



# What's In-Store 2023

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A multi-dimensional look at the Dairy, Deli and Bakery **State of the Industry**

- Shopper survey
  - May 2023
  - 1,550 consumers
- Consumer videos
- Industry expert videos
- Market overlay
  - Best-in-class pictures, videos and examples from around the world
- Sales overlay by Circana (formerly IRI)



# Five Generations of Shoppers

Five different patterns of behavior



**Silent Generation**  
1928-1945



**Boomers**  
1946-1964



**Gen X**  
1965-1980



**Millennials**  
1981-1996



**Gen Z**  
1997-2012




# The rollercoaster ride continues

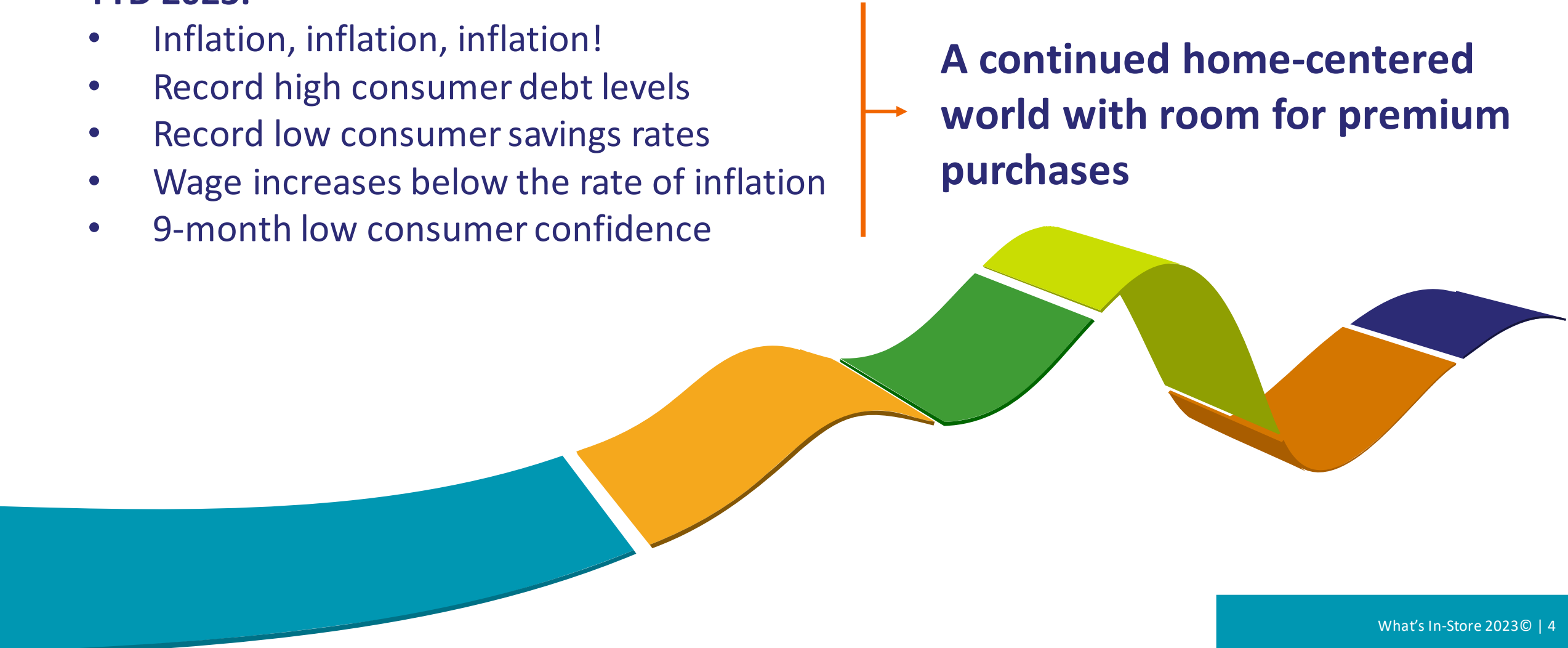
A new set of factors are adding to the list of pandemic disruptors

## YTD 2023:

- Inflation, inflation, inflation!
- Record high consumer debt levels
- Record low consumer savings rates
- Wage increases below the rate of inflation
- 9-month low consumer confidence



**A continued home-centered world with room for premium purchases**





# Guiding Trends 2023



**Whole Health,  
Heart and Self**



**Consumer-Defined  
Convenience**



**ESG: Environment,  
Social & Governance**



**Worth  
the Value**



**Technology &  
Innovation**





# Whole Health Whole Heart Whole Self

The evolution of health, now emphasizing both physical and emotional wellbeing.



# Health focus is not a constant

Its definition is evolving balancing physical health and happiness

Level of focus on making healthy food and beverage choices (% of consumers):

8% None, I eat what I eat

24% On and off focus

42% Some focus

26% A lot of focus

Physical health and emotional wellbeing (happiness) are interwoven (% of consumers):

