



# Sustainability's Role in Evolving Consumer Preferences in Protein

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# Headwinds and Surprising Wins In Protein

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# 86%

The rising cost of food, household necessities, and life stage shifts are keeping ***share of meals sourced from retail*** elevated versus pre-pandemic times.

Sources: Circana NET and CREST as of Mar 2023

# Total Food/Bev *Spending* has Tipped Back Towards Foodservice in Q1 2023

**60%**

at Retail  
(At Home)

**40%** (+2.5 pts since 2022)

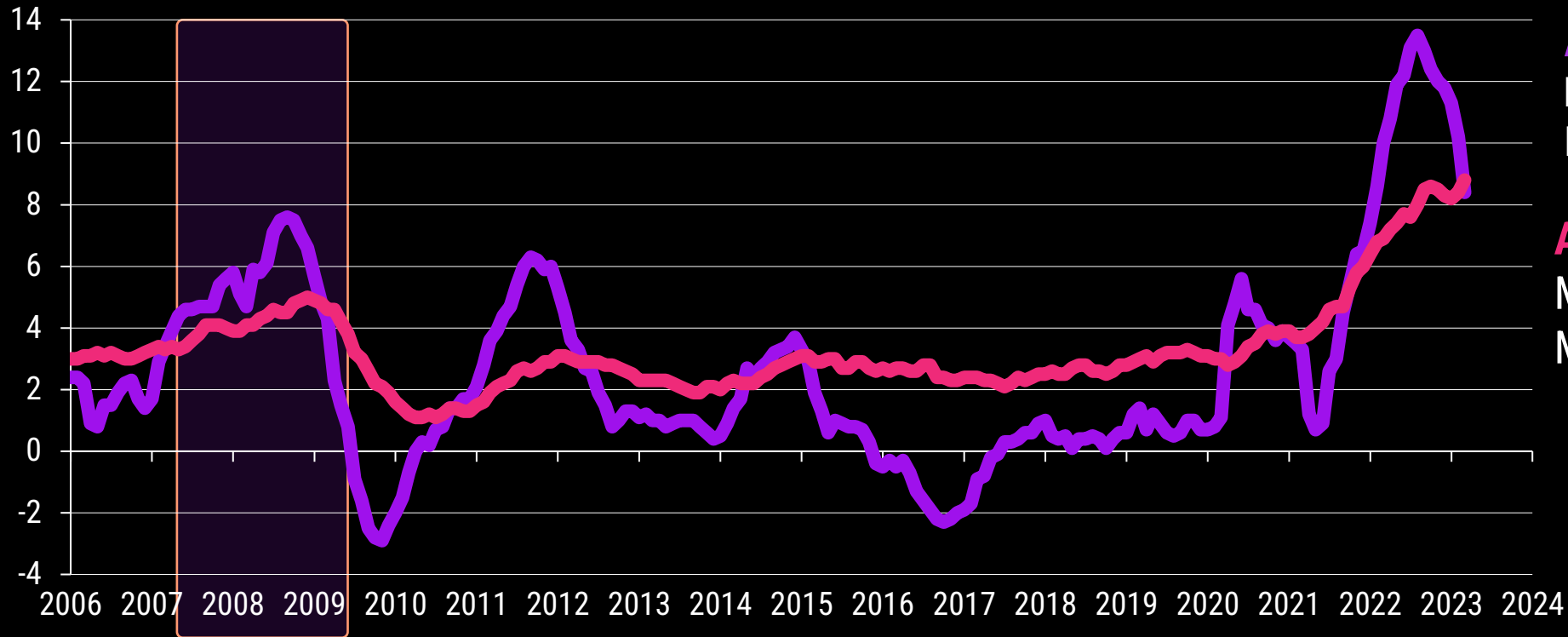
at Foodservice  
(Away from Home)



Source: Circana POS and consumer data Q1 2023.  
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# Incremental At-Home Food Inflation Begins to Revert

