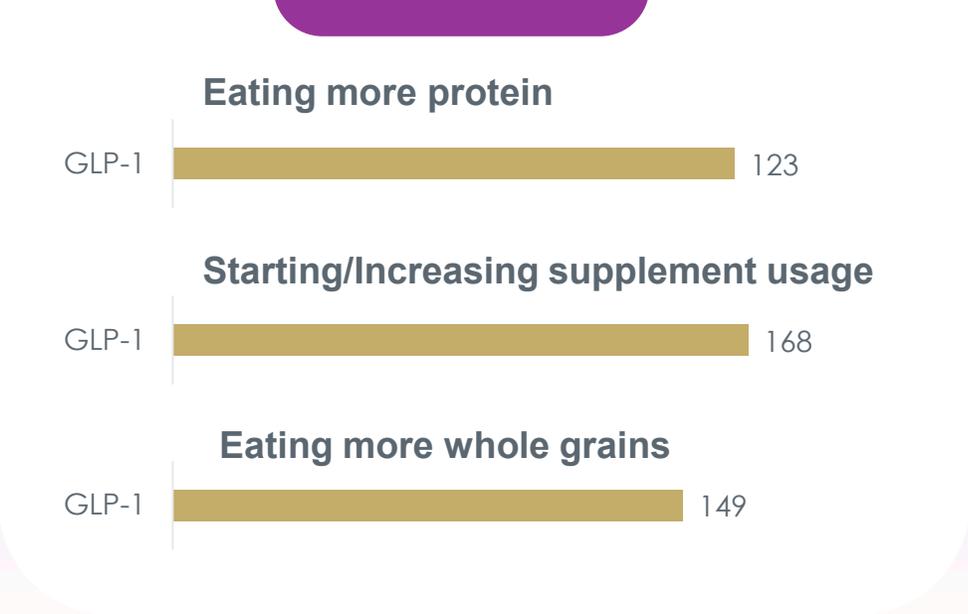
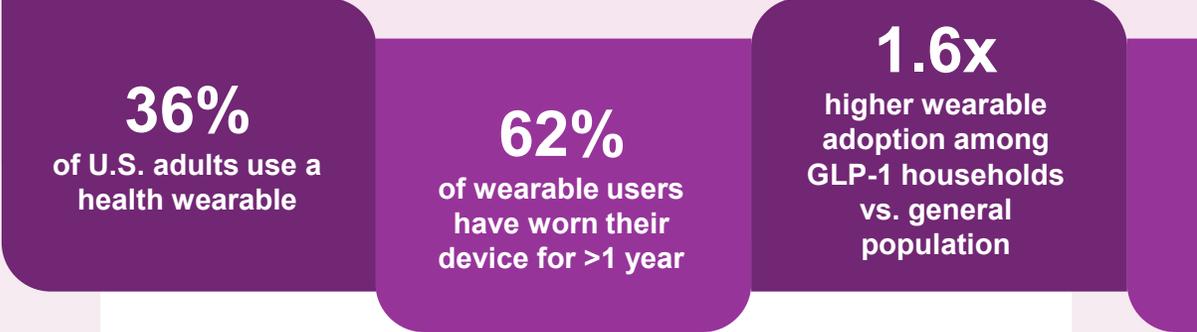
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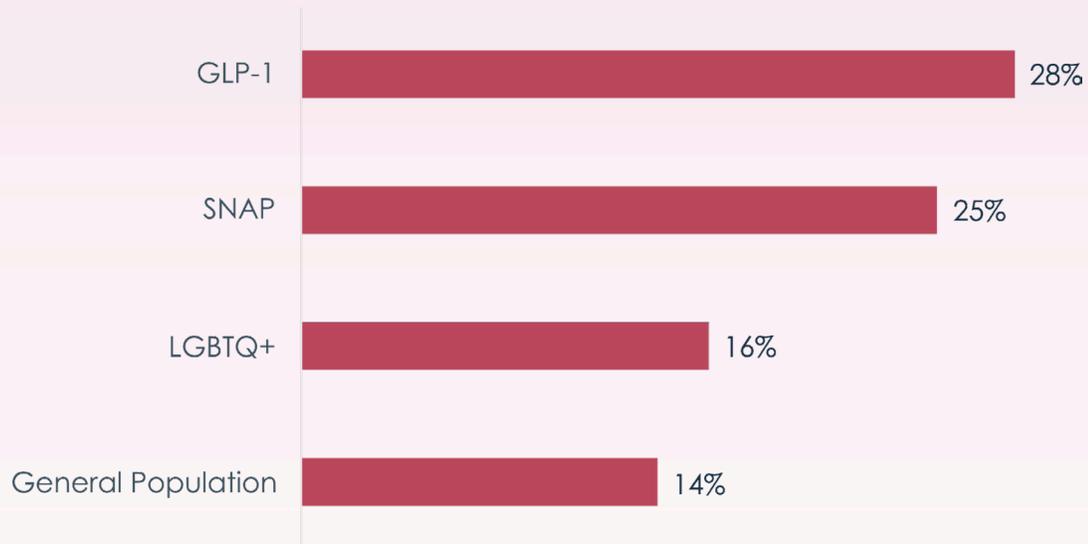
1) Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Office of the Actuary, National Health Statistics Group, U.S. Department of Commerce  
 2) NielsenIQ, December 2025

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# Consumers are increasingly open to AI-guided nutrition – Higher Income More than Lower