% Disagree

3%

% Agree

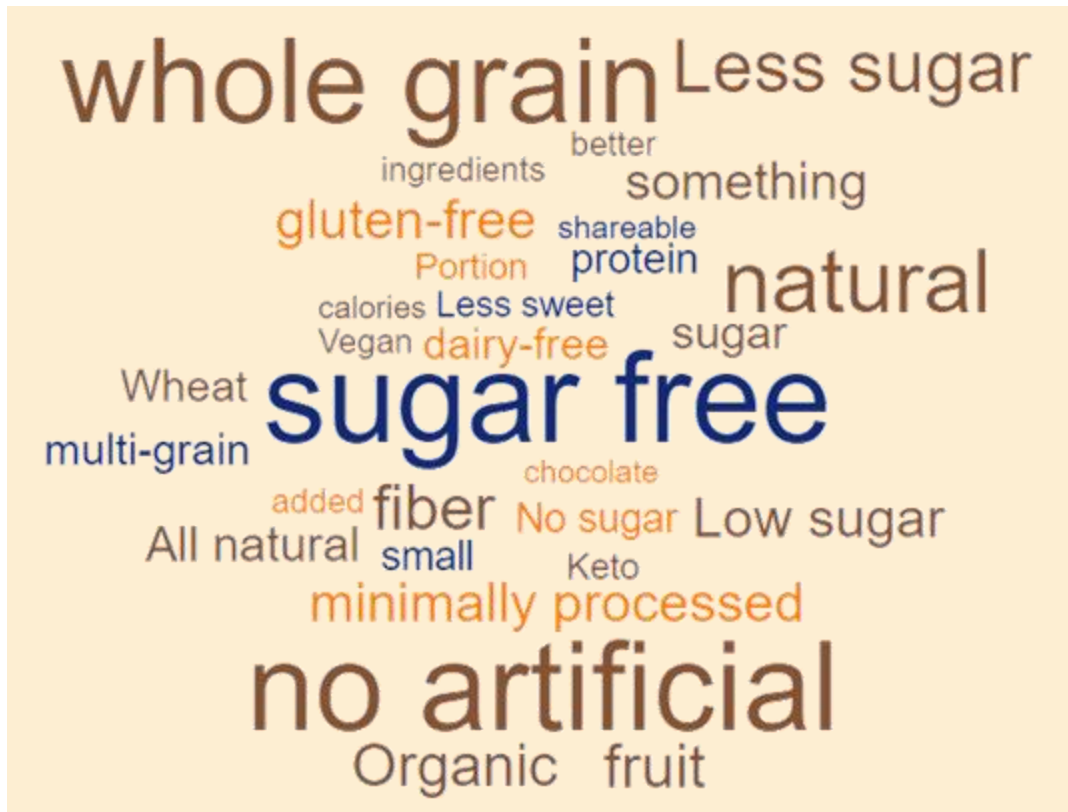
78%



# Healthy plays out in many ways

Sugar, portion size, avoidance & inclusion of deemed positives/negatives

## Examples of healthy choices in bakery:



The larger the size of the font, the more frequently it was mentioned in shoppers' descriptions. Shown if mentioned 10+ times

## Response themes:

- Sugar content
- All natural/avoidance of artificial
- Portion size
- Minimal processing
- Fiber, multi-grain and whole grain
- Dietary trends: vegan, Keto
- Organic
- Free from dairy or gluten

**But also: everything is ok in moderation**

Sugar-free



Single-serve





# Shoppers have become label readers

## Which, in turn, has prompted better-for and ESG





# Reflect the health continuum in-store

Sometimes a better-for choice, sometimes saying yes to cake



# Can the store help?

Transparency and education is appreciated

Somewhat or very interested (% of shoppers):

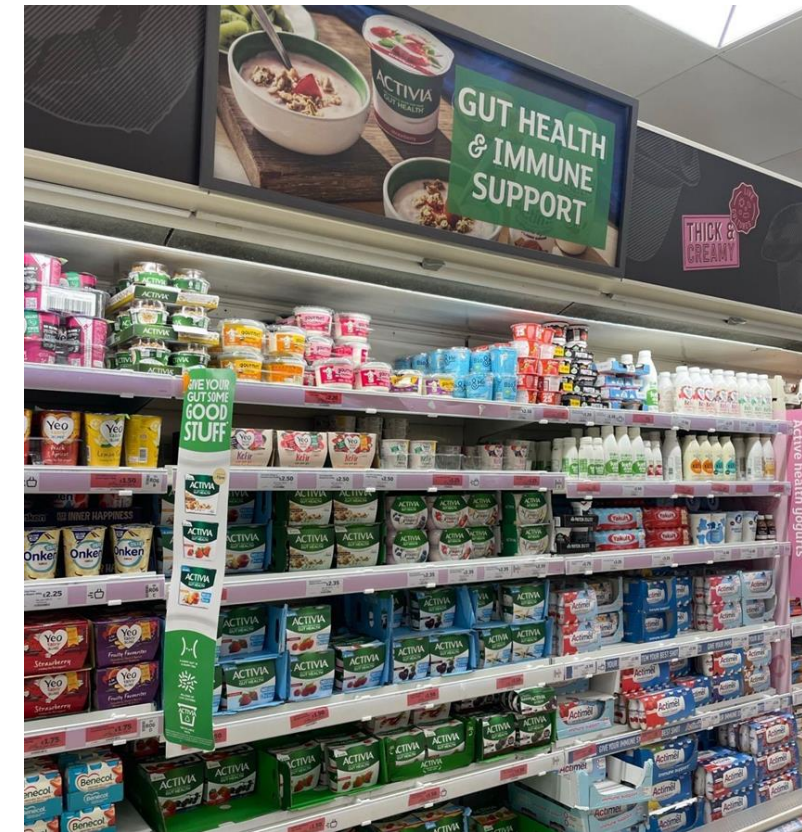
- 62% Basic nutrition facts on the **front of the package**, such as calories, fat, sugar and sodium
- 49% A nutrition **star-rating system** showing healthfulness of foods and beverages
- 34% Grocery stores offering **personalized nutrition** programs, tailored to your weight, pulse, blood pressure, etc.
- 31% Grocery stores offering **dietitian** healthy eating tips and picks