## Monthly F&B Price Inflation / CPI, % Change vs. YA



### At-Home

Mar '23 vs. YA: 8.4%

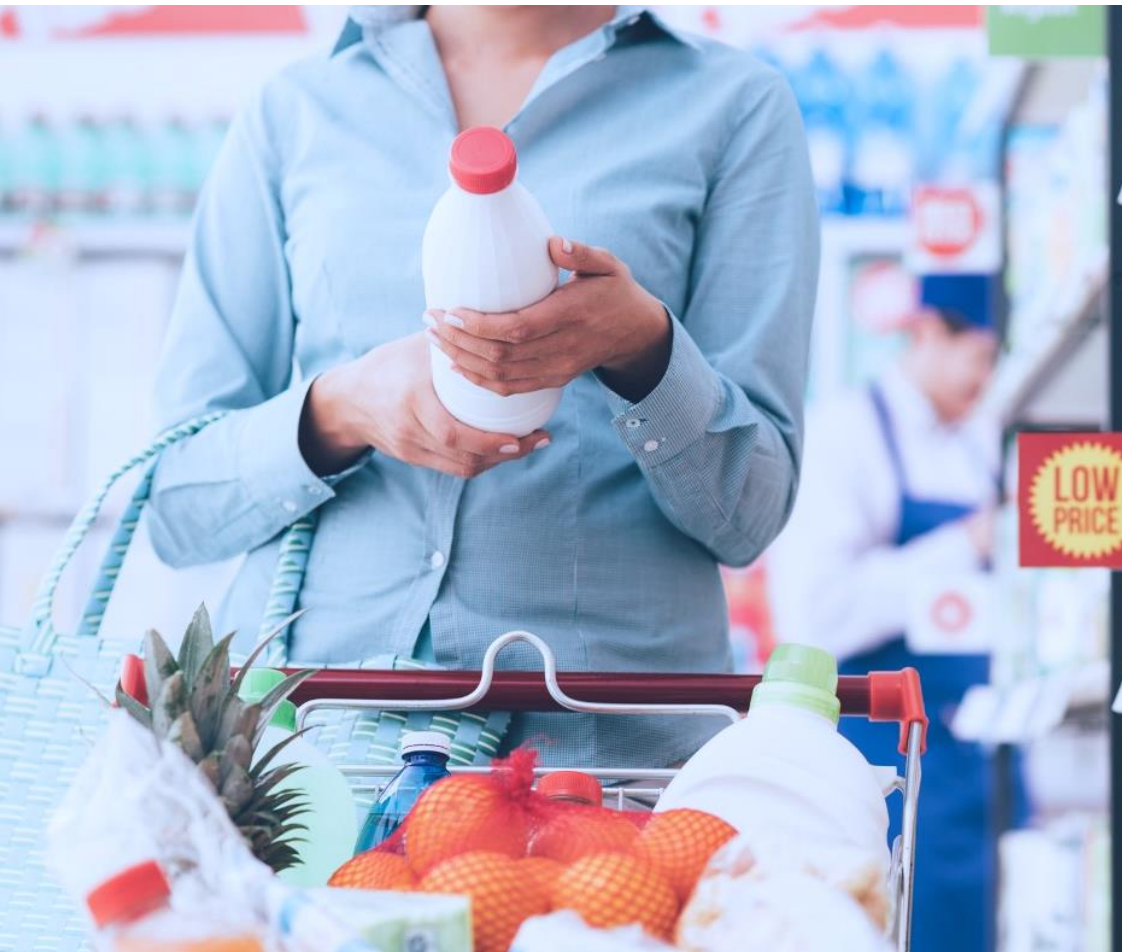
Mar '23 vs. Feb '23: -0.3%

### Away-From-Home

Mar '23 vs. YA: 8.8%

Mar '23 vs. Feb '23: +0.6%

# As Grocery Retail Food Inflation Continues to Concern, Shoppers Hyper-Aware of What They Buy and How Much It Will Be Used



95%

The % of April shoppers who are **concerned** about food cost **inflation**, 2% higher than February results and 1% higher than March results

40%

The % of shoppers more conscious of **using up fresh foods before they go bad**.

76%

The % of shoppers who have noticed “shrinkflation” and say it has impacted their shopping behavior. **25% decided not to buy** a product due to size/price value equation

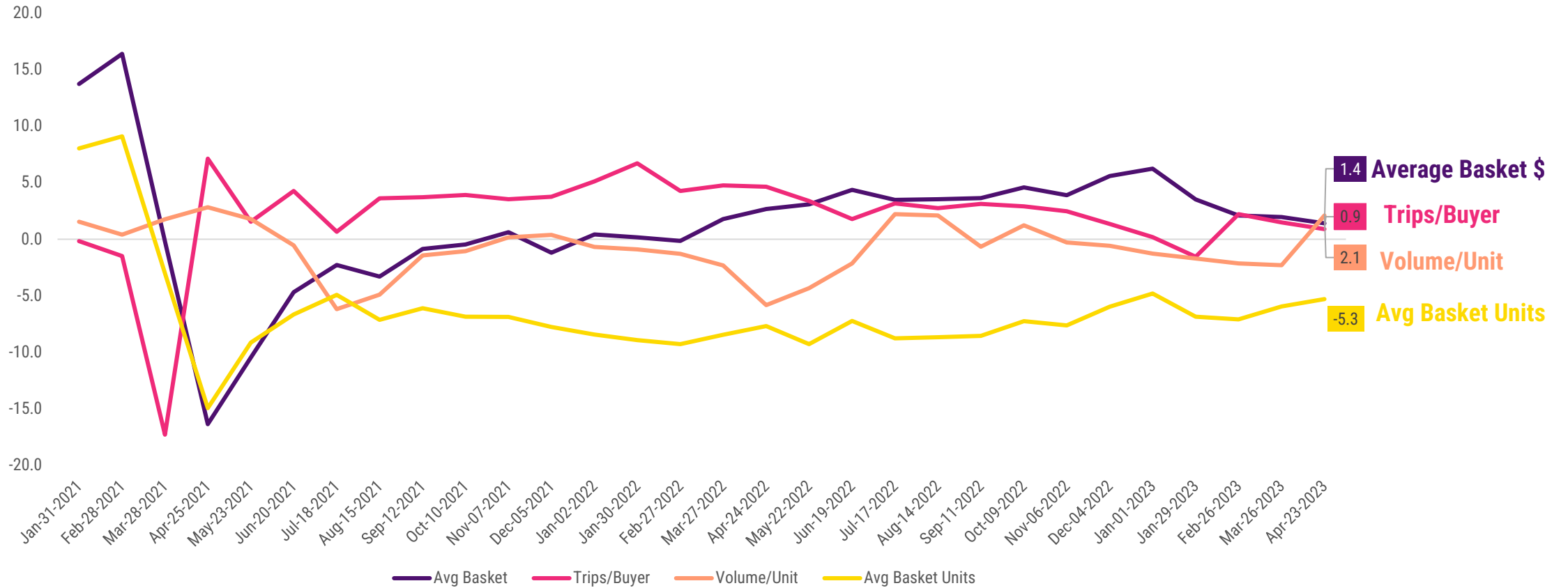
46%

The % of shoppers who reported focusing on specific **pre-planned items** when grocery shopping. Stock-up sized trips down across departments- **Produce and Deli** seeing +2pts share increase from **quick trips**