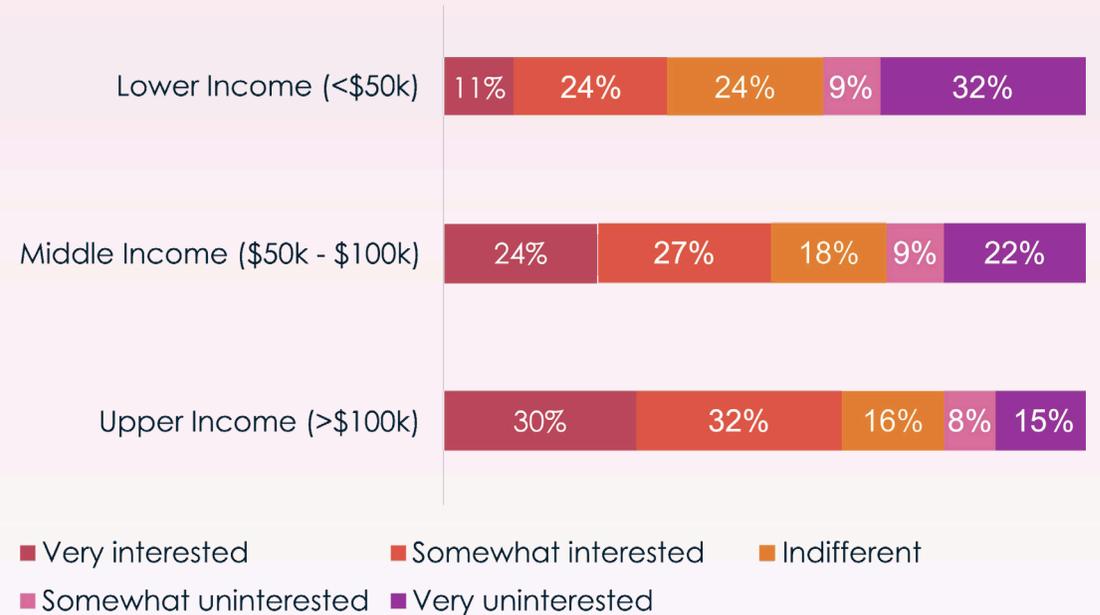
### Early adopter groups, including SNAP, GLP-1, and LGBTQ+ households, show higher trust in AI-generated nutrition

Percent of consumers who trust AI-generated nutrition guidance



### Higher income households more open to utilizing AI tools for shopping

Interest in having a Generative AI agent help with researching and purchasing a product<sup>2</sup>



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# SNAP households illustrate how wearables extend preventive care upstream

Recent adoption and chronic condition monitoring highlight wearables as a high-frequency, low-cost preventive care layer

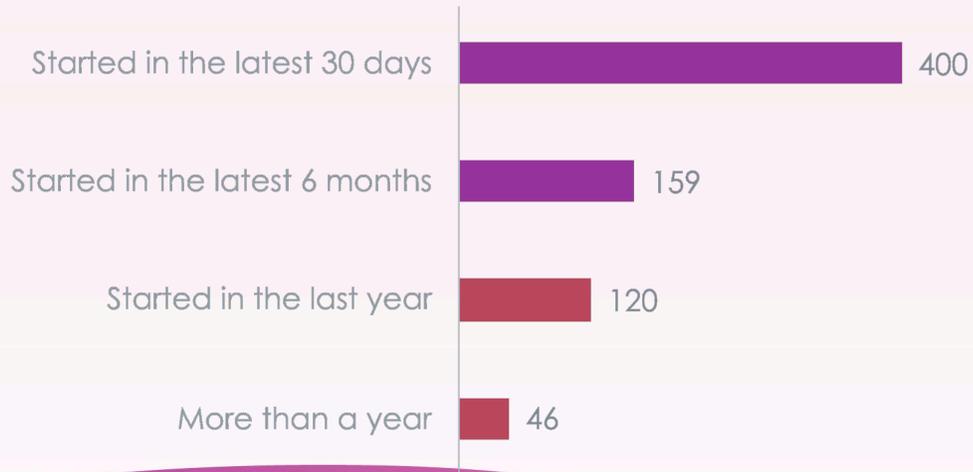
**37%** of SNAP households use a health wearable

**29%** of SNAP wearable users started using their device in the last 30 days

**41%** Have said using a wearable has led to increased protein use

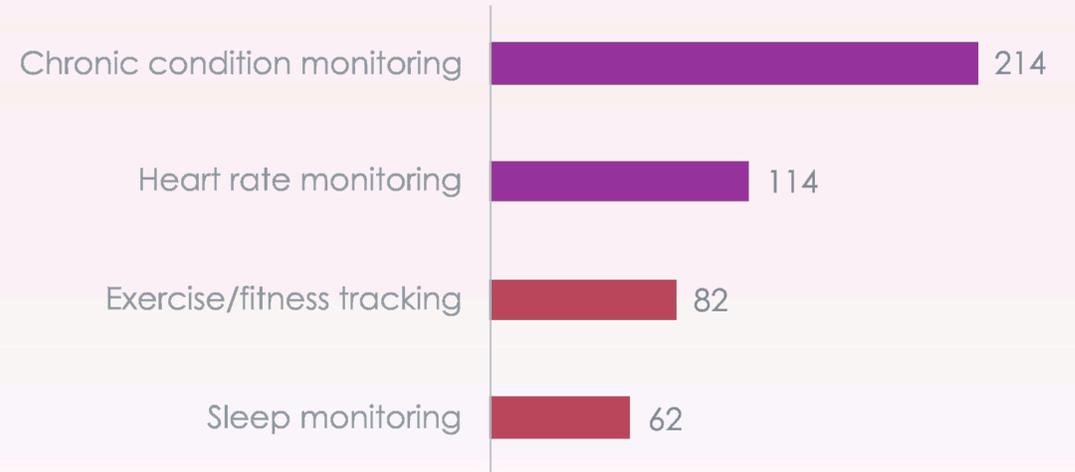
### Wearable adoption among SNAP users is recent and accelerating

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### SNAP users prioritize monitoring-oriented use cases opposed to fitness and sleep optimization