# Curate and ideate

And be part of the healthy eating dialogues



# Balance is the word du jour

With treating playing an important role in traditions and happiness

Somewhat or completely agree (% of shoppers):

77%

It is completely **fine to occasionally enjoy** some **treats** like cupcakes, cookies or ice cream

79%

Baked treats, like cakes or pies, are **great traditions** during holidays and celebrations

73%

All foods and beverages are okay **in moderation**





# Portion sizes can create permissibility

## And variety — the key to the Millennial heart







# Consumer-Defined Convenience

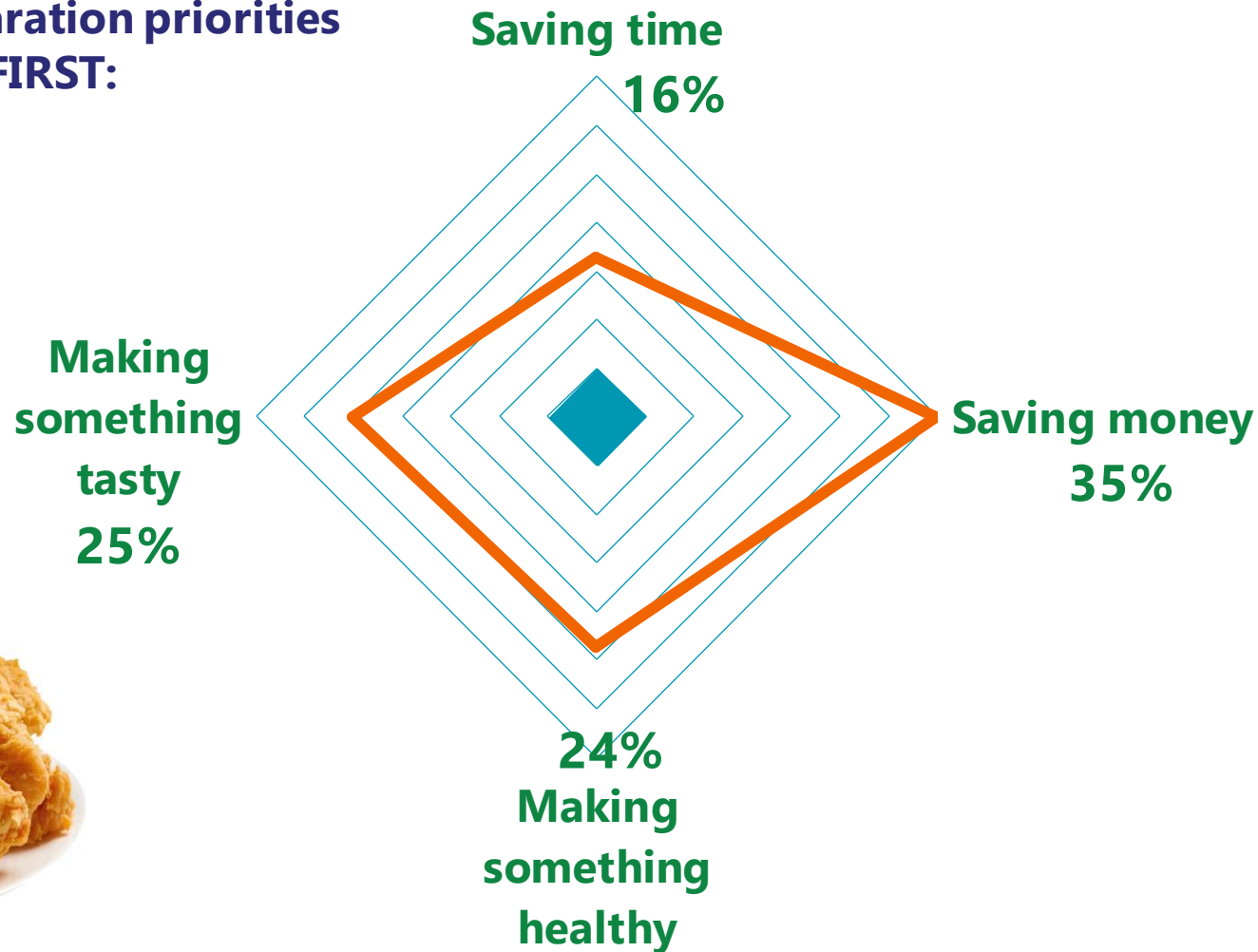
The ever-growing importance of ease of meal planning, shopping, preparation and cleanup is driving sales growth.



# The balancing act

Money, health, taste, time... it all matters

Meal preparation priorities  
% Ranked FIRST:





# Life has become all about continuums

Ultra healthy to ultra indulgent | Time-well-saved to time-well-spent

Scratch to heat-and-eat to ready-to-eat | Cheapest to premium | New to nostalgia

The pizza continuum, for instance, from bake-yourself, to build yourself, to RTE

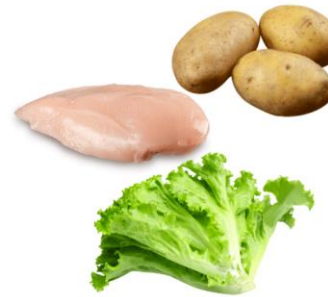




# The hybrid meal has taken over America's kitchens

Best description of typical dinner preparation  
(% of consumers):

41%



Cooking mostly  
from  
scratch

50%



Mix of scratch-  
cooked and  
semi-and fully-  
prepared items

9%



Mostly semi-and  
fully-prepared  
items (may just  
require reheating)



# Shoppers want convenience

Big demand for grab-and-go and the convenience continuum

Somewhat and very interested (% of consumers):

