



Consumer Perspectives on Plant-Based Meat: 2021

Two new studies released this summer



Primary areas of focus

- Category purchasing habits
- Purchase triggers
- Demand drivers and barriers
- Current consumption patterns and trends
- Brand awareness, usage and purchase intent
- Brand preferences
- Brand associations
- Importance of product attributes and claims
- Pricing expectations
- Consumer experience with brands they've used

Sample spec:

Size: N=1,000 (per country)

Region: Nationally representative

Language: English (& French in Quebec)

Gender: M:F (50:50)

Age: 18-34 (33%); 35-54 (33%); 55+ (33%)

Quota: PBM¹ Users (60%); Non-users (40%)

¹ PBM=Plant Based Meat

Defining the plant-based meat category: What's in the competitive set?

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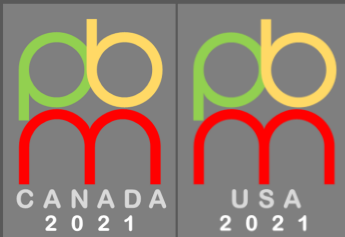
Excluded



- × Vegetarian & vegan prepared meals
- × Plant-based beverages
- × Plant-based snacks
- × Dairy-free cheeses

The studies focus on users and non-users of plant-based products that closely simulate meat, poultry or fish :

- ✓ Ground round & crumbles
- ✓ Burger patties
- ✓ Sausages
- ✓ Nuggets
- ✓ Fish cakes & tuna
- ✓ etc.



A spectrum of potential plant-based meat consumers



POTENTIAL DRIVERS AND BARRIERS OF CONSUMPTION

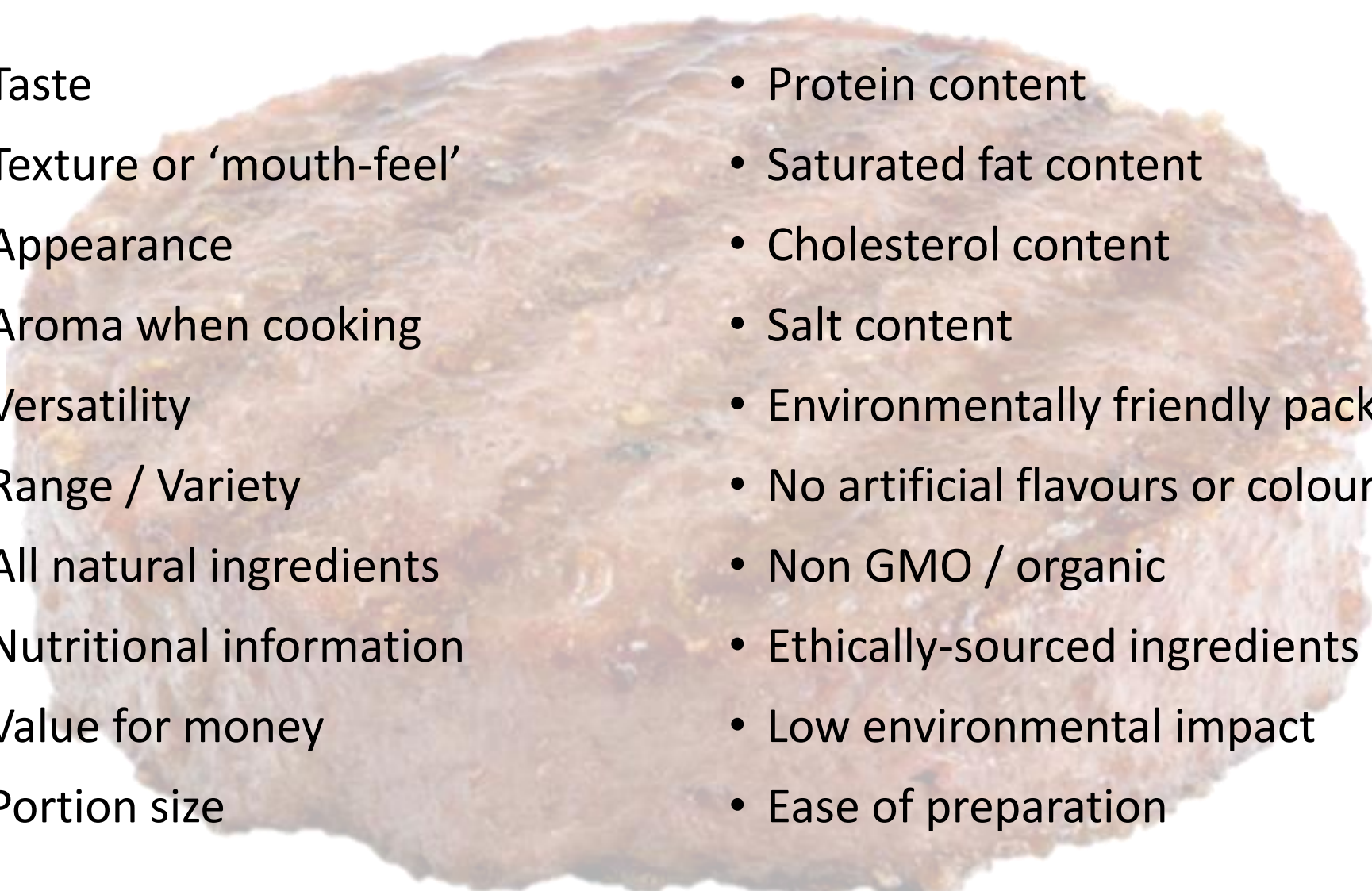
	Confirmed meat eaters	Grudging abstainers	Semi-vegetarians/ Flexitarians	The health-conscious	The health nut	Vegetarians	Vegans
	Fundamentally opposed to plant-based meat – essentially on principle	Forced to curtail meat consumption for health reasons	Curious Inclined toward plant-based meat on principle Interested in eating less meat for health reasons	Interested in eating less meat for health reasons	Opposed to meat consumption for health reasons, with few exceptions	Opposed to meat consumption on principle or for health reasons, but may occasionally make exceptions	Opposed on principle to consumption of meat or any organism other than plants
Drivers / Barriers	Flavour and texture						
	Health & wellness						
	Variety						
	Environmental concerns						
						Animal rights	
	Availability						
	Price						