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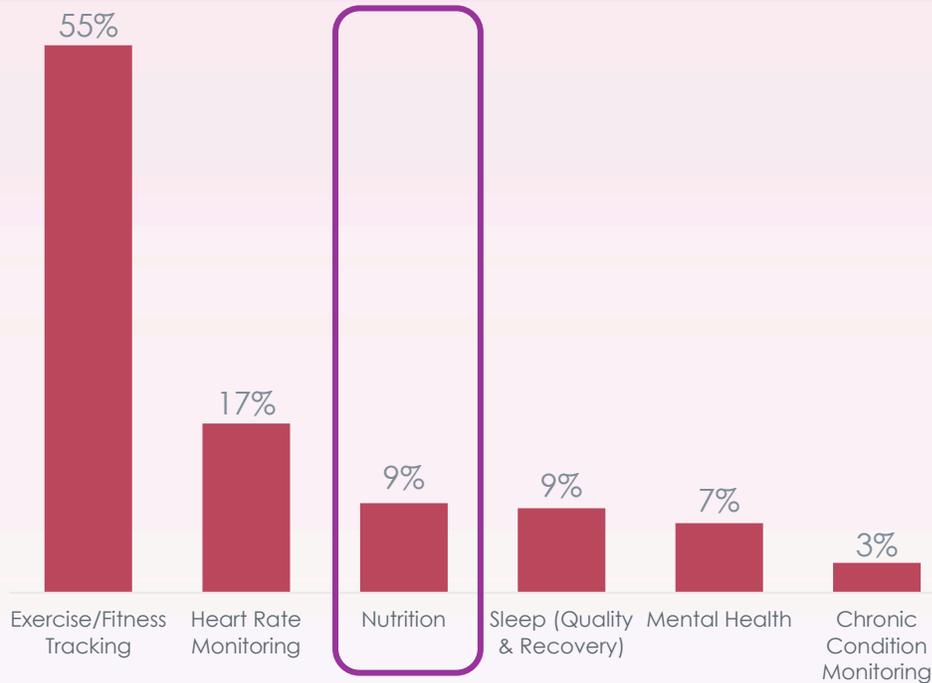


## Future of Health & Wellness

# Wearables Impact Nutrition Choices Almost 2x More than Wearers Intend

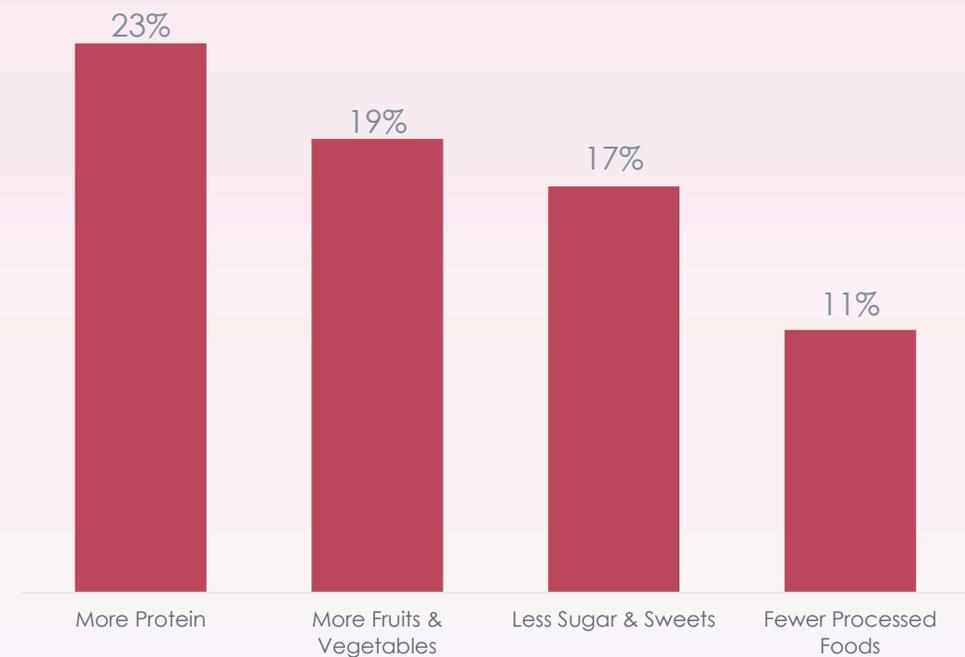
### Nutrition is a low stated motivation for wearable use...