- 55% Easier shopping with grab-and-go for bakery and deli
- 50% Easier preparation with semi- and fully-prepared items
- 46% Home delivery for grocery deli-prepared foods
- 46% Easier shopping with easy online ordering and one-click shoppable recipes
- 45% Easier shopping with stations featuring all items for one meal
- 35% Meal planning suggestions





# Self-service is fast growing

## Big wins for grab & go deli meat/cheese



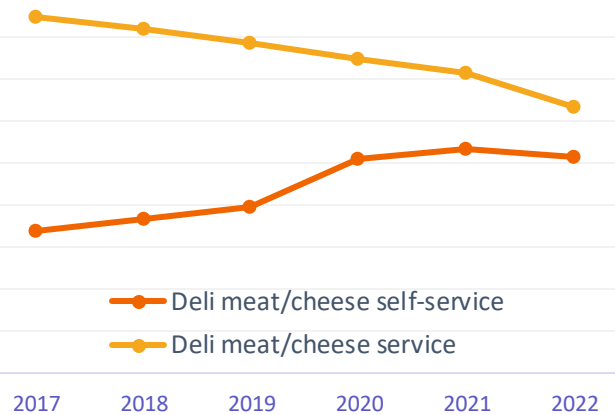
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### Grab & go & pre-sliced deli meat/cheese \$ share

28.6% 2017 share of \$  
44.7% 2022 share of \$

### Deli meat/cheese pound sales service vs. self-service



Source: Circana, Integrated Fresh, Total US, MULO, 2019-2022







**PUMPKIN PIE**

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**\$1.00 OFF**

Any ONE (1) Publix® Fresh Bakery Pie in the following flavors with the purchase of any ONE (1) Nidori-wip® 6-13 oz.

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# Leveraging co- and cross-purchase insights

To ideate where the consumers' mind is already going





# Delivery and takeout are huge

Fueling restaurant business but not as much for deli-prepared

Do so occasionally (% of consumers):

62%

Restaurant  
delivery

78%

Restaurant  
takeout

33%

Grocery deli-  
prepared  
delivery

41%

Grocery deli-  
prepared  
takeout

51%

use third-party  
delivery services such  
as Grubhub or Uber  
Eats



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# The Time Crunch

Delis should focus on awareness

When running out of time (% of consumers):

15%

Grocery deli

35%

Something quick (PB&J/frozen meal)

50%

Restaurant

When not in the mood to cook:

16%

Grocery deli

24%

Something quick (PB&J/frozen meal)

60%

Restaurant

Why restaurants and not grocery deli-prepared foods?

68%

Grocery deli is a good option, but I just **don't think about it**

32%

Grocery deli is just **not a viable** restaurant alternative





# Deli-prepared is an occasional choice

Mostly addressing the lunch and dinner occasions

Purchase deli-prepared foods by meal occasion (% of consumers):



## Breakfast

35% Never  
21% Light  
33% Medium  
12% Heavy



## Lunch

19% Never  
27% Light  
42% Medium  
11% Heavy

## Dinner

12% Never  
30% Light  
45% Medium  
13% Heavy

Light = Less than once a month | Medium = Every few weeks | Heavy = Weekly or more



# Curbing restaurant spending affects all occasions

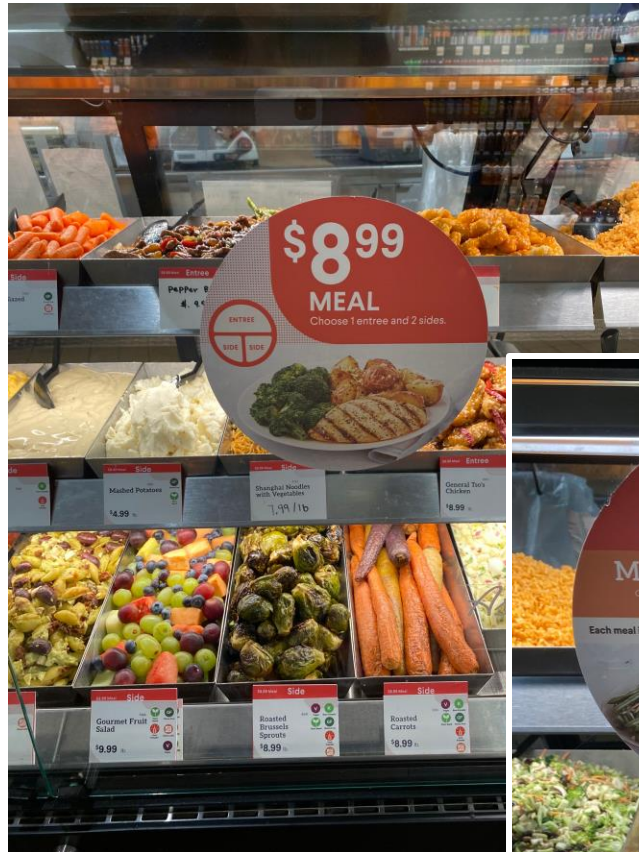
Particular opportunity in breakfast and lunch as a foot in the door





# Selling a meal for now, and one for later

## Or change 1 meal into a meal for 2 or 4 people





# Driving higher engagement

Variety, price and deli specials are keys

Would prompt buying grocery deli-prepared more often (% of shoppers):

- 81% Better variety of items/cuisines
- 80% More frequent promotions
- 76% Daily specials, such as Taco Tuesday
- 75% More healthy options
- 69% Ability to order in advance
- 62% Home delivery
- 55% More specialty options (organic, vegan, etc.)
- 53% Deli drive-through
- 51% Reserved parking spaces/curbside delivery