# April Baskets and Trips Continued to Outpace Prior Year—With Volume Back Increasing. However, the Number of Items or Units Per Trip Continues to Erode

## Total Food and Beverages Buyer Behavior Food-at-Home (Retail) All Outlets vs Prior Year

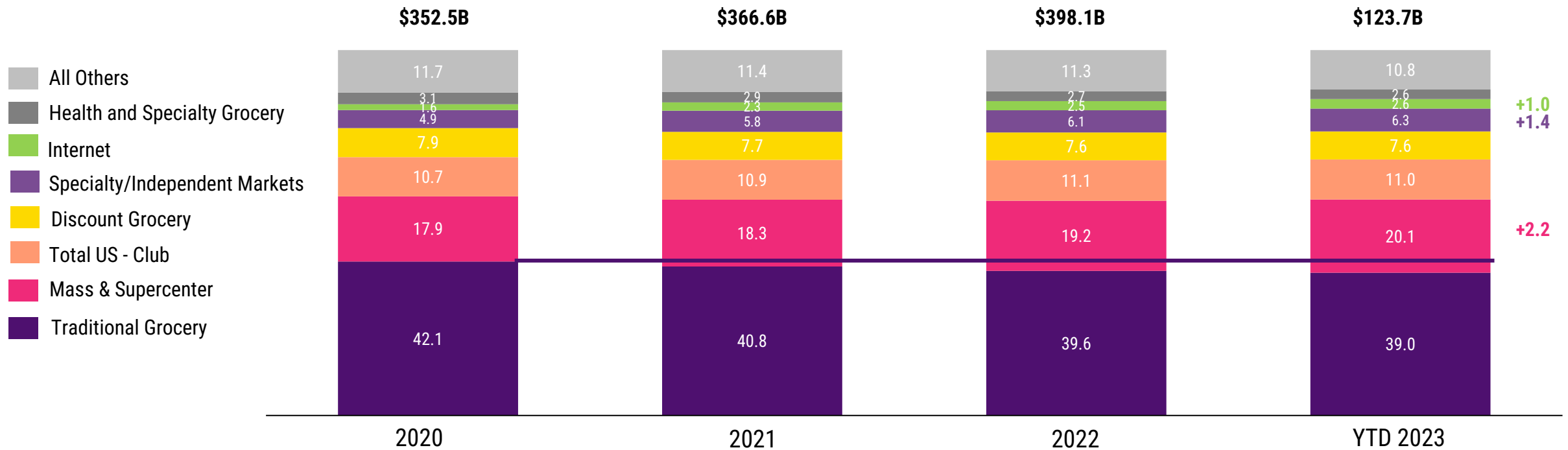


Source: Circana Integrated Fresh Panel, Change vs Prior Year Shown, data ending 4-23-2023



# Shoppers Continue to **Split their Fresh Foods Spending** Across Multiple Retail Channels with Mass/Supercenter and Specialty Shops (Independent and Focused Food Outlets) Taking the Biggest Bite From Traditional Grocers

Total **Fresh Foods** Combined | Dollar Sales and Share of All Outlets/Channels



# Prices Are Up **+11.3%** Across Retail Total Food & Beverages including Fresh Convenience and Quality Still Drive Sales—Meat & Produce Lapping Q1 2022 Inflation Lifts

YTD 2023 % Change vs. Year Ago (Sorted by Total \$ Sales)

Fresh Foods Departments

Dollars
  Units or Volume\*
  Fresh Department



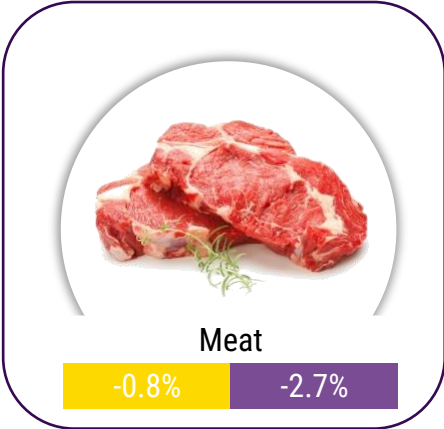
General Food



Beverages



RFG / Dairy



Meat



Frozen



Produce



Deli & Prep Foods



Bakery



Adult Beverages



Seafood



Source: IRI Integrated Fresh Market Advantage, MULO, YTD WKE 4-23-23, \*Units used when volume is not equalized at the department level.