Top motivations for wearing a wearable<sup>1</sup>

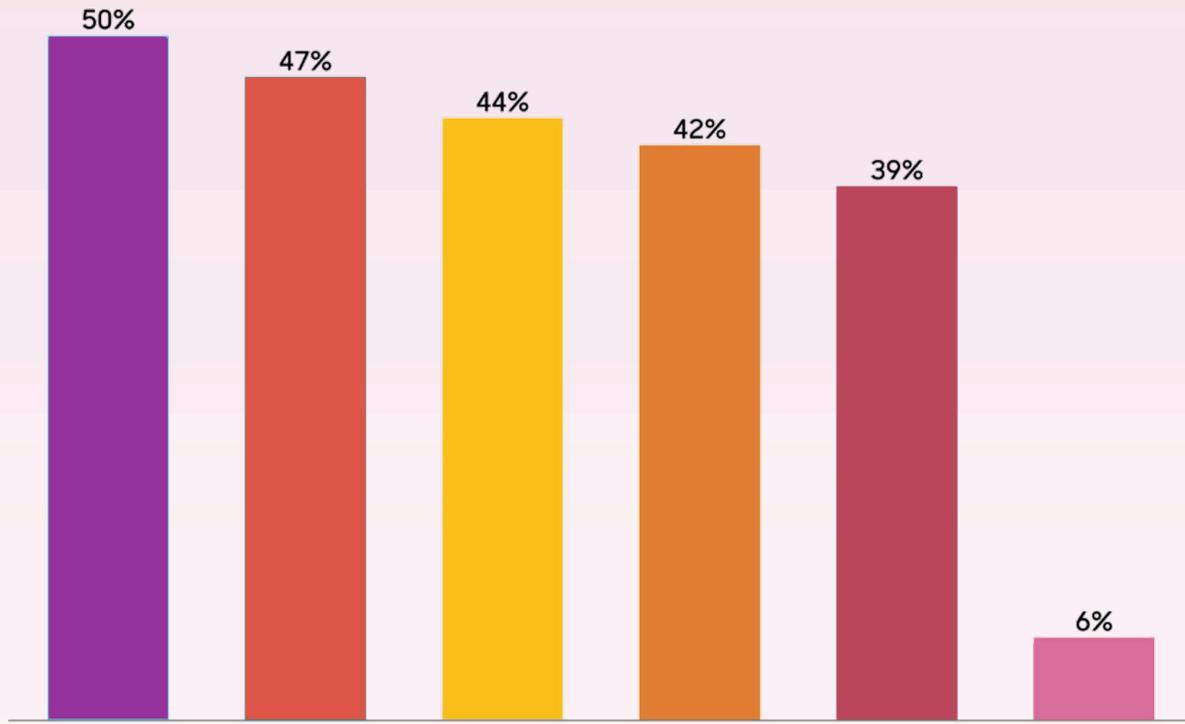


### Despite low intent, wearable use drives meaningful nutrition behavior change

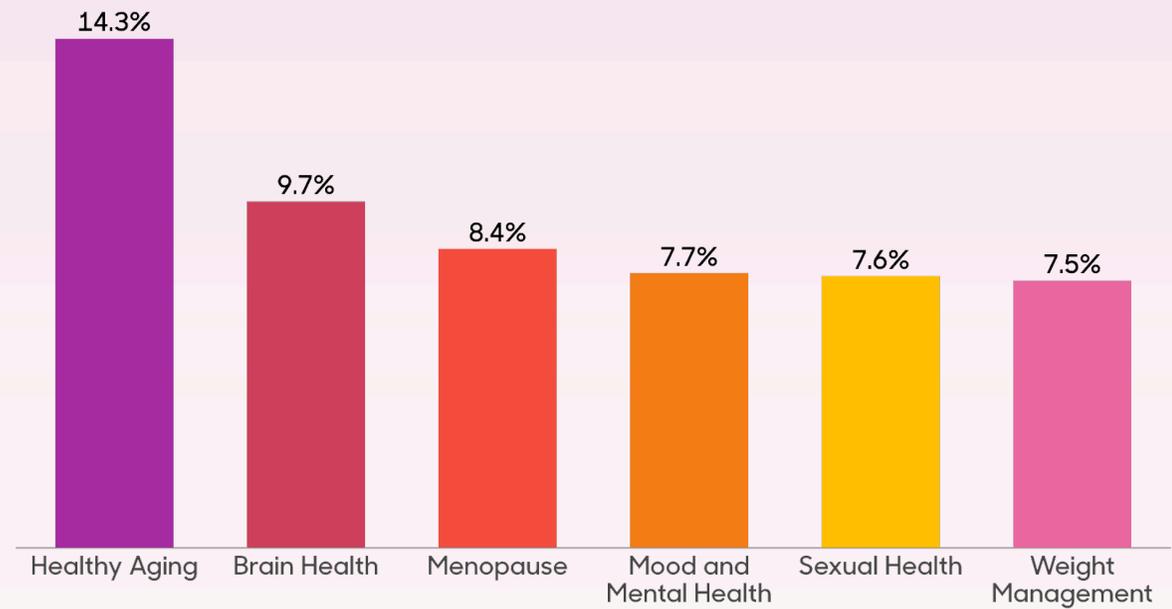
Behavior change as a result of using a wearable<sup>1</sup>



# Consumers are making intentional lifestyle choices to support healthy aging



- Dietary supplements
- Diet
- Personal care products
- Health and wellness services
- Fitness equipment or accessories
- Other



Source: Nutrition Business Journal

Source: Nutrition Business Journal surveys targeting general consumers, aged 18-75. Completed January 2026; N=832; powered by the Suzy online platform.  
 Question: "Have you made (or plan to make) choices (making exercise or health tech products) influence your purchasing decisions in any of the following categories?"

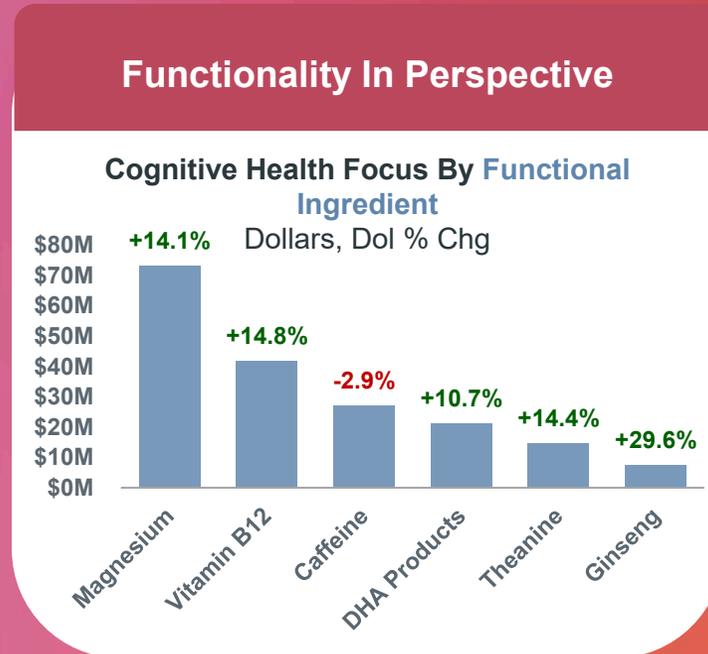
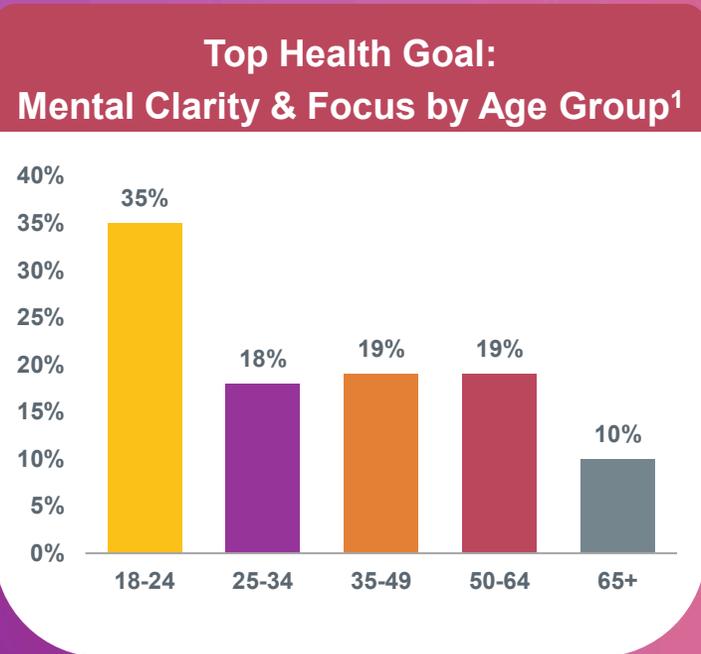
# Mind Over Matter –Cognitive Health Evolves