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# The ABCs of ESG

Environment

Social

Governance



# ESG is rapidly moving into the spotlight





# Importance of various ESG components

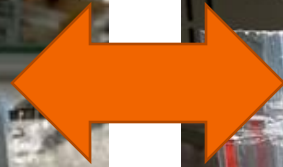
Food waste is a universal issue, others vary widely by age

Somewhat or very important for food brands and retailers to do (% of shoppers):		M	B
60%	Commitments to limit food waste	61%	63%
59%	Humane treatment of the animal (dairy, deli meat, etc.)	60%	46%
58%	Commitments to fair pay throughout the supply chain	64%	54%
56%	Commitments to limit package waste	61%	58%
53%	Giving back to the community	60%	48%
49%	Sustainable ingredient sourcing	56%	45%
49%	Commitments to reduce water/energy usage in production	52%	49%
44%	Supporting special causes	50%	38%



# The planet and animals: more people care

Making inroads in all our areas from grass-fed and organic to regenerative agriculture and pasture-raised in eggs, bakery and more



# Understanding plant-based

## Perceptions center on health and planet

# 57%

Of consumers  
purchase plant-based  
dairy alternatives

**44%** Occasionally

**13%** All the time

### Why dairy alternatives?

- 49%** Better for one's health
- 39%** Prefer the taste
- 27%** Better for the planet
- 23%** It is the right thing to do
- 22%** Animal welfare concerns
- 19%** Allergy
- 14%** Concern of hormones/  
antibiotics in dairy
- 13%** Doctor/medical advice
- 3%** Vegan lifestyle



**Milk alternatives | \$2.5B**  
+9.9% Dollar sales  
-4.2% Unit sales

**Dairy cheese alts | \$107M**  
-5.1% Dollar sales  
-7.3% Unit sales

**Lunchmeat alts | \$30M**  
+0.9% Dollar sales  
-7.3% Unit sales

Source: Circana, Integrated Fresh, MULO, 52 w.e. 4/2/2023 vs. YA





# Creative food waste prevention

## Providing solutions and communicating the effort



A new twist to markdowns:  
"Together we waste less"



Bake at home: less packaging,  
less food waste, great for the  
planet, great for you"



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## Leveraging Trends as an In-Store Bakery Differentiator

May 25, 11:00 AM - May 25, 12:00 PM

Leveraging Trends as an In-Store Differentiator

Join Dawn Foods Senior Director of Insights and Market Research Sarah Hickey as she discusses the company's latest research and insights – focusing on technology transformation, experience exploration, the tie between mental wellness and food, as well as sustainability in baking – and how they come to life for in-store bakeries. Join us May 25th at 11 AM CST for a free webinar!

### Webinar

Consumer behavior is constantly evolving, and bakeries need to stay on top of trends to compete in today's market. Dawn Foods partners with customers to drive business growth through innovative thinking, fresh products and bakery expertise...

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May 25, 01:00 PM - May 25, 02:00 PM

The Protected Cheeses of Europe

When Trevor Thomas, Sr. Manager of Retail Merchandising & Operations, learned that his employer, IDDBA, was offering a Protected (PDO) Cheeses of Europe, he set out to learn all that he could on the subject and the cheeses involved. Today there are 250+ protected cheeses across the European Union and beyond. Trevor will discuss the different levels of protection, how these food products have become protected, and how these "old world" production methods add to the flavor and uniqueness of these cheeses. Many Americans at home can trace their roots back to these PDO cheeses. 15 registrants will receive a sampling box to taste along with the presentation.

Join us May 25th at 1PM CST for a free webinar!

Each box will include:

- Scooped Roquefort
- President Comté
- Don Bernardo Manchego
- Grana Padano
- La Patisserie Crackers

# Webinars - On the Web and App!



### IDDBA Webinar Series

IDDBA conducts live webinars throughout the year on a variety of subjects of interest to professionals in the bakery, deli, dairy, cheese, and foodservice sectors. Topics include merchandising; regulations; industry, consumer, and product trends; and department-specific training. A library of recorded webinars is available for viewing for members only.

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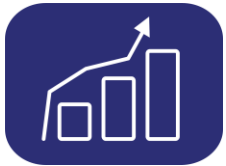
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# Worth the Value

Inflationary pressure is tremendous — emphasizing affordability. But it is not only about price nor does the market reflect a race to the bottom.





# Life is...

More expensive

83%

% of consumers

## Average price per unit:



\$3.87

+12.8%

+27.1%



\$5.98

+9.5%

+22.6%



\$3.74

+20.2%

+34.5%



\$3.65

+14.7%

+37.1%

■ Vs. YA   ■ Vs. 3YA (pre-pandemic)

Source: Circana, Integrated Fresh, Total U.S., MULO, 52 w.e. 4/2/2023







# Many ways to save

Some boosting retail, others hurting sales

Ways of looking to save money in reaction to the higher cost of life (% of consumers):



**93%**

Making 1+ change  
when buying  
**groceries**



**39%**

Eating out at or  
ordering in from  
**restaurants less often**



# Restaurant savings open the door for retail

Across meal occasions and types, especially lunch and dinner

Meal occasions now sourced from restaurants less often (% of consumers):