# All Types of Fresh Make the Top Dollar Growth List So Far in 2023—Inflation Driving Staples, but Convenience Driving Flat to Slight Volume Growth

## YTD 2023 Fresh Foods Top 15 Categories by Dollar Sales Change vs. YA

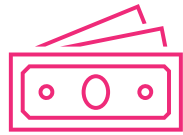
■ Abs \$ Sales Change vs. YA  
■ Volume or Unit\* Sales % Change vs. YA



Categories where volume (unit or pound) is flat or increasing

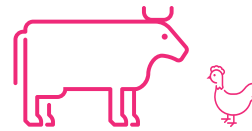
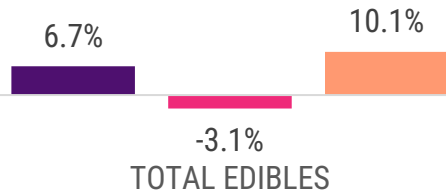
# Shoppers Are Looking to Save Money on Food, But While They Intend to Purchase Less, The Shifts Are Not Dramatic

Consumer perceptions are that Meat prices have gone up dramatically, but the reality looks quite different



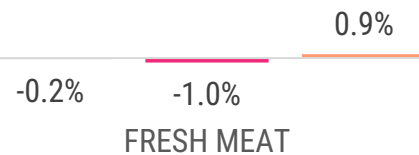
91%

of Shoppers Say The Cost of Groceries is Higher Than YA  
(86% of Gen Z/ Younger Millennials)



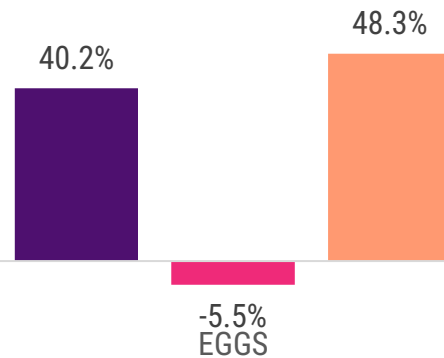
24%

Said that they are buying less Meat & Poultry  
(only 22% for Gen Z/ Younger Millennials)



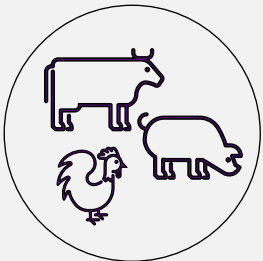
25%

Said that they are buying fewer Eggs  
(only 13% for Gen Z/ Younger Millennials)



■ \$ % CHG ■ UNIT % CHG ■ PRICE % CHG

# However, This Concern Over Spend has Left All Proteins with a Growth Struggle – Each Month Bringing Fresh Meat Relatively Flat Performance