Brain health interest keeps expanding: From memory support to everyday focus, mood, and stress resilience.

Focus is 'Mental Wealth' - Beyond cognitive preservation to pre-emptive mental resilience and digital mitigation.

- Managing the high-speed data stream of today's life

Next: Understanding the 'muscle-brain axis', More advanced wearables features, Digital phenotyping for early detection



### Creatine for Cognitive Health

**Creatine \$648.2M | +76.2%**

*There is an opportunity for brands to lean more heavily on cognitive health messaging*

# Bone Health: Evolution of the Strong, Not Skinny Movement

Moving from reactive treatment to lifelong, proactive longevity.

## Strength Training: The “heavy lifting” era

- **NOW:** Body composition; Progressive Overload --from walking and aerobics to resistance and strength training
- **NEXT:** Biohacking, mainstreaming of Vibration Therapy

## Foods & Beverages: Beyond the Milk Carton

- **NOW:** Beyond basic Calcium. More fortifications.
- Collagen Overload:
- **NEXT:** Linking Regen Ag - Soil health to mineral density; Seeking produce grown in mineral rich soil

## Supplements: K2 + D3 Revolution

- **NOW:** Single ingredient calcium moving to the “Bone Trio”: Calcium + D3 + K2
- **NEXT:** Growing trace mineral interest; New delivery formats

Bone Health products with  
**Vit D + K**

**+45%**

Sales vs Year Ago

Younger Consumers are engaging in Bone Health

**+8%**

**Millennials Spending**

Largest increase in spend per buyer vs Year Ago in Bone Health products

# Peptides support a broad range of health applications

## Metabolic, weight & energy regulation

**Focus:** weight & glucose control, energy balance

### Peptides & primary use case:

- GLP-1 & 2: metabolic health, weight reduction, insulin balance
- MOTS-c, SS-31 & NAD+: mitochondrial health and energy

## Cognitive, mood & aesthetic health

**Focus:** brain & mental health, skin health

### Peptides & primary use case:

- Semax & Selank: mental performance & anxiety
- Oxytocin: mood regulation, social stimulant
- GHK-CU: skin regeneration, hair growth, anti-aging
- Melanotan I&II: tanning and skincare

## Longevity, growth hormone & performance

**Focus:** avoiding chronic disease, energy balance

### Peptides & primary use case:

- GLP-1 & 2: diabetes, heart disease, dementia
- Tesamorelin, Ipamorelin, Sermorelin: growth hormone stimulation
- PNC-27: anti-cancer

## Tissue repair & bone/joint health

**Focus:** structural health, inflammation response

### Peptides & primary use case:

- BPC-157: tendon & ligament repair
- TB-500: muscle & soft tissue repair
- Collagen: structural support

Several thousand peptides are currently being studied for therapeutic use – with 100 - 200 estimated to be approved or in late-stage research

# 18% of consumers have either taken or are currently on a GLP1, and changing their behaviors

## Injectables: Beyond A Quick Fix<sup>1,2</sup>

12%

Of adults have taken an injection for weight loss

Boomer's inject rates vs.  
7-10% of Gen Z & Millennials

17%

+85%

Gen Alpha's increased use in  
24', followed by Gen Z (+68%)

### Started with GLP-1s

- Protein-rich foods (25%)
- Fresh produce (25%)
- Fiber (23%)
- Supplements (21%)

### Stopped with GLP-1s

- Alcohol (21%)
- Sugary foods (20%)
- Salty snacks (16%)

#### Sources:

1. <https://news.gallup.com/poll/696599/obesity-rate-declining.asp>
2. <https://www.evernorth.com/sites/default/files/2025-03/2025-pharmacy-in-focus-report.pdf>

# As these health-related trends continue to evolve, we see significant future headroom for growth

## PROTEIN

Early adopters may have maxed, but foundational growth will continue.

