

## **Tonight's Presenter**



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# Marketing in the New Food Reality

How understanding the way we eat now creates smarter consumers and opportunities for local food-based entrepreneurship.

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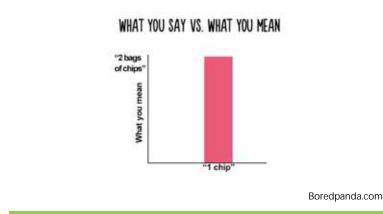


"Most people do not really know why they buy what they buy, eat what they eat, or do what they do."

- Cornell University Research Brief







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# What do YOU think about that?

Let's find out.

Do you feel that fresh foods are healthier?









# Nearly nine in 10 adults (87%) feel that fresh foods are healthier

-Technomic 2014a; MSI 2014a

# 80% of adults feel that fresh foods are tastier

-Technomic 2014a; MSI 2014a



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Do you believe fresh foods taste better?

Are you making an effort to choose more fresh foods?





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# 78% of consumers are making a strong effort to eat more fresh versus processed foods

-Technomic 2014a; MSI 2014a

47% of all eating occasions are now done alone.



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Since last Monday, how many times have you eaten a meal alone?

Do you eat breakfast?





In 2014, breakfast was eaten at home 5.1 times per week.

# Half of adults eat three or more snacks per day





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How many snacks, on average, do you consume daily?

Do you consciously avoid specific food items in your diet, for example, meat, dairy, eggs, gluten, artificial colors, flavors or sweeteners?





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In 2014, one-third of adults tried a specialty regimen; 8% tried gluten-free; 7% lactose-free, 6% raw/living foods; 5% dairy-free.

- MSI 2014a

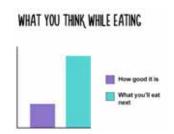
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### Major consumer food trends now

- Getting FRESH!
- Lonely dining...
- Eating early, and often
- \_\_\_\_\_ -free









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# What is important to you?

- · Organic food
- · Local food
- · Sustainable Food
- Natural Food
- Real Food
- · Affordable Food
- · Eco-packaging

- · Authentic Food
- Clean Food
- Humanely raised meat, eggs and dairy
- · Grass fed beef
- · Convenient Food
- Healthy Food

## Fresh is big business

- Fresh foods accounted for 29% of all U.S. grocery outlet sales in 2014
- Premium/fresh-format grocery stores that focus primarily on fresh and ready-to-eat foods are expected to have the highest growth rate through 2018.
- Shoppers are buying more fresh ingredients, up 10% versus three years ago. Nearly half (47%) of shoppers are cooking more from scratch, using fewer convenience foods in order to save money.
- Sales of single-serve fresh produce snacks soared in 2013.

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#### Marketing "fresh" is huge.

- One in five of the bestselling new foods/drinks introduced in 2013 touted a "fresher flavor" claim.
- Fresh technologies (e.g., cold pressing or high pressure) are creating premium markets for juices, coffees, and oils.





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#### Table for one?

- Nearly half (47%) of all eating occasions are alone, even in multi-person households.
- Two-person, married couple households with no children at home & single people living alone are the two largest U.S. household units.
- Foods that can be easily portioned or packaged for one or two adults will likely gain in popularity.
- Sales of kid-specific meals are expected to skyrocket from to \$41 billion in 2018.





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#### **Snack Attack!**

 The average number of in-betweenmeal snacks grew from 1.9 per person per day in 2010 to 2.8 in 2014. Half (51%) of adults ate three or more snacks per day, up from 21% in 2010.





















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#### Food restrictions, intolerances, or allergies have a good deal of influence on food choices for one in 10 shoppers





# **Mainstreaming Trends**

- Global palates
- Whole hog food with a story
- Sophisticated shortcuts making it easier to do the right thing
- "Really" real natural, organic, sustainable and beyond





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# Convenience = Cheating? Nah...

- Home delivery
- Grocery Store Delivery
- Recipes and Food by Mail
- Drone drop food???





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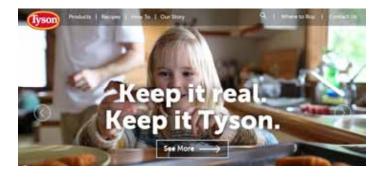


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#### Natural, organic, sustainable, real?

- In 2014, 29% of consumers bought more local foods/beverages; 28% bought more organic products; 25%, more natural foods; and 23%, more non-GMO offerings.
- Three in 10 made a strong effort to consume more minimally processed foods.





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# **Fascinating consumer** research





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## How can consumers use this information?





# How can small scale farmers and ranchers use this information?





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#### Research YOUR Market

- · Reconnaissance is required
  - look, listen, learn, ask questions
- Test the waters before making big changes
  - customer surveys
  - product testing
  - focus groups
- Honestly analyze your findings



## Where do you stand?

- Know your:
  - Customer
    - What they buy, how often, at what price
  - Community
    - Can it support your farm & product mix?
- Competition
  - Who else is meeting the demand?



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