Crunch On: Snacking and Sustainability in North America



December 10, 2015



Stacey Humble, Almond Board





Stacey Humble, Almond Board (Moderator)

Molly Spence, Almond Board

Joanna Clifton, Innova Market Insights

Kate Thomson, Sterling-Rice Group





Molly Spence, Almond Board



Crunch On: Snacking & Sustainability in North America

December 2015



The State of the Region: North America

- Disruptions
 - In food patterns (snacking)
 - In consideration of where our food comes from (sustainability)
- New product trends in snacking and sustainability
- Consumers' attitudes toward snacking and sustainability related to almonds
- Looking forward...our opportunities in 2016 and beyond





It's December...that time when we look back on what made the news in 2015.



January													April														
Su	Мо	Tu	We	Th	$\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{r}}$	Sa	Su	Мо	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Мо	Ta	We	Th	Pr	Sa	Su	Мо	Tu	We	Th	\mathbf{p}_{t}	5
				1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4
4	5	6	7	8	9	10		9	10	11	12	13	14		9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	1
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	1
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	2
25	26	27	28	29	30	31								29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30		

May					June								July									August								
Su.	Мо	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Мо	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa		Su	Мо	Tu	We	Th	\mathbf{Pr}	Sa	5	Me	Ta	We	Th	\overline{p}_{T}	\$		
					1	2		1	2	3	4	5	6					1	2	3	4							1		
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	-		
0	11	12	13	14	15	16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	1		
7	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27		19	20	21	22	23	24	25	1	5 17	18	19	20	21	2		
4	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30						26	27	28	29	30	31		2	24	25	26	27	28	2		
51																						3	31							

	September				October								November								December									
Su	Мо	Tu	W	6	Th	\mathbf{Fr}	Sa	Su	340	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa		Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Pr	Sa		ha i	Мо	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2		3	4	5					1	2	3		1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	1	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		8	9	10	11	12	13	14		6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	5 1	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		15	16	17	18	19	20	21		3	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	2	3 2	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24		22	23	24	25	26	27	28		50	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	0				25	26	27	28	29	30	31		29	30							7	28	29	30	31		























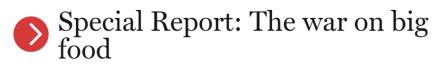


Plenty of **disruption** in the conversation about our environment this year...





...including heated discussion about how to eat to be healthy *and* good for the environment.



Local food still a top trend for chefs



Scientific Report of the 2015 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee

Advisory Report to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Agriculture

F.D.A. Takes Issue With the Term 'Non-G.M.O.'

```
Vegetarians, divided: The rise of the flexitarian
```



The Bad News About Bacon



FDA seeks comments on 'natural' food claim

U.S. Organic food trend forecasted for growth through 2018



The Dietary Guidelines debate all came back to meat.



Scientific Report of the 2015 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee

Advisory Report to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Agriculture



A common narrative cited by 6 in 10 U.S. consumers: HARTBEAT ACUMEN infographics

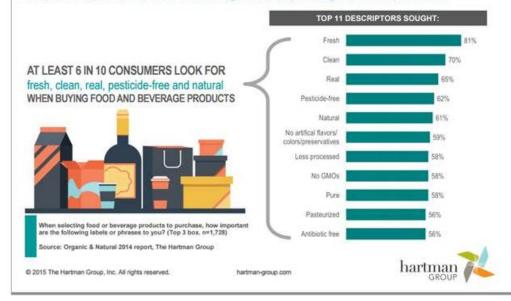
- **"Good"** = fresh, clean, real, pesticide-free and natural
- "Bad" = 'big food,' artificial and processed ingredients, pesticides



SHOPPING BEHAVIOR TRENDS

LABELS OR PHRASES THAT INFLUENCE PURCHASE

Today's consumers are increasingly aware of the personal, social, environmental and health consequences of the foods they consume. This is why when choosing food or beverage products shoppers are likely to look for descriptions that speak to fresh, "clean" or "free of" ingredients, less processing and natural aspects of food.



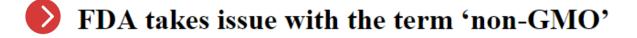


"This apple is ripened using ethylene."





Debate about labeling, with a nod to FDA's busy November.



Poll: 9-In-10 Americans Support GMO Labeling

FDA News Release



FDA takes several actions involving genetically engineered plants and animals for food

FDA Has Determined That the AquAdvantage Salmon is as Safe to Eat as Non-GE Salmon











The war on science.

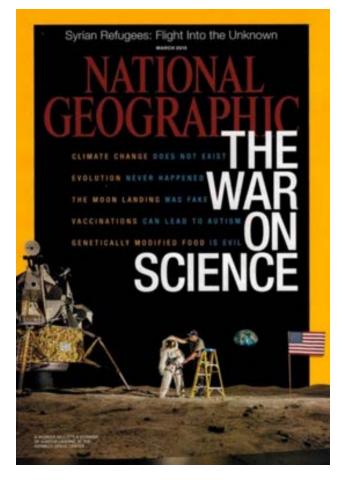


Why Do Many Reasonable People Doubt Science?

We live in an age when all manner of scientific knowledge—from climate change to vaccinations—faces furious opposition. Some even have doubts about the moon landing.

⁶Science is not a body of facts. Science is a method for deciding whether what we choose to believe has a basis in the laws of nature or not. **??**

Marcia McNut, editor of Science





So, we work on BOTH the science and the stories.



Ways to help the industry continually improve its practices



Ways to communicate most compellingly with consumers and the media



Now, onto snacking, as we continue to see **disruption** in traditional eating patterns.