### GLP-1 Compensation

Smaller portions require higher nutrient density



**\$2.2B +24.7%**

Meat Snacks

**\$2.0B +22.3%**

RF Yogurt Drinks



**\$2.1B +19.6%**

Cottage Cheese

**\$5.6B +9.6%**

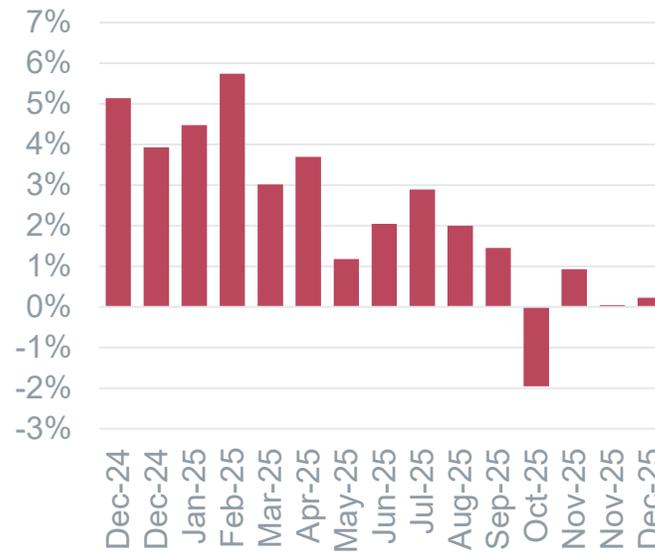
Liq. Meal Replacement



## FIBER

Recognition is growing of the Fiber gap in American diets.

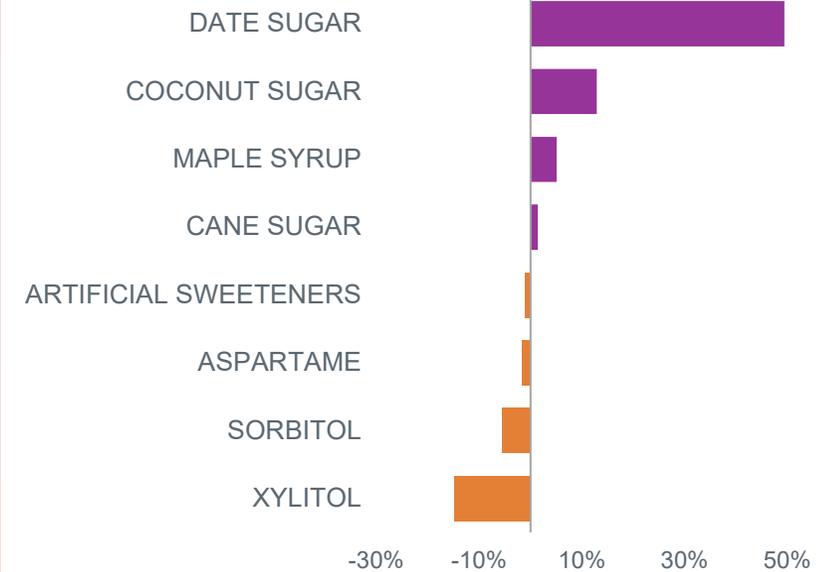
### Designated FDA-High Fiber Product Sales, % Chg vs Yago