# Point out the cost-effectiveness of cooking

## But also speed, versatility and healthfulness

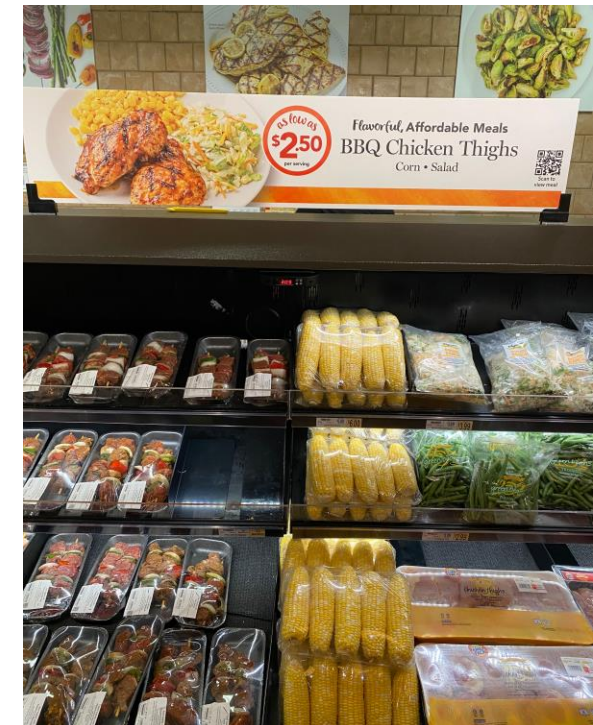


"Skip the takeout, go with GreenWise."



"This is better than drive thru."

"Flavorful, affordable meals, simple sandwiches \$2."



"Flavorful, affordable meals: BBQ chicken thighs, corn, salad as low as \$2.50 per serving."

# Lots of planning pre-trip and in-store

Research intensifies while in-store with item and brand comparisons



Promotional research (% occasionally & frequently):



Compare dairy, bakery and deli promotions **across different stores** pre-trip

**70%**



Check **promotions** at your **main store** pre-trip

**79%**



Compare **prices/promos** in-store across **items** before you select

**80%**



Compare **prices/promos** in-store across **brands** before you select

**83%**





# Private brand popularity

Illustrated by above-average growth

Purchasing private brands in the past year (% of shoppers):



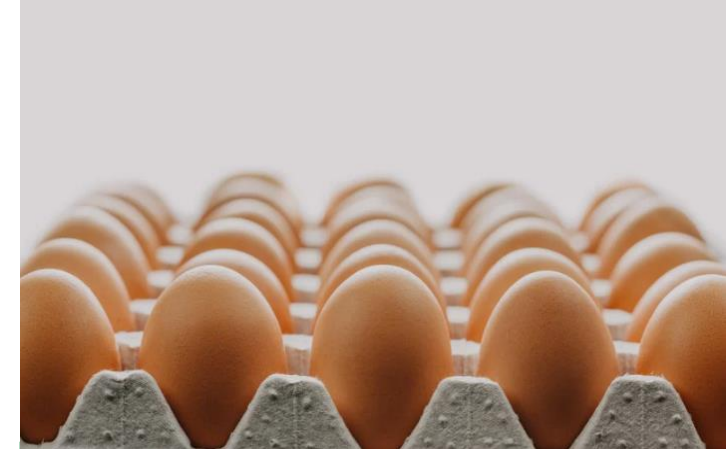
**46%**

**More likely to  
purchase  
store brands**



**10%**

**Less likely to  
purchase  
store brands**



## Deli units vs. year ago

- 1.5% Private brands
- 3.6% Manufacturer brands

## Bakery units vs. year ago

- 0.6% Private brands
- 4.2% Manufacturer brands

## Dairy units vs. year ago

- 1.0% Private brands
- 4.4% Manufacturer brands

Source: Circana, Integrated Fresh, Total US, MULO, 52 w.e. 4/23/23



# Help train the digital behavior in-store

Personalized discounts are an opportunity as the grocery purchase is becoming more diverse



## 53%

Of shoppers who believe personalized sales promotions are a good or great idea



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# Lots of promotional creativity

A different take on loyalty programs, copied from restaurants

Loyalty at the department level



10 donuts, get one free



Salad club, buy 10 get one free

Mix and match promotions



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# Discount variations are entering the market

Top preferences are 1) \$ off, 2) BOGOs and 3) bulk/family

## BOGO variations



Food freebies, buy-2-get-1, buy-2-get \$x off, etc.

## Time variations



Weekend, one-day, three-day and happy hour sales

## Price variations



Dynamic pricing based on inventory/macro factors





# Inflation-related communications and solutions

More consumer understanding because of the communications

Price locks, rewinds, comparisons and rewards



Leaning in on family/bulk



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# Pack size strategies vary widely

Income, age and freezing habits have the greatest impact

Changes to pack size strategies due to inflation (% of shoppers):



34%

Buy **smaller packages** to save



38%

Buy **larger/bulk/family packs** to save



28%

Buy **both smaller and larger** packs to save

Driving the love for BOGOs





# Money-saving measures hurt unit sales

Pounds and units are down across the board

Deli department

**7.7B** | **-2.9%** vs. YA

Deli prepared	3.9B	-1.0%
Deli meat	1.3B	-7.1%
Deli cheese	1.5B	-3.1%
Deli entertaining	1.0B	-3.7%



Dairy aisle

**20B** | **-2.4%** vs. YA

Milk	4.7B	-2.5%
Natural cheese	12.8B	-0.4%
Eggs	2.2B	-1.7%



Bakery department

**11.9B** | **-2.3%** vs. YA

Bakery aisle	Bakery perimeter
7.6B   -3.0%	4.2B   -1.4%



# While inflation boosted dollar sales

In most cases, inflation is still offsetting the reduction in volume/units

Deli department

**\$45B** | **+8.2%** vs. YA

Deli prepared	\$24B	+10.1%
Deli meat	\$8B	+6.6%
Deli cheese	\$8B	+5.4%
Deli entertaining	\$5B	+6.1%