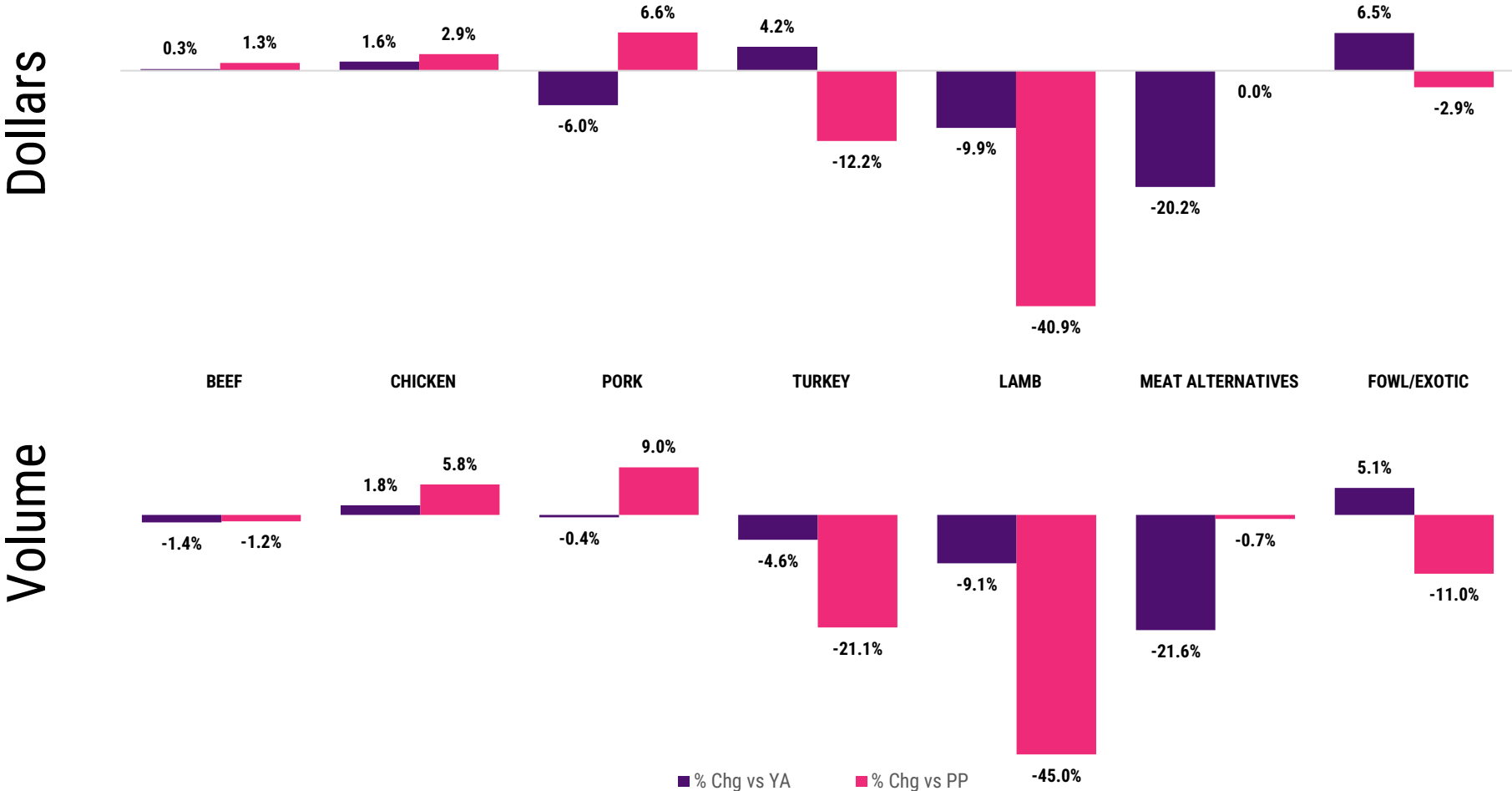
## FRESH MEAT

**\$4.2B**

**\$ % Chg vs YA: -0.3%**

**\$ % Chg vs PP: 1.2%**

Dollar Growth vs YA and PP - Latest 4WE 5/21/2023

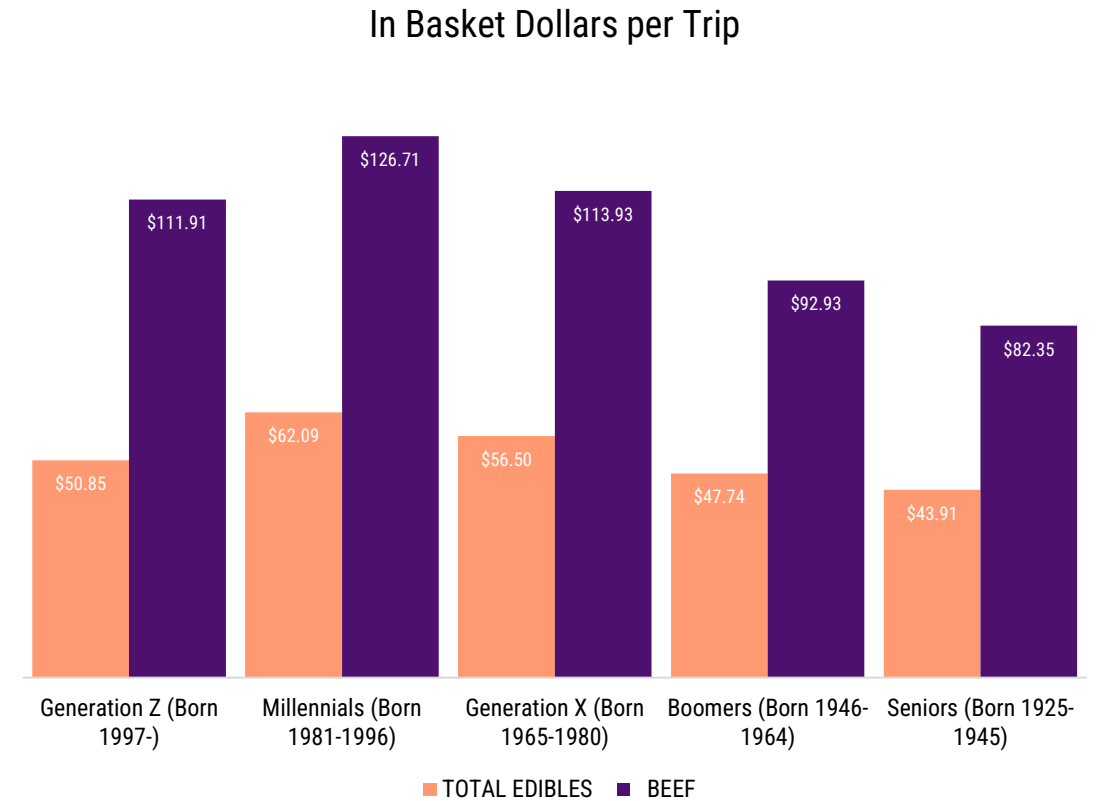
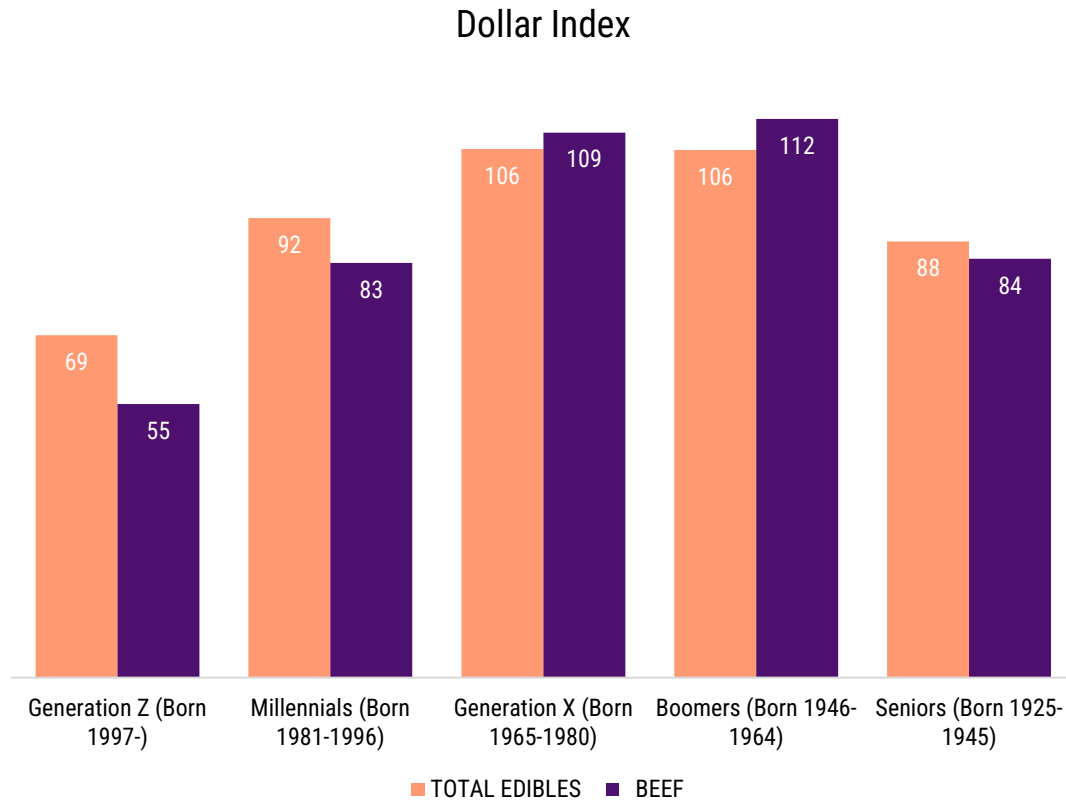