## NATURAL SWEETENERS

Continued growing interest in Clean Label Sugars while overall down

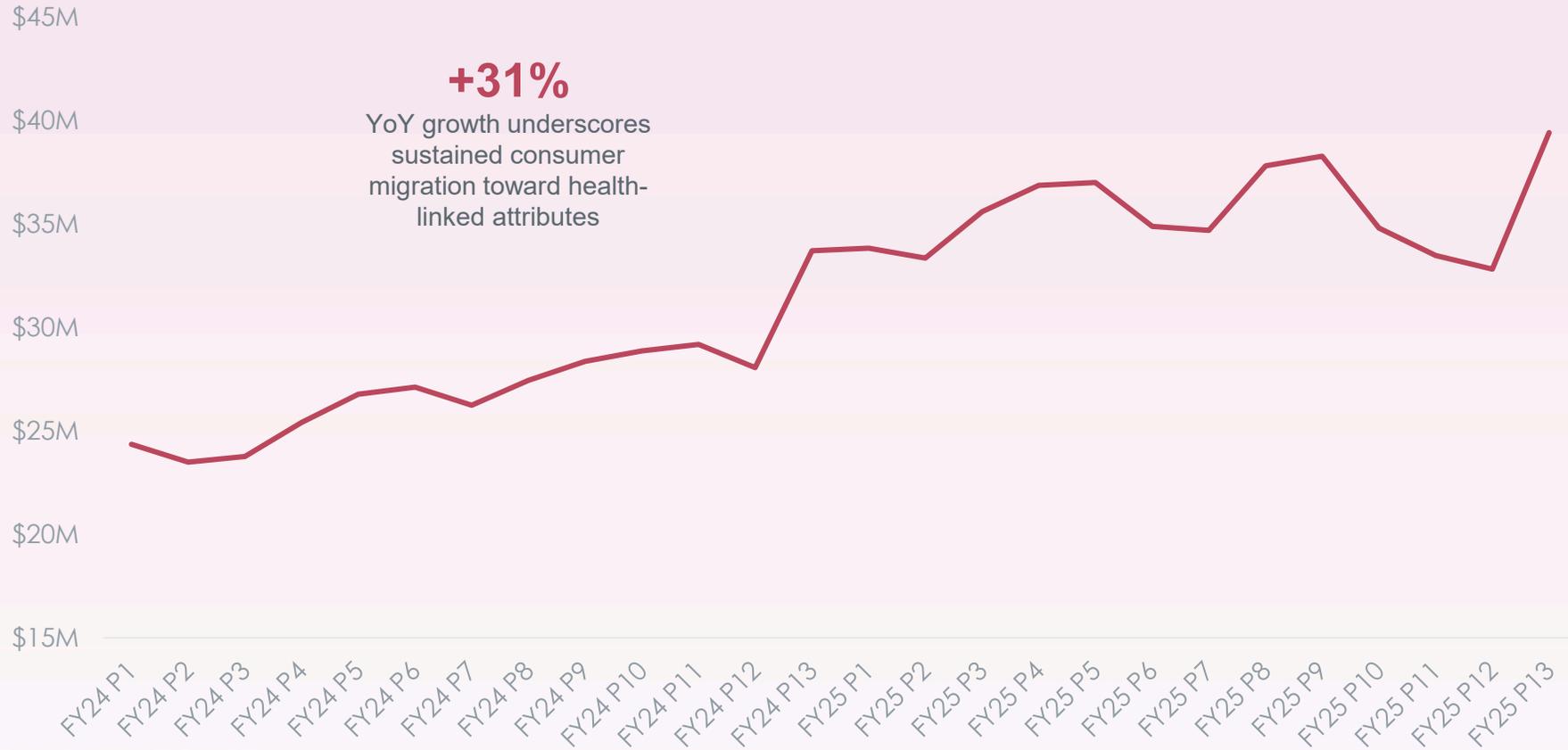
### Sweetener Unit Sales % Chg vs Yago



# Consumers are actively trading into products with Functional Health attributes

## Grass-fed growth is driven by Omegas, animal welfare and sustainability

Monthly growth rates in grass-fed meats, per quad



# Pantry staples can bring healthy disruption

Nutrient dense products are disrupting categories. Raising the bar on **traditional favorites** with **healthy convenience** and **functional and flavorful ingredients** is an opportunity while fitting a need to cook more at home with **tighter budgets**

| Beans and Nut Butters  |  | Building a Better Sandwich  |   | Condiment Refresh  |   |
|--|--|---|---|--|---|
| <p>Beans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Fiber-maxxing</li> <li>✓ Beyond the can</li> </ul>   | <p>Nut Butters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ High protein</li> <li>✓ Versatile vehicle</li> <li>✓ Beyond seed oils</li> </ul> | <p>Natural Deli Meats<br/>6% of sales,<br/>100% of growth</p>   | <p>Bread &amp; Bakery<br/>+16% Specialty<br/>Loaves and Buns</p>  | <p>Mayo<br/><b>-1.3%</b></p> <p>Avocado Oils<br/><b>+19%</b></p>               | <p>Intersection<br/>of BFY bases<br/>+ bold spice</p>  |
| <p>Globally-inspired.<br/>Culture blending.<br/>Ready-to-heat</p>  | <p>More nut bases,<br/>more spice</p>                      | <p><b>CLEANER OPTIONS</b><br/>Learn from other<br/>meats: organic,<br/>uncured, humane<br/>sourcing</p>                                   | <p><b>CLEANER OPTIONS</b><br/>True fermentation,<br/>regenerative,<br/>sustainable</p>  | <p>Ketchup<br/><b>-0.2%</b></p> <p>Organic Ketchup<br/><b>+3%</b></p>          | <p>Hidden<br/>veggies,<br/>layered<br/>flavors</p>     |
|  |  | <p><b>VARIETY EXPANSION</b><br/>Global varieties</p>  | <p><b>VARIETY EXPANSION</b><br/>Sourdough<br/>adjacencies</p>  | <p>Salad Dressing<br/><b>-3.9%</b></p> <p>Natural Dressings<br/><b>+1%</b></p> | <p>Digestive<br/>health<br/>benefits</p>              |

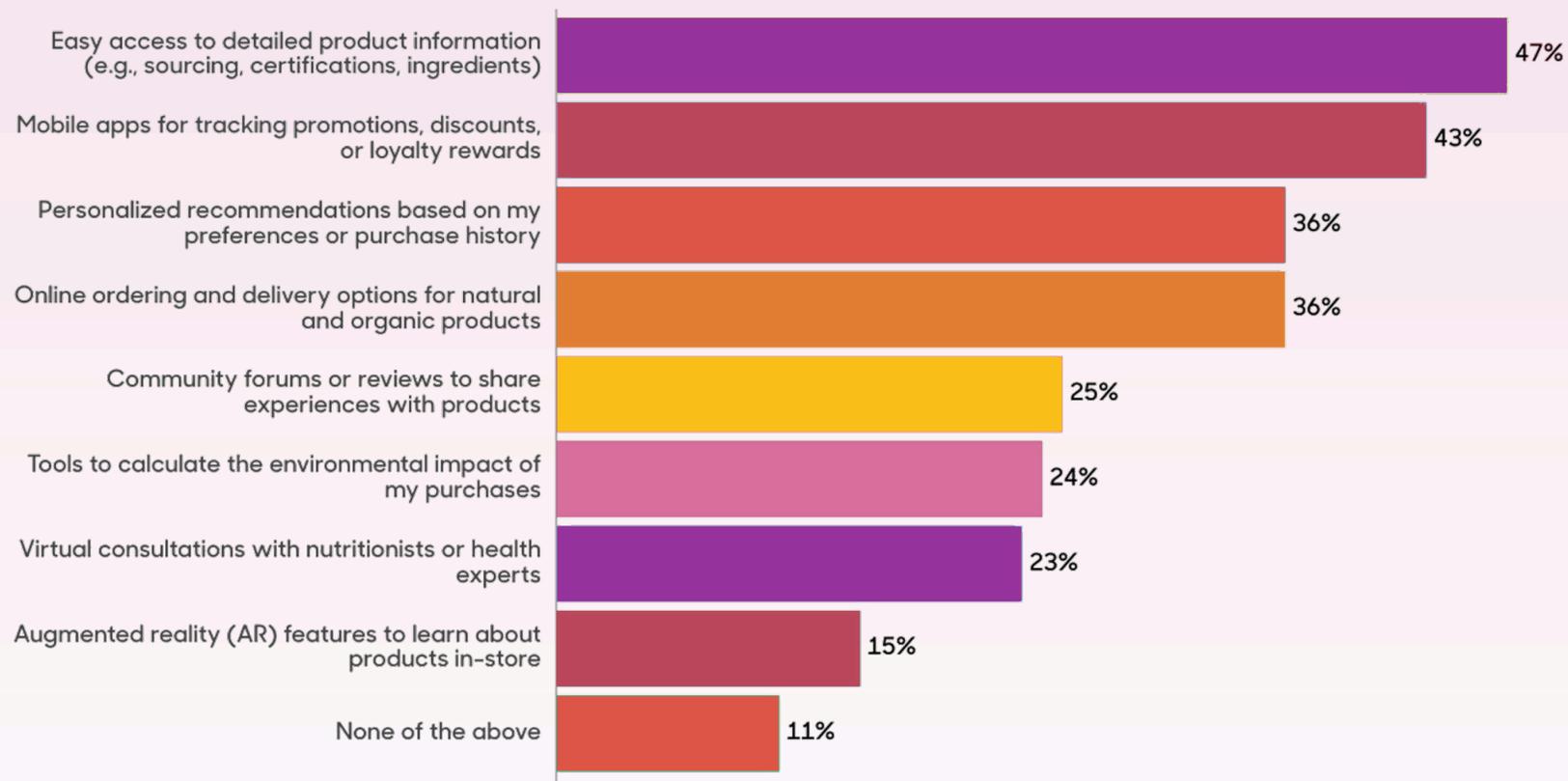
# How we shop is entering a period of rapid transformation