Millennials are driving snack sales growth & reshaping how Americans eat





Snacking: The New American Pastime



Joanna Clifton, Innova



PRODUCT TRENDS IN SNACKING & SUSTAINABILITY





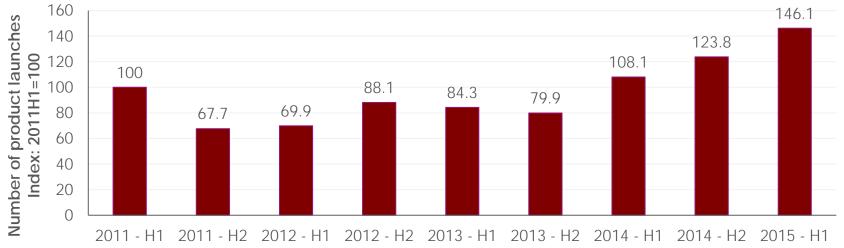
LATEST TRENDS IN SNACKING



Acceleration in snacks launches since 2014

• In 2015H1, the number of product launches tracked in North America in the snacks category was 46% higher than during the same period in 2011.

Snacks launches tracked in North America 2011-2015 Index: 2011H1=100

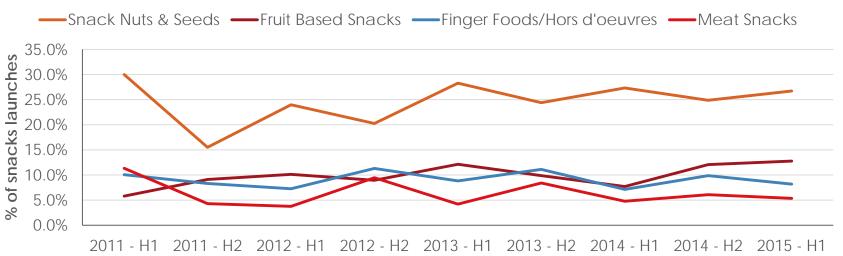




Snack nuts & seeds show most growth

- After a dip, the snack nuts & seeds launches have recovered in terms of NPD activity and are gaining a growing share of total snacks launches.
 - Fruit based snacks witnessed significant growth too, but are coming from a smaller base.
 Snacks launches tracked by sub-category

Snacks launches tracked by sub-category (North America)





Trending in snack nuts & seeds





Go Raw Zesty Pizza Sprouted Flax Snax (United States, Jun 2015)





World Peas All Natural Green Pea Snack With Spicy Sichuan Flavor (United States, May 2015)

Flavored nuts



Lord Nut Levington Hot Buffalo Flavored Peanuts (United States, May 2015)



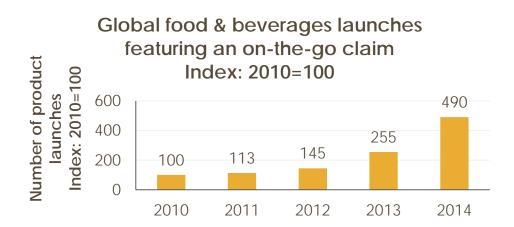
The key trends relevant for snacks

- On the go
- From clean to clear label
- Texture claims
- More in store for protein
- Good carbs natural sources of fiber



On-the-go remains a key platform in NPD



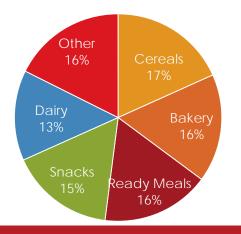




Snacks is one of the key categories for on the go

- Globally, cereals represents the highest market share in total launches featuring an on the go claim, snacks accounts for 15%.
- The numbers show how snacks experience competition from other categories in on the go food.

Top 5 market categories in global product launches featuring an on the go claim (2013-2015-YTD)





From clean to clear label

- Front of pack claims of what is (not) in the product
- Short ingredient lists
- Slowdown in natural claims, while growth in organic



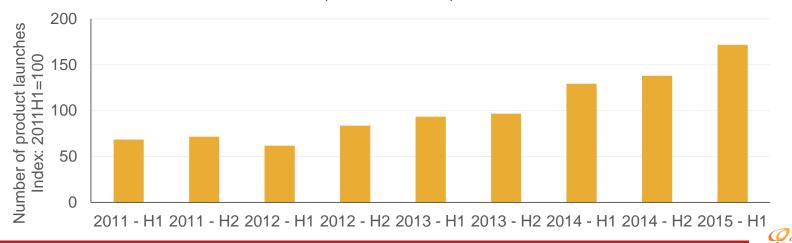




Crunchy snacks are on the rise

• Of the snacks product launches tracked in 2015H1, one in ten featured a crunchy claim. The number of products coming to market with a crunchy claim had increased by 72% in comparison with the same period in 2011.

Snacks launches tracked featuring a crunchy texture claim (North America)



More crunchy claims on snacks



Simply Protein Crunchy Whey Protein Snack: Banana, Caramel And Cashew Nuts (Canada, Jun 2015)



Somersaults Santa Fe Salsa Crunchy Nuggets Baked With Sunflower Seeds And Toasted Grains (United States, Jun 2015)



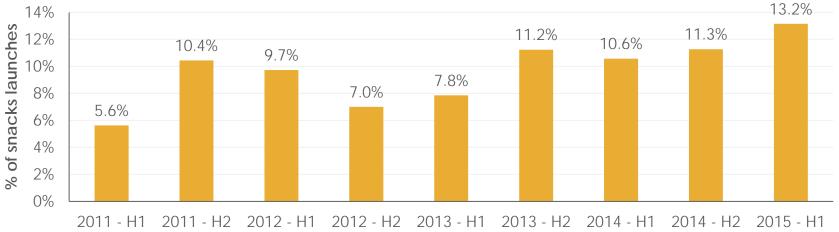
Cheetos Cheese Flavored Crunchy Corn Chips (United States, Jun 2015)



More in store for protein

• A growing share of new snacks launches tracked in North America features a protein claim, representing 13.2% of total in 2015H1.