Dairy aisle

**\$73B** | **+18.3%** vs. YA

Milk	\$17B	+10.3%
Natural cheese	\$13B	+8.6%
Eggs	\$11B	+59.8%



Bakery department

**\$42B** | **+12.3%** vs. YA

Bakery aisle	\$24B	+12.3%
Bakery perimeter	\$17B	+12.2%





# But... good news in high engagement

Increase in trips for many areas as shoppers chase deals

Deli department

## Shopper engagement



Households

98%

-0.2% vs. YA



Trips/buyer/yr

52

+0.4% vs. YA



\$/trip

\$11

+8% vs. YA



Dairy aisle

## Shopper engagement



Households

99%

-0.1% vs. YA



Trips/buyer/yr

64

+2.6% vs. YA



\$/trip

\$10

+15% vs. YA



Bakery department

## Shopper engagement



Households

99%

-0.1% vs. YA



Trips/buyer/yr

62

+0.2% vs. YA



\$/trip

\$6

+11% vs. YA



# Even better news:

## Plenty of reasons to splurge a little

# 7%

Strictly stick to the list/do not spend extra regardless

**For 93%, there is ample opportunity for incrementality!**



### Reasons to splurge a little (% of all shoppers):

- 51%** If it's a special occasion/holiday
- 45%** If it's a brand I like
- 43%** To do something nice for myself/my family/friends
- 42%** For convenience to save time
- 34%** If it is healthier than the alternative
- 27%** If I'm out of time to prepare something from scratch
- 26%** Replacing a restaurant meal that would have cost more
- 17%** If it's more sustainably, humanely or ethically produced



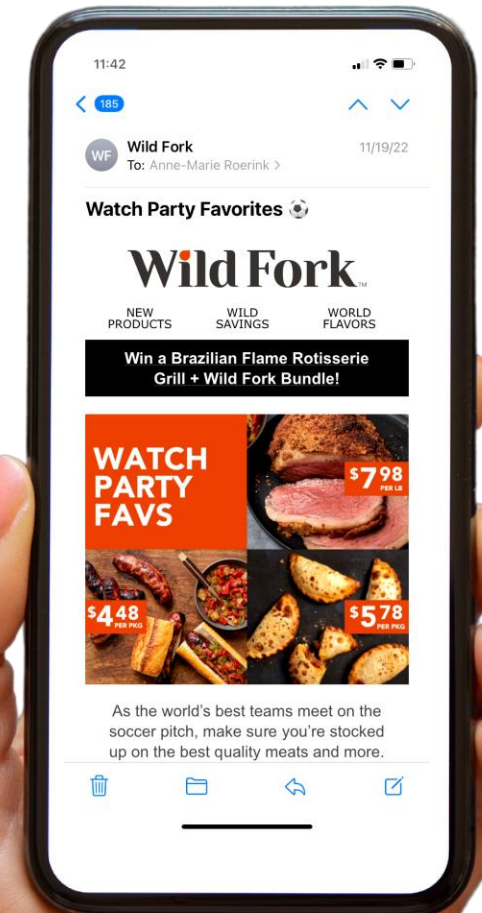


# Celebrate holidays and special occasions

## There are national holidays and birthdays every day!



Congratulations! Get 20% off cake on your birthday



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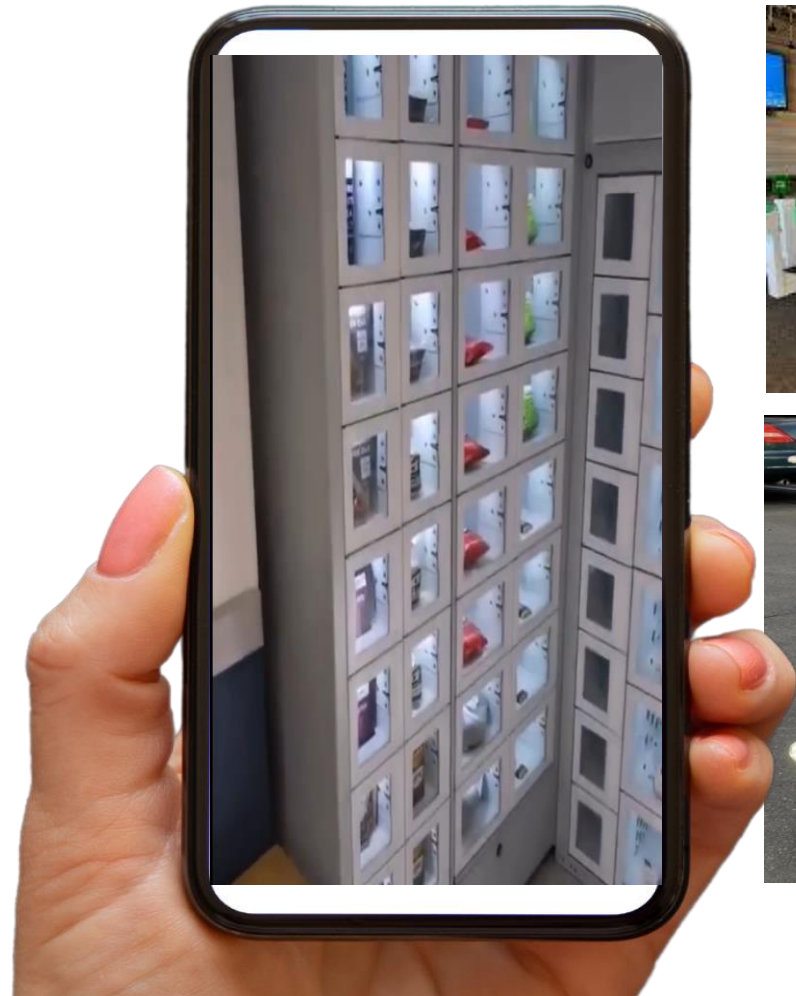
# Innovation & Technology

Performance optimization through consumer-facing, in-store and supply chain technology.





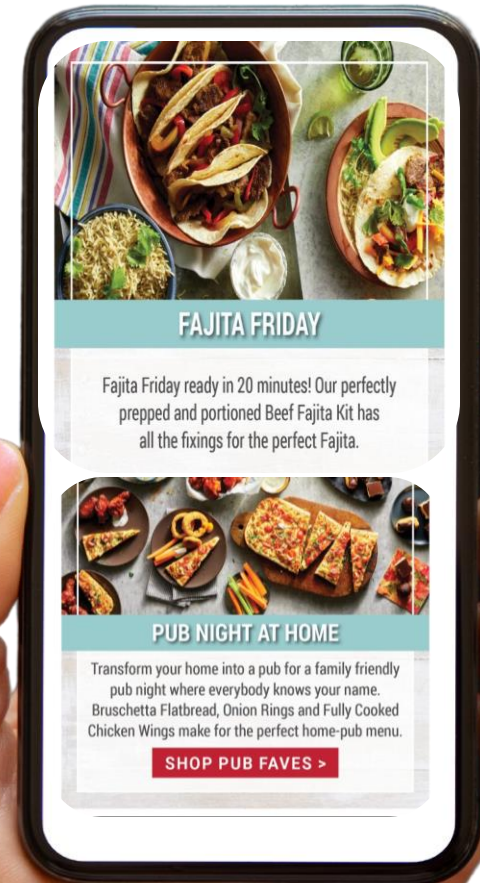
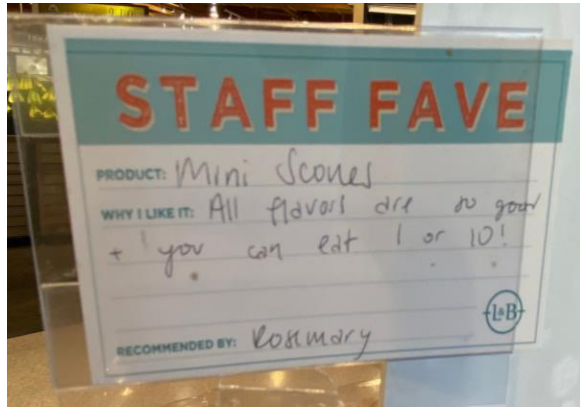
# Technology is a reality





# Apps, screens, deals

Draw interest and reach new audiences



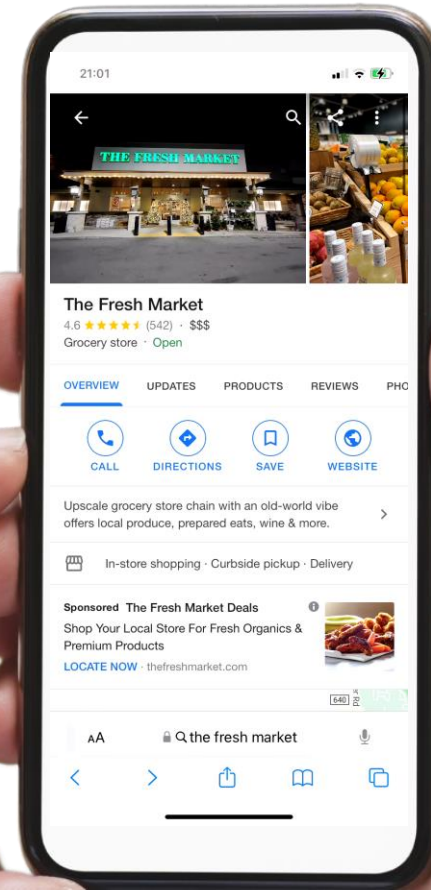


# Meal inspiration has gone digital

## Close the gap between inspiration and purchase

### Sources for meal inspiration (% of shoppers):

- 44% Family/friends
- 38% Routine meals I know how/tend to cook
- 36% Recipe websites
- 32% YouTube
- 31% Cookbooks
- 28% TV/streaming cooking shows
- 28% Facebook
- 21% Pinterest
- 21% Instagram
- 18% TikTok
- 17% Magazines
- 16% Store website/app/kiosk
- 9% Dietitian/nutritionist



### Gen Z

1. TikTok
2. YouTube
3. Facebook

### Millennials

1. YouTube
2. Instagram
3. Facebook

### Gen X

1. Family/friends
2. Routine
3. Recipe websites

### Boomers

1. Routine
2. Family/friends
3. Cookbooks



# Food has become as much fuel as **social** and **entertainment**



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# The *Fifth* P

Product

Price

Placement

Promotion

Payment Options

## Online ordering

Focus on order frequency and size

# 64%

Of shoppers have ordered grocery items online

**How often? (% of grocery shoppers)**

**12%** Just tried it once or twice

**13%** Less than once a month

**23%** Every few weeks

**8%** Bi-weekly

**10%** Weekly or more often

# Leveraging the online real estate

Provide information for transparency, education and inspiration

Replacing the  
visual inspection  
when buying  
online:

- 57% Product description
- 53% Nutritional information
- 32% Source (farm, country, etc.)

Inspiration for  
what to do with  
the item:

- 36% Recipe(s)
- 14% Also buy-recommendations
- 13% Preparation videos

Preferred online  
imagery:

- 42% Image of the packaged item
- 37% Image of the individual item
- 26% Image of item in a meal