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|--|---|
| <b>Non-Human Participation</b><br>The growing influence of <b>AI, automation, and synthetic agents</b> in shaping consumer decisions and product development   | <b>75%</b> Of consumers say they're open to a trusted AI personal shopper that understands their needs <sup>1</sup> |
|  | <b>~9 in 10</b> Retailers are adopting or piloting AI   |
|  | <b>68%</b> Of retailers want gen-AI to transform marketing/content <sup>3</sup>                                     |
| <b>Anywhere Commerce</b><br>The rise of <b>frictionless, omnichannel, and ambient</b> shopping experiences   | <b>15%</b> Of total retail was eCommerce in Q2 2025 (+5.3% YoY) <sup>1</sup>  |
|  | <b>\$100B</b> Social commerce market by 2026 <sup>2</sup>   |
|  | <b>\$67.3B</b> Retail media ad spend forecasted for 2025 <sup>3</sup>   |
| <b>We're not feeling ready</b><br><b>46%</b> of industry executives feel Agentic Commerce will soon be <b>very/disruptive</b> , but only <b>11% are very/confident</b> of their <b>company's readiness</b> |   |

# Technology that would assist NOFB shoppers

What role do you think technology (e.g., apps, online platforms) could play in helping you discover and purchase natural and organic products?

- Easy access to detailed product information (47%) ranks as the top tech need, reinforcing transparency and label literacy trends
- Mobile apps for promotions, discounts, and loyalty rewards (43%) highlight ongoing value sensitivity
- Personalized recommendations (36%) and online ordering (36%) show strong demand for guided and convenient discovery



Source: Nutrition Business Journal surveys targeting average consumers, aged 20-75. Completed January 2026; N=1,000; powered by the Suzy online platform.  
Question: "Which of the below do you feel retailers could do to improve the shopping experience for natural and organic products?"

# Retail of Tomorrow

Blending preference-based consumption, non-human participation and anywhere commerce.

Successful retailers of tomorrow will have these types of elements included in their shopper experience.



## The Store

- Wellness Zones
- Max Technology
- Hybrid Formats
- Hyper-local and sustainable sourcing



## The Trip

- Hyper-Personalized Nutrition
- Predictive Ordering
- Discovery and experience
- Smart shopping



## The Products

- Longevity focused
- Functional 'Beauty from Within'
- Without cultural boundaries
- Freezer Chefs
- Private label

Deeply integrated online and in-store experiences

High price sensitivity due to transparency and ease of acquisition anywhere

# Our industry will continue to push boundaries

What has long been the norm for our industry is now going mainstream. We can, and will, keep impacting positive outcomes.

## Foods without Ultra Processing

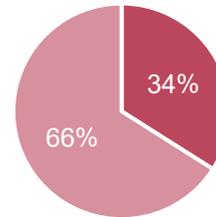
Product without Ultra Processed Ingredients increase that market edge

| Avg. Retail Price | Unit Growth Vs. YAGO | Dollar Growth Vs. YAGO | PRODUCTS                |
|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| \$4.65            | 0%                   | +3%                    | Total Food & Bev        |
| <b>\$5.28</b>     | <b>+6%</b>           | <b>+10%</b>            | <b>NATURAL PRODUCTS</b> |
| \$45.01           | +2%                  | +5%                    | SPECIALTY & WELLNESS    |
| \$4.22            | -3%                  | -1%                    | CONVENTIONAL            |

## Seedy Business: Moving On

Seed Oil Food & Bev<sup>2</sup>  
Unit Contribution

■ Contains Seed Oils ■ No Seed Oils



|               | Seed Oil | No Seed Oil |
|---------------|----------|-------------|
| Base ARP      | \$4.36   | \$4.32      |
| \$ % Change   | -3%      | +1%         |
| Unit % Change | -4%      | -2%         |

Units

| Soybean Oil | Canola Oil | Sunflower Oil | Corn Oil |
|-------------|------------|---------------|----------|
| 28B         | 17B        | 10B           | 5B       |
| -4%         | -4%        | -3%           | -4%      |

## No Artificial Ingredients

Behind protein and sugar, no artificial ingredients is the third most sought after claim by shoppers<sup>3</sup>

Products With No Artificial Ingredients, By Category

Units % Chg, Vital Clean<sup>2</sup>

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| SS Rice Cakes      | <b>+25%</b> |
| FZ Breakfast Foods | <b>+16%</b> |
| SS Jerky & Meats   | <b>+14%</b> |
| RF & PB Yogurt     | <b>+10%</b> |
| Creams Creamers    | <b>+7%</b>  |

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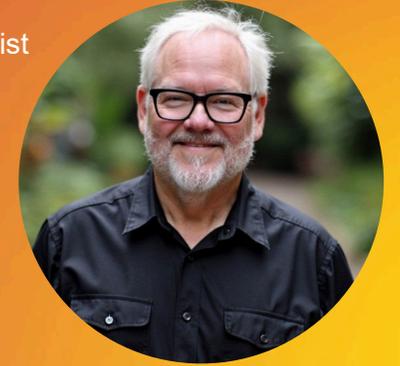
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