Beliefs and values that amplify or inhibit demand

- Plant-based meat products are too heavily processed
- Real meat is no worse for you than plant-based meat products
- Eating plant-based meat is better for the planet
- Meat production is a big contributor to global warming
- Plant-based meat products are too expensive
- I have a serious problem with the way farm animals are treated
- It's healthier to eat less meat
- I love meat, but I want to eat less of it
- It's important to adopt eating habits that are more sustainable
- I want food products that contain more natural ingredients
- I'm not sure how to cook plant-based meat products
- Plant-based meat is just a passing fad that won't last
- Why eat fake meat when real meat is readily available?
- I don't like foods that aren't natural
- I've never had a veggie burger that tasted like real meat
- My friends make fun of people who eat plant-based meat
- I don't believe you can replicate the taste and texture of real meat



Some product attributes and claims

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- Taste
 - Texture or 'mouth-feel'
 - Appearance
 - Aroma when cooking
 - Versatility
 - Range / Variety
 - All natural ingredients
 - Nutritional information
 - Value for money
 - Portion size
 - Protein content
 - Saturated fat content
 - Cholesterol content
 - Salt content
 - Environmentally friendly packaging
 - No artificial flavours or colours
 - Non GMO / organic
 - Ethically-sourced ingredients
 - Low environmental impact
 - Ease of preparation

Brand associations

WHAT CONSUMER ASSOCIATE WITH THE BRANDS



Draft Report Outline

1. Who is the plant-based meat consumer?
2. Consumer habits and preferences
3. Purchase triggers
4. Behavioural drivers and barriers
5. What affects the consumer experience?
6. How do consumers rate specific brands?
7. Observations and conclusions

Primary segmentations:

Region:

CA: West | ON | QC | Atlantic

US: Northeast | Midwest | South | West

Gender:

F | M

Age:

18-34 | 35-54 | 55+

Income:

Low | Medium | High

User class:

Heavy | Light | Non-user

This study represents **outstanding value for money** as the cost is shared among multiple subscribers

Rising consumer interest in a more plant-based diet is the precursor to a potentially seismic shift in eating habits. With a modest investment you will be able to...

- **Market better:**
by understanding demand drivers and barriers
- **Position better:**
by identifying market white space
- **Sell better:**
by knowing where rival brands are stronger or weaker



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