Source: Circana Integrated Fresh, MUL0, Latest 4 Weeks Ending 5/21/2023

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# Looking Generationally, Fresh Beef is an Example of Meat Not Bringing in Younger Generations the Way Boomers and Gen X had been Engaged

## Generational Comparison: Edibles and Beef



Source: Circana Integrated Fresh Panel, All Outlets, Latest 52 WE 4/23/2023

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# Who We Think About When We Make Fresh Foods Decisions Are Not Necessarily Today's (or Tomorrow's) Consumer

**29%**

of U.S. shopping households are **40 years old or younger**



...and they're already **not** acting, cooking, or shopping like Gen X or Boomers.

**Underspend** in fresh foods and traditional grocery



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# ***What Sets Younger Shoppers Apart?***

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The Joy of Discovery

The Need for Variety

Commitment to Values

Lack of Experience with Food Shopping and Preparation



Z

INGREDIENT CUTS

BEEF & PORK RIBS

OFFAL/EXOTIC

CHOICE GRADE

CHICKEN WINGS

UNBRANDED

FROZEN MEATS

M

VEG-FED

ORGANIC EGGS AND MEAT

CHICKEN BREAST/WINGS

MEAT ALTERNATIVES

PREPARED MEALS

INGREDIENT CUTS

GROUND POULTRY

X

GRASS-FED/VEG-FED

ORGANIC/ABF MEAT

FROZEN MEAT

FAMILY PACKS

CHICKEN BREAST

GROUND PROTEIN

MEAT ALTERNATIVES

B

WAGYU

SELECT GRADE

BEEF BRISKET

TURKEY WHOLE/BREAST

SMOKED HAM

BEEF RIBEYE

EXOTIC MEATS

S

SELECT GRADE

LAMB/ VEAL

PROCESSED MEATS

PRIVATE LABEL

PORK INGREDIENT CUTS

ANGUS

CONVENTIONAL MEATS



# *Sustainability & Younger Consumers*

“It’s all about **efficacy and authenticity** with brands.

Efficacy lends authenticity, rather than brands standing for certain ideals because they sound good.”

~ Gen Z  
Focus Group Participant

# Sustainability and Transparency are Increasingly Expected by Consumers

93%

of shoppers have maintained or increased their sustainable purchase habits in 2022 – still a motivator even during high inflation



A higher percentage of Gen Z and Millennials are purchasing more sustainable products



## WHAT'S TO COME

Consumer Clarity

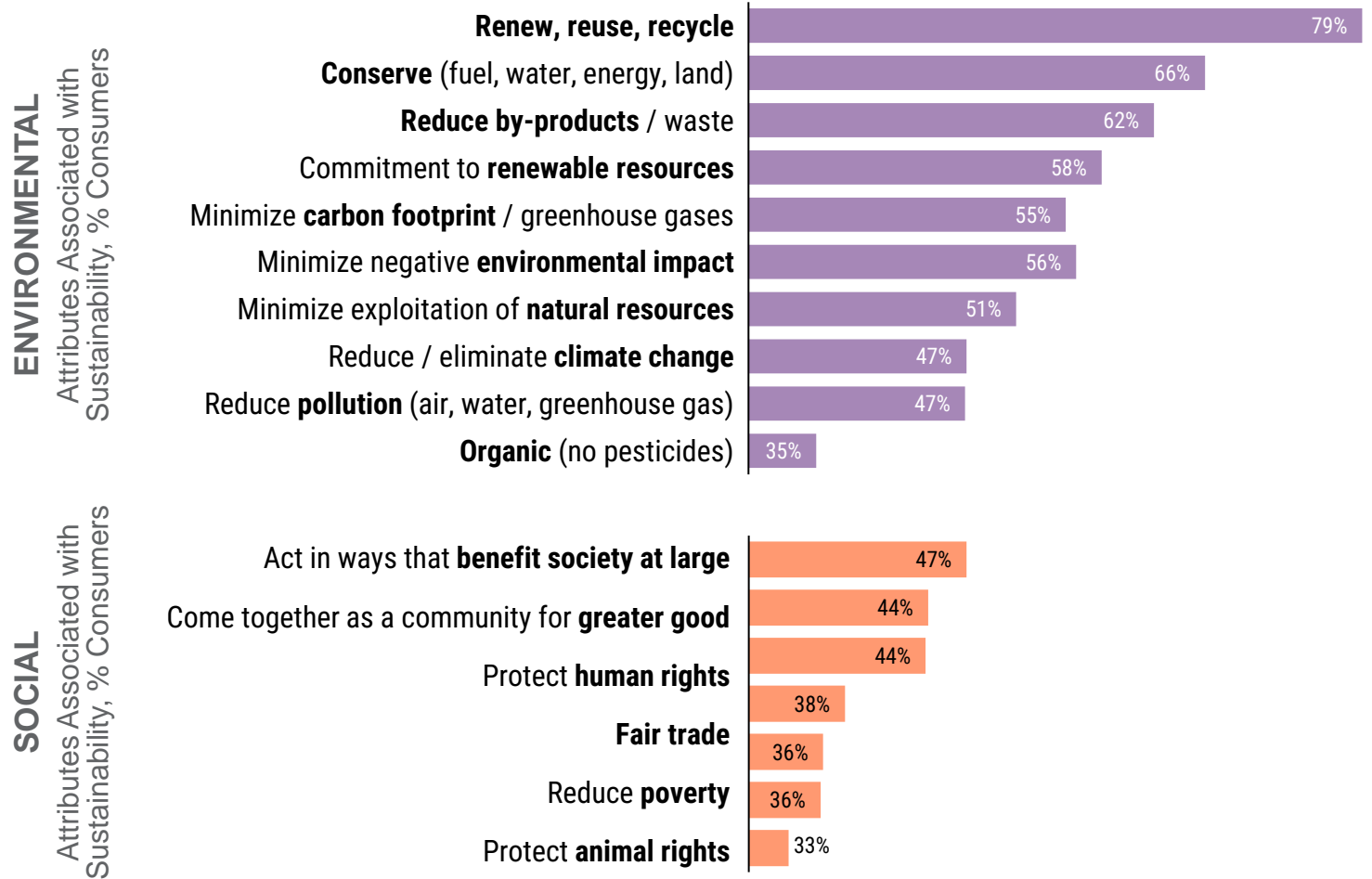
Enhanced Education

Measuring ROI

Source: IRI and NYU Sterns School of Business Sustainability and Transparency Study, 2022. IRI Integrated Fresh HH Panel using IRI/SPINS NaturalLink Segmentation  
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# The Consumer Lens: Sustainability is Defined More by **Environmental** vs. **Social** Factors

**Gen Z** and  
**Millennials**  
associate the term  
“**sustainability**”  
with environmental  
factors more  
than older  
consumers.



Source: IRI OmniConsumer™ Survey Solutions, June 2022, n=1,200



# All the Buzz in Product Launches, But How do “Good for Me, Good for the Planet” Consumers Buy Meat Today?



# The **GREAT** News: Natural Engaged Shoppers Are Equally, If Not More, Engaged in Fresh Meat

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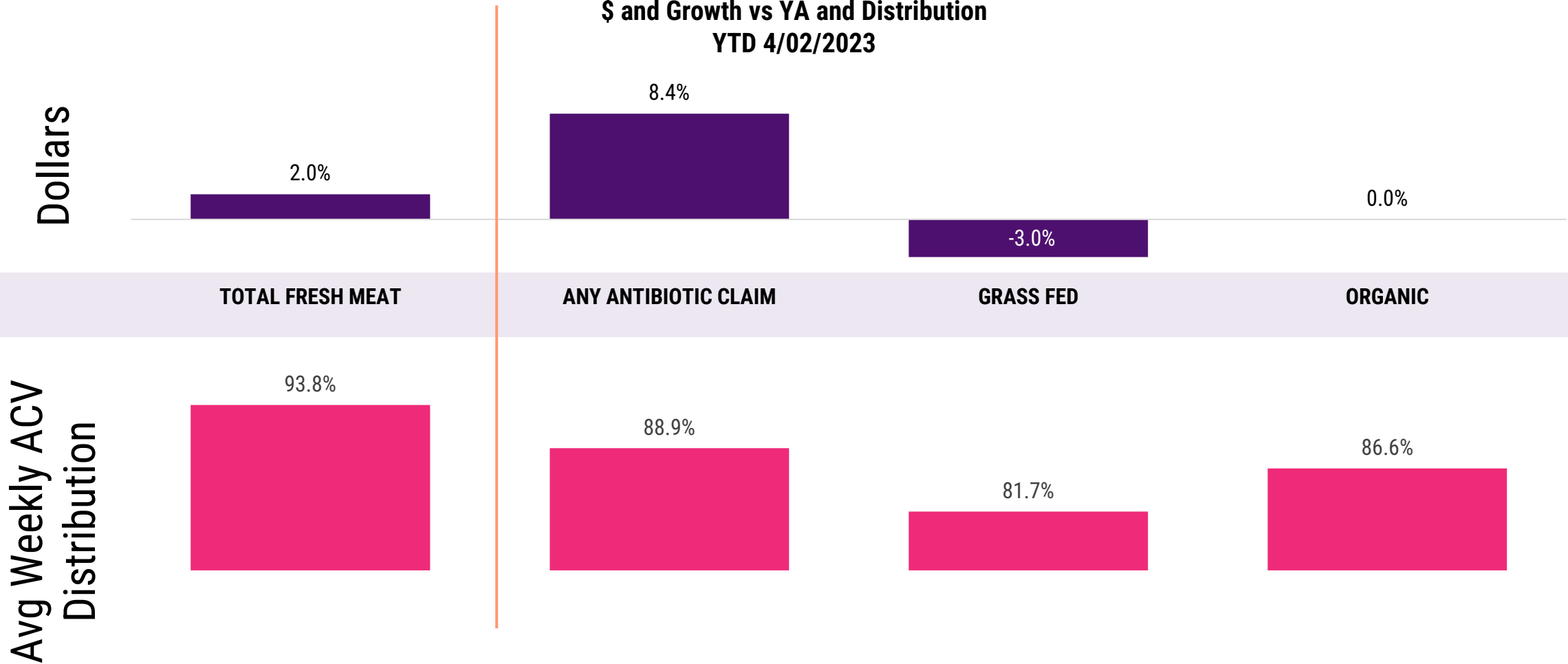
**%HH BUYING**