Snacks launches tracked featuring a protein claim (North America)





Protein snacks made with meat, peas and nuts



Oberto All Natural Teriyaki Beef Jerky (United States, Jun 2015)



Simply Protein Chips Herbes Croustilles: Herb Flavored Pea Protein Chips (Canada, Jun 2015)

"The most protein for the least calories.

Per serving: 140 calories, 15g protein, 1g fiber and 2g sugar per serving. "



Simply Roundys Organic Roasted and Salted Whole Cashews (United States, Jun 2015)

"Good source of protein"

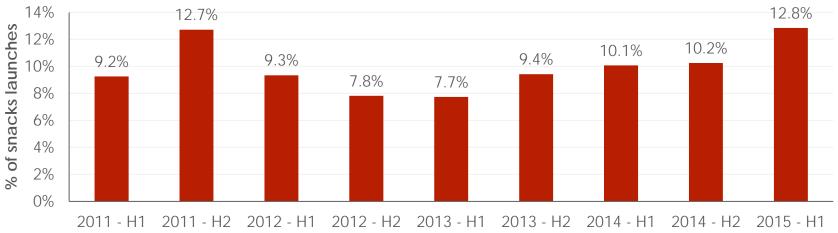


"high in protein"

Good carbs: natural sources of fiber

• In North America, snacks launches featuring a fiber claim gained a growing share since 2013.

Snacks launches tracked featuring a fiber claim (North America)





Natural sources of fiber: seeds, nuts and fruit snacks



Garden Of Life Raw Organics Real Cold Milled Organic Golden Flax Seed (United States, Jun 2015)

Claims/Features: Promotes healthy digestion and regularity promotes heart, breast and brain health, supports healthy, balanced hormones. High in omega 3's, lignans and fiber.



Presidents Choice Biologique Amandes Naturalles: Organic Natural Almonds (Canada, Jun 2015)

Claims/Features: Very high in fiber.



Sunsweet Deglet Noor: Pitted Dates (United States, Jun 2015)

Claims/Features: Good source of fiber.



36

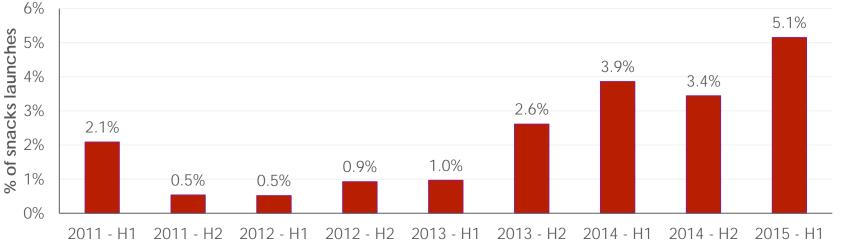
Trends in sustainability-related product claims



A growing share of snacks has an ethical claim

• 5% of snacks launches tracked in 2015H1 featured an ethical claim, relating to different topics within social and environmental sustainability and animal welfare.

Snacks launches tracked featuring an ethical claim (North America)

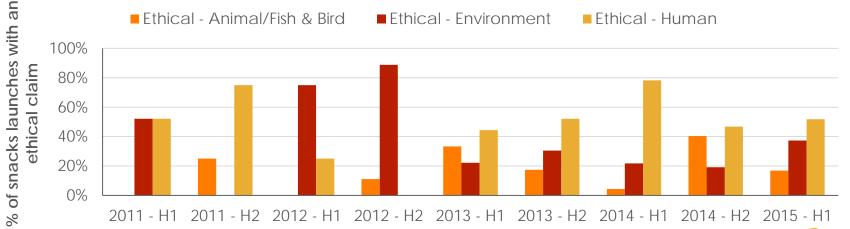




Social sustainability is currently the main platform in snacks with an ethical claim

- In 2015H1, the majority of snacks launches featuring an ethical claim had an human ethical (i.e. social sustainability) claim.
- Environmental sustainability claims were key in 2012, slowed down, but are now coming back.

Selected claims on % of snacks launches featuring an ethical claim (North America)





Social sustainability: from far away to close to home

- Most human ethical claims relate to fair trade, a certification guaranteeing the farmer of the produce has received at least a fair level of income, and are found on exotic fruits and ingredients.
- Other human ethical claims focus on supporting local markets or community initiatives, and can be found on savory snacks.



Helping farms thrive by addressing issues such as land use, education and federal policy



World Peas promoted world peace by donating a portion by profits to youth education around the world.



Fair trade. Ethically sourced from Ugandan farms. Fair for life.



Environmental sustainability is back with organic

- After a few years during which human ethical claims were gaining more attention, environmental claims seem to be back in snacks in 2015.
- Organic and environmental sustainability go hand in hand and is often seen.
- Specified claims focus on limited use of natural resources and limited footprint.



devoted to producing wholesome foods while optimizing the productivity of the agro-ecosystem, the soil, crops and livestock, **in a manner that is sustainable**



Wholesome Goodness snack chips are made in a facility that is protective of natural resources through energy savings, water efficiency, CO2 emissions reduction



The inks used on the packaging are lower in Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) than solvent based inks.



and improved indoor environmental quality.

Animal welfare focuses on antibiotic free upraising

- Animal welfare claims are used on meat snacks and (organic) cheese based snacks.
- Most claims refer to the responsible raising of the animals: produced without antibiotics, synthetic hormones or other growth stimulants.



Cheese: made from rBST and antibiotic free milk from NW cows



No antibiotics added. No growth stimulants. U.S. inspected and passed by Department of Agriculture.



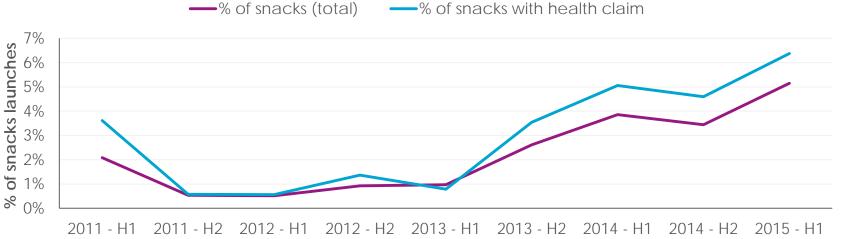
Produced without antibiotics, synthetic hormones or persistent pesticides.



Health foods more likely to take on ethical positioning

• The share of launches with an ethical claim is relatively higher when narrowing the market down to snacks with an health positioning. The differences are small however.

Snacks launches tracked featuring an ethical claim (North America)





Better for the environment and better for you



Organic Traditions Sprouted Chia & Flax Seed Powder (United States, Jan 2015)

Claims/Features: A high source of fiber with 4g per serving. 3grams of Omega 3 per serving. A source of calcium. ... Organic Traditions are committed to supporting farmers who are dedicated to the principles of sustainable and fair trade agriculture.



Claims/Features: 5g protein per serving. Good source of iron. Save the Land - Proud supporter of American Farmland Trust.







Highlights



Key points

- Recent trends in snacks
 - On the go continues to be a growing platform for snacks.
 - More and more '**clear label**' products, with claims of what is (not) in the product
 - **Texture claims**, and in particular crunchy, claims are added on the packaging to support the indulgence positioning.
 - Nuts, seeds and fruit snacks are positioned as healthy snack by adding source of fiber and protein claims.
- Sustainability
 - Sustainability claims are tracked on less than 10% of launches in 2015H1, but they are growing.
 - Social responsibility received most attention in 2015, touching on both fair trade certification for the sourcing origin as well as local community initiatives.
 - Environmental sustainability and animal welfare represent less than 5% of snacks NPD and are mostly seen on products with an organic positioning.



Kate Thomson, Sterling-Rice Group

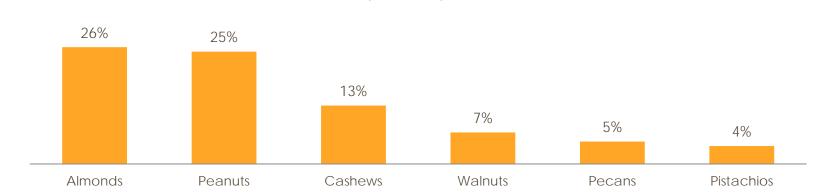


How Snacking & Sustainability Trends Relate to Almonds



Almonds are the nut that comes to mind first among U.S. consumers

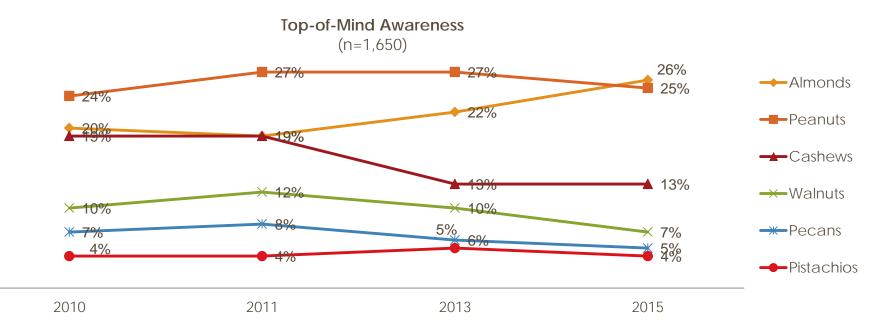
Top-of-Mind Awareness: First Mentions (n=1,650)





Q1: When you think of nuts, which nuts come tot mind? (Open-end)

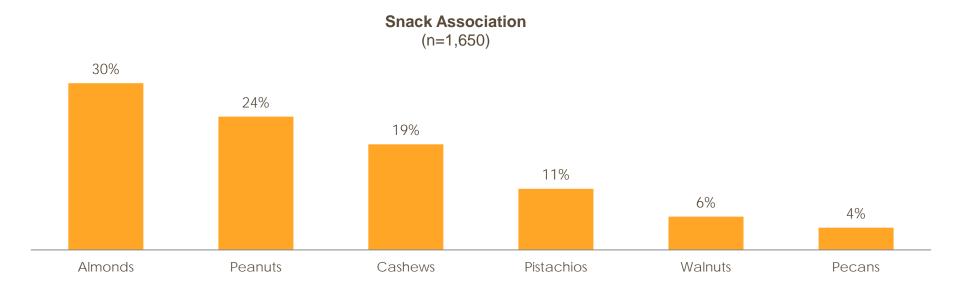
Almonds overtook peanuts in 2015 for top of mind awareness





Q1: When you think of nuts, which nuts come tot mind? (Open-end)

And almonds are the nut most likely to be associated with snacking



Q2: Now, think for a moment about nuts as a **snack** (i.e. a food eaten between meals or instead of a meal), as a whole nut. When you think about eating whole nuts by themselves apart from a meal, what one type of nut FIRST comes to mind?



Almonds lead other nuts across key attributes

	Almonds	Cashews	Hazelnuts	Macadamias	Peanuts	Pecans	Pistachios	Walnuts	Don't Know
Healthy	33%	7%	3%	3%	10%	4%	8%	8%	17%
Nutritious	31%	8%	4%	3%	12%	5%	7%	8%	17%
Heart healthy	29%	7%	4%	3%	10%	5%	7%	9%	21%
Less greasy	26%	6%	4%	4%	9%	5%	9%	7%	23%
Provides vital nutrients	26%	7%	3%	4%	10%	4%	7%	8%	24%
Helps with weight management	26%	6%	3%	2%	8%	3%	7%	6%	31%
Provides energy	25%	9%	3%	3%	17%	4%	7%	6%	21%
Has a great crunchy texture	25%	10%	3%	4%	16%	6%	8%	8%	13%
Good as a snack	24%	15%	2%	3%	21%	4%	11%	5%	10%
Can be used in a variety of ways	24%	6%	4%	3%	21%	9%	4%	11%	13%
Is a super food	24%	7%	3%	3%	9%	4%	8%	7%	27%
Perfect snack for me	24%	16%	3%	3%	16%	4%	12%	4%	12%
High in protein	23%	9%	2%	2%	19%	4%	7%	6%	22%

Nut Best Described by Attribute

(n=1,650)



Q18: Which of the following nuts fits best with the statements below?

The AVQ is at an all-time high in the U.S.

Almond Value Quotient:

2011: 42% 2012: 43% 2013: 47% 2014: 45% 2015: 48%

Almond Eaten as a Snack:

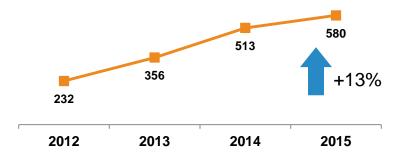
2011: 21% 2012: 25% 2013: 25% 2014: 24% 2015: 29% Almond Health Ratings: 2011: 62% 2012: 60% 2013: 68% 2014: 65% 2015: 66%

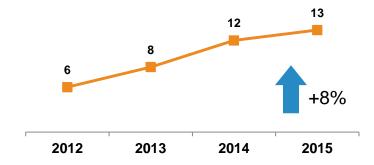


And almonds continue to be a "thing"













WHAT ABOUT OTHER SNACK FOODS?



Introducing the Product Attribute Mapping Study

- Inspired by Myer's Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) assessment
- Maps the snack food competitive set by physical and usage/situational attributes

Product Attribute Pairs

Crunchy vs. Smooth Salty vs. Sweet Dry vs. Juicy Healthy vs. Indulgent

Usage Attribute Pairs

On-the-Go vs. Sit & Eat Just for Me vs. To be Shared Ready-to-Eat vs. Prep. Required New/Different vs. Familiar/Go-To



SNACK FOOD – Product Type Grid

Crune	•	or Sweet + Dry or Juicy + Healthy or Indulg	ent
CADH	CADI	CWDH	CWDI
PeanutsPistachiosMixed nutsAlmondsPretzelsPita chipsSeedsBagelsCashewsCrackers & cheesePopcornSandwich	Potato chips Tortilla chips Corn chips (i.e., Fritos) Crackers	Carrots Salad Cereal/granola bars Energy/lifestyle bars	Cookies Milkshake/Frappuccino
CAJH Guacamole	CAJI Frozen appetizers Bell peppers	CWJH Apples Oranges Broccoli/Cauliflower Other fresh vegetables	CWJI
Cheese Peanut butter Cereal Choc. covered fruits/nuts Bread Eggs	SADI	SWDH Trail mix	SWDI Cake/Cupcake Doughnuts/Pastries Chocolate bar or pieces Muffin/Scones
SAJH Hummus Avocados Cottage cheese Dried fruit Deli Meats Raspberries	SAJI	SWJHCooked meatOther fresh fruitTomatoesGrapesBananasBlueberriesSmoothie/Protein drinkGreek yogurtJerky/Meat snacksTrad. yogurtStrawberriesOatmealCeleryCanned fruit/Fruit bowlAlmond Butter	SWJI Ice Cream/Fz yogurt/Gelato Olives Pie Non-chocolate candy

SNACK FOODS – Usage Type Grid

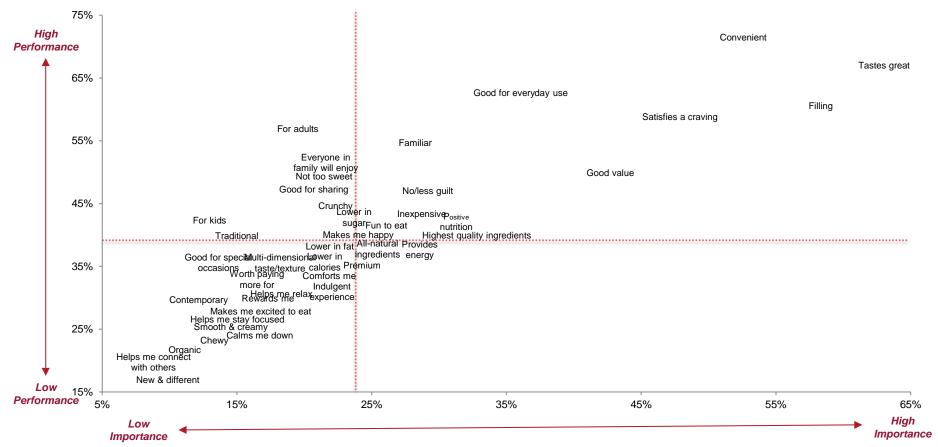
	oor Sit & Eat + Just for Me	or To be Shared J / M	Ready-to-Eat or Prep R R / P	Required 🕂 New	/Different or Familiar/Traditional N / F
OJRN	Bananas C Apples Energy/lifestyle bar Cereal/granola bar Chocolate bar or pieces	OJRF Choc. covered fruits/nuts Pretzels Non-chocolate candy Mixed nuts Cashews	Doughnuts/Pastries Carrots Almonds Olives Milkshakes/Frappuccinos	OMRN	OMRF Corn chips (i.e., Fritos) Seeds Trail mix Bagels Pita chips
OJPN		OJPF Smoothie/Protein drink		OMPN	OMPF
SJRN	Trad. Yogurt Cottage cheese Greek yogurt Salad Ice Cream/Fz yogurt/Gelato Peanut butter Cooked meat Potato chips Peanuts	SJRF Grapes Canned fruit/Fruit bowl Crackers Cheese Other fresh fruit Cake/Cupcake Crackers & cheese Cookies Deli meats	Raspberries Tomatoes Cereal Muffins/Scones Pistachios Oranges Dried fruit Jerky/Meat snacks Almond butter	SMRN	SMRF Tortilla chips Celery Strawberries Hummus Pie Blueberries
SJPN		SJPF Oatmeal Guacamole Eggs Bread		SMPN	SMPF Popcorn Avocados Bell peppers Other fresh veggies Fz Appetizers Broccoli/Cauliflower Sandwich

Desired snack product attributes vary by need state

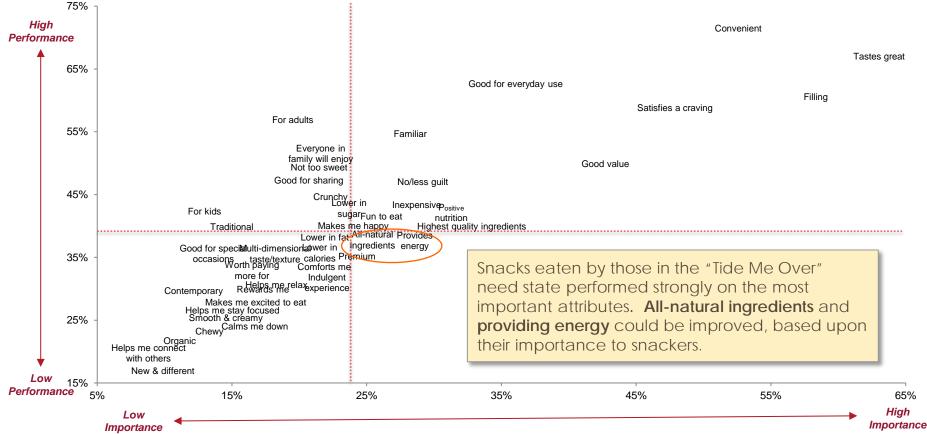
1	TIDE ME OVER Something to tide me over until the next meal because I'm just plain hungry (29% incidence)	ENTERTAIN ME Something to relieve boredom or to give me something to do during an activity like watching TV
2	INDULGE Something special, enjoyable, and fulfilling that is just for me (15% incidence)	Something to comfort and soothe me when I'm feeling down or just a bit "off"
3	NOURISH ME Something to help nourish my body, replenish my spirit, and just do something good for myself (12% incidence)	FOCUS Something to help me clear my mind and refocus on the task at hand; a <u>mental</u> boost
	ENERGIZE Something to give me a <u>physical</u> energy boost, to keep me going from one task to the next	REWARD A reward for getting through a challenging day or task
	RELAX Something to help me unwind and relax during the day or at the end of a busy day	CONNECT Something to help me connect with others and to enhance our time together



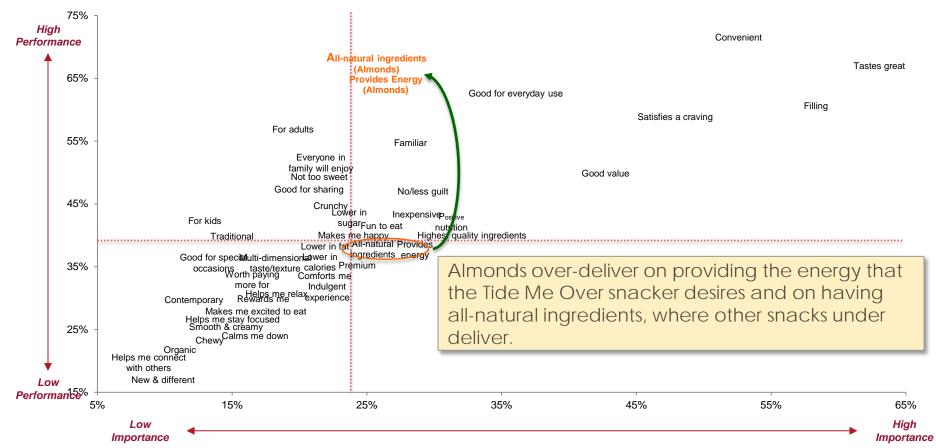
Average snack food performance in the Tide Me Over need state:



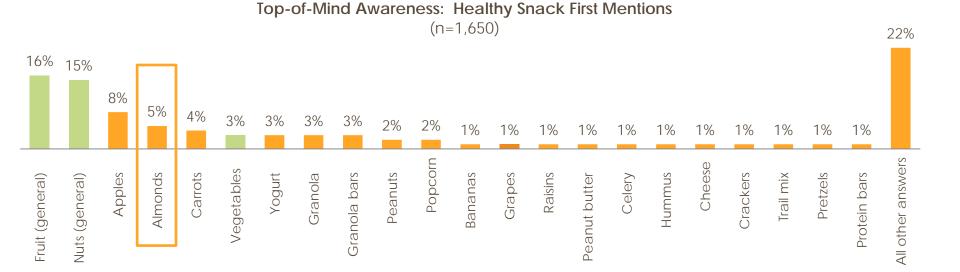
Average snack food performance in the Tide Me Over need state:



Average snack food performance in the Tide Me Over need state:



Almonds are second only to apples as a specific food thought of for a "healthy snack"



Q1a: What specific foods come to mind when you think about "healthy snacks"? You may list up to five (5) foods. (Open-end)







Second image in Google image search for "healthy snacking" on 12/4/15

Like with other nuts, almonds dominate key attribute associations

Snack Food Best Described by Attribute
(n=1,650)

	Almonds	Apples	Bananas	Carrots	Crackers	Granola/ Cereal Bars	Pita Chips	Popcorn	Potato Chips	Pretzels	Other	Don't Know
High in protein	42%	5%	6%	3%	2%	13%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	17%
Can be used in a variety of ways	34%	16%	9%	7%	5%	5%	2%	4%	2%	3%	2%	11%
Heart healthy	32%	18%	9%	9%	2%	6%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	14%
ls a super food	32%	10%	9%	6%	2%	6%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	23%
Has a premium image	29%	8%	6%	4%	3%	8%	6%	4%	5%	3%	2%	22%
Provides energy	28%	10%	11%	5%	3%	21%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	12%
A source of antioxidants	28%	13%	9%	7%	3%	6%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	23%
Convenient/easy to eat	28%	11%	11%	5%	4%	12%	3%	5%	8%	6%	1%	6%
Has a great crunchy texture	27%	9%	4%	8%	6%	8%	4%	5%	11%	9%	1%	8%
Perfect snack for me	27%	10%	10%	5%	4%	9%	2%	8%	8%	5%	2%	10%
Nutritious	26%	19%	11%	11%	2%	9%	2%	3%	3%	2%	1%	11%
Provides vital nutrients	26%	16%	11%	11%	3%	9%	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	13%
ls satisfying	26%	12%	10%	4%	4%	12%	3%	7%	8%	5%	2%	7%

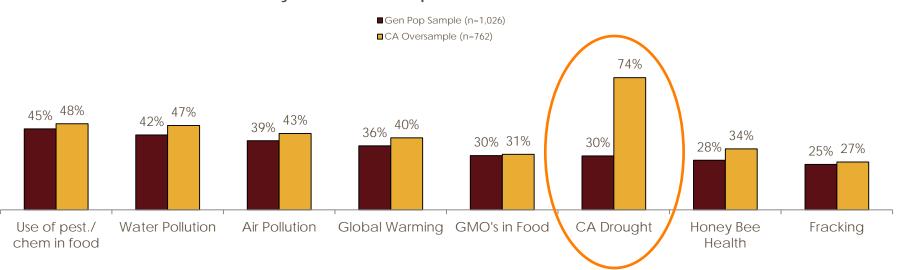


Q20a: Which of the following snack foods fits best with the statements below?

SUSTAINABILITY



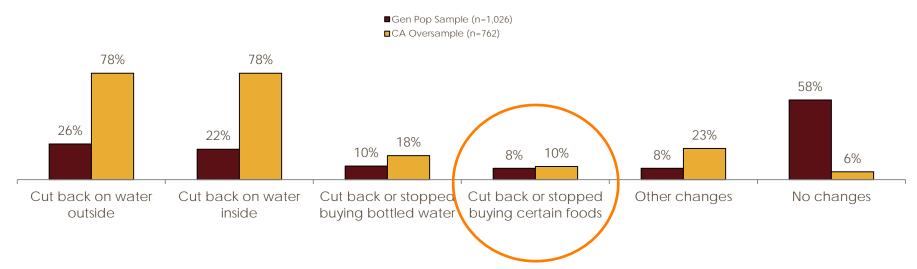
About one in three U.S. consumers are very concerned about the drought in CA



% Very Concerned on Specific Environmental Issues



Less then 10% of U.S. consumers have cut back on or stopped buying certain foods as a result of the drought in CA

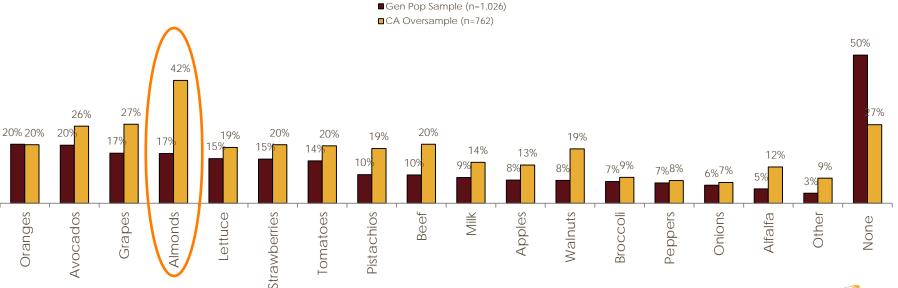


Changes Made to Behavior Because of CA Drought



About one in five have heard almonds mentioned in relation to the drought, as for grapes, avocados and oranges

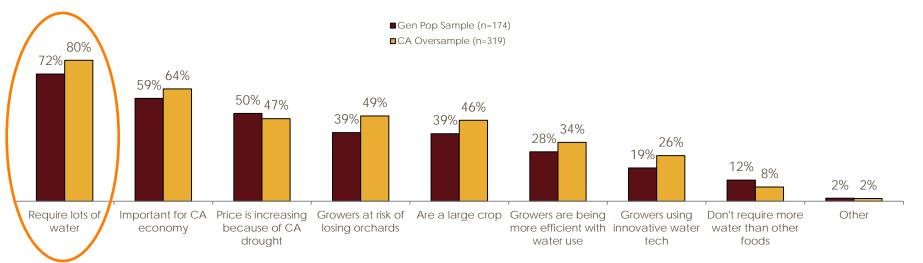
Which Specific Foods Have People Heard Mentioned in Direct Relation to the CA Drought?





Of those who have heard about almonds in relation to the drought, nearly three quarters report hearing almonds require a lot of water

What have they heard specifically about Almonds? (Among those indicating having heard something relating Almonds to the CA Drought)

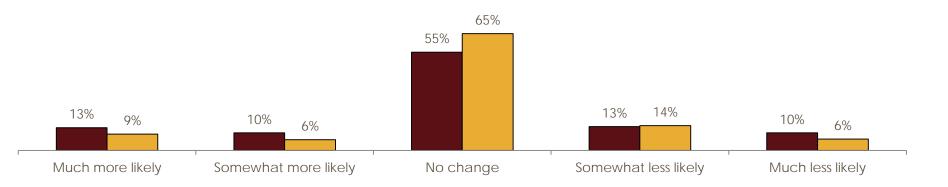




Only 10% are much less likely to purchase almonds based on what they've heard in relation to the drought

Impact of Messaging on Future Likelihood to Purchase Almonds







However, the likelihood that water footprint concerns will impact almond purchases is growing

Sustainability Issues – Impact on Future Purchase Likelihood of Almonds (Among those very concerned about issue in relation to almonds)

	Overall concern % Very/ Somewhat	Change vs. YAG	Concerned		Impact on Almonds PI, % Much Less Likely	Impact on Almonds PI, Chg vs. YAG
Water footprint	53%	7.4	31%	10.4	15%	8.3
Organic / organic ingredients	53%	5.2	29%	9.4	8%	(0.6)
GMOs	59%	5.0	28%	5.2	30%	2.6
Food safety	81%	(0.2)	25%	4.5	11%	(1.1)
Bees (i.e., honey bee health, etc.)	67%	8.6	25%	5.3	12%	1.5
Local sourcing/farming	62%	4.4	23%	5.2	10%	(3.7)
Recyclable/envir. friendly packaging	65%	7.4	20%	1.3	11%	3.4
Farmworker safety & equitable treatment	60%	6.0	20%	0.4	12%	4.2
Carbon footprint	58%	7.6	20%	4.5	14%	3.6
Social responsibility	54%	6.2	18%	9.3	8%	(1.1)



Getting to know Savvy Snackers:



66 probably snack about six times a day.??

66 plan my snacks more than I plan for my meals.??

661 try to eat natural foods, but it's about 50/50 natural and processed snacks.??

66Ultimately, I'm going for balance in my snack choices.??



For many Savvy Snackers, almonds are the go-to snack

66Almonds are just about the healthiest thing you can eat.??

66I don't look forward to eating carrots; I
look forward to eating almonds!??

66 Almonds are my favorite nut.??

6 Almonds are **a snack you can trust**. So many things are good for you one day, and the next day they're not. With almonds, you *know* they're healthy.**99**



However most have very little understanding of how almonds are grown

 Without knowing anything about how almonds are grown, negative stories about almonds (and specifically almonds' water use) start to erode their confidence in choosing to snack on almonds

66I don't know if I'd stop eating almonds, but I might not feel as good about it.



Even basic information about how and where almonds are grown is seen in a positive light

66 had no idea how big and important the almond industry is to the economy.

66It's cool that we [the U.S.] are growing a product that so many people around the world are eating.**99**

66 I really like that they use all the parts of the almond so that there's very little waste.**99**









LOOKING FORWARD

The "Crunch On" campaign







But our opportunity continues.

- Savvy snackers love almonds.
- But they know very little about how almonds are grown.
- So when they hear something bad about how almonds are grown, it erodes their good feelings.
- When they hear facts we may think are commonplace, they are surprised and pleased, and feel even better about eating almonds.
- We have the opportunity not only to work to continually improve our industry's sustainability for the future, but also to more pointedly share what's currently happening.





USA Today ad in NYC, DC and LA – Dec 4-6





Can growing almonds fight climate change?

When you eat almonds, you're choosing more than just a highly nutritious food. A recent study in the Journal of Industrial Ecology found that almond trees in California absorb and store significant amounts of greenhouse gas throughout their lifespans.

And as the almond community continues and does even more to use its coproducts from producing and harvesting almonds—like hulls, shells and other tree biomass—they! If urther contribute to becoming carbon neutral, or even carbon negative if policy changes and production advancements work hand in hand. To learn more, visit almondsustainability.org.



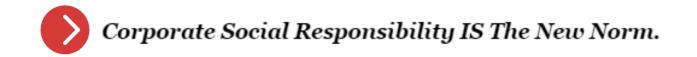
Elias Marvinney, Alissa Kendail, Sonja Broch, Weiyuan Zhu. Life Cycle-based Assessment of Energy Use and Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Almond Production, Part 8: Uncertainty Analysis Through Sensitivity Analysis and Scenario Testing. *Journal of Industrial Ecology*, 2015; 10:1112/lice:12333.

Good news about almonds and heart health. Scientific evidence suggests, but does not prove, hit eating 1.5 ounces per day of most nuts, such as almonds, as part of a diet low in saturated fat and cholesterol may reduce the risk of heart disease. One serving of almonds (28 grams) has 13 grams of unsaturated fat and only 1 gram of saturated fat. © 2015 Almond Board of California. Alt rights reserved.



This relates to some **disruptive** trends in business...







Examples that gained attention in 2015.

|--|

Starbucks' CEO Sent an Extraordinary Email to Employees During the Stock Market Chaos

Did you notice your Starbucks barista was even nicer than usual yesterday? Here's why.











And the fact is...

TOP 10 LIST FOR	Salty Snacks	Week ending Oct. 24, 2015
RANK	SALES COUNT (UNITS)	TITLE
1	192,511,296	Lay's
2	104,846,791	Doritos
3	83,326,107	Cheetos
4	79,366,930	Tostitos
5	50,176,607	Pringles
6	46,810,330	Fritos
7	45,191,761	Ruffles
8	44,372,722	Jack Link's
9	36,019,299	Utz
10	30,598,319	Snyder's Of Hanover