# Specialty Claims in Protein Are Holding Strong in Sales and Shoppers Aren't Walking Away – But Products Shoppers Demand Aren't Fully Available

**Specialty Fresh Meat Claims  
\$ and Growth vs YA and Distribution  
YTD 4/02/2023**



Source: Circana Integrated Fresh Market Advantage, MUL0, Latest 52 Weeks 05-21-2023

# So What Now What

The popularity of sustainably marketed products among **younger consumers** points to an **enduring demand**.

**Younger Shoppers** shop differently – more discovery, more solution-oriented, more occasion-based. **They are actively engaged with meat** but the way we've always marketed and marketed must evolve



Brands that have **sustainability at their core, as part of their value proposition** are likely to fare better than ones that consider sustainability as risk management or risk avoidance.

# Thank you

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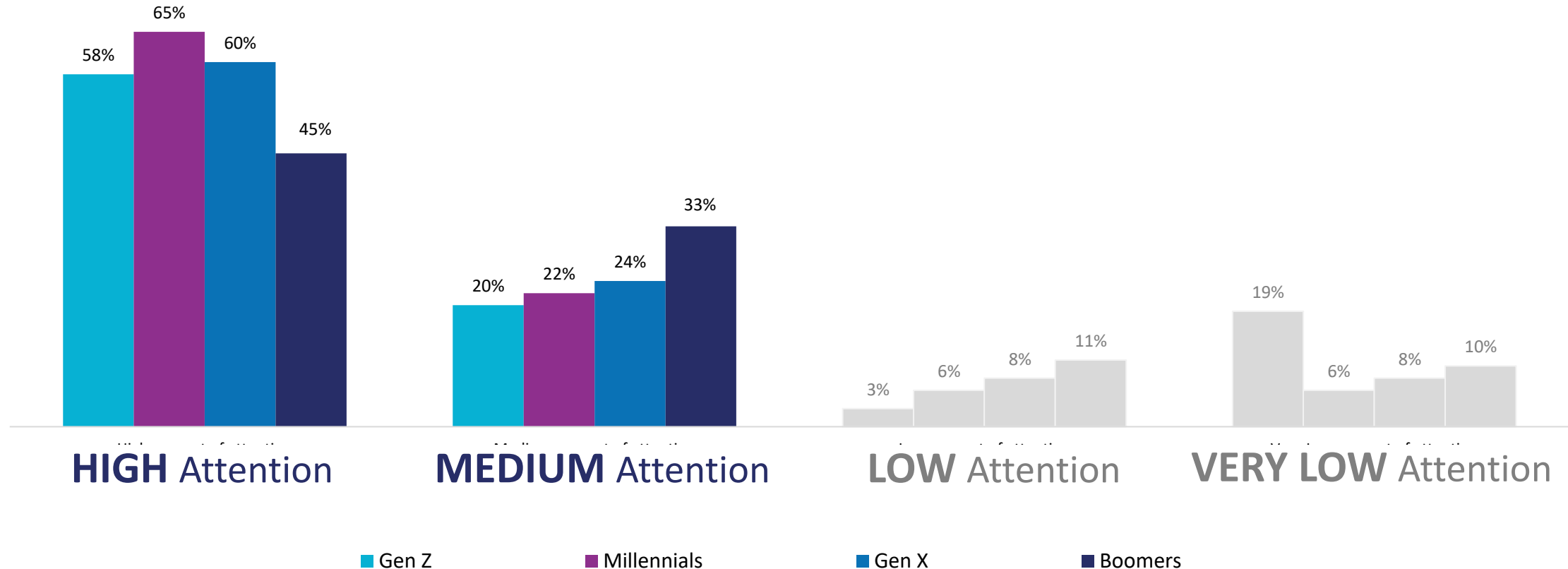
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Sustainability's Role in Evolving  
Consumer Preferences in  
Protein

# Ingredients matter to ALL consumers – not just one generation

## ATTENTION GIVEN TO THE INGREDIENTS USED IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS YOU CONSUME



Q: How much attention do you give the following?

# Health is key for all generations, but when it comes to new products, their other priorities can vary



**Generation Z**

Health benefits

Flavor

Affordability

Naturalness

**Environmental factors**



**Millennials**

Health benefits

Affordability

Flavor

Naturalness

**Environmental factors**



**Generation X**

Health benefits

Affordability

Naturalness

**Environmental factors**

Flavor



**Boomers**

Health benefits

Affordability

Naturalness

**Environmental factors**

Flavor

Q: Considering food and beverage, which aspects do you think should drive the development of new products the most?

# Sustainability Is Evolving; Becoming More Of a Complex Opportunity

Younger consumers are introducing new 'green' priorities to their purchasing decisions.

## Gen Z



## Millennials



## Gen X



## Baby Boomers



- Biodegradable packaging
- Responsibly produced
- Sustainably sourced
- Fair trade certified
- Made from recycled materials

- **Natural**
- Responsibly produced
- Sustainably sourced
- **Recyclable & reusable packaging**
- Biodegradable packaging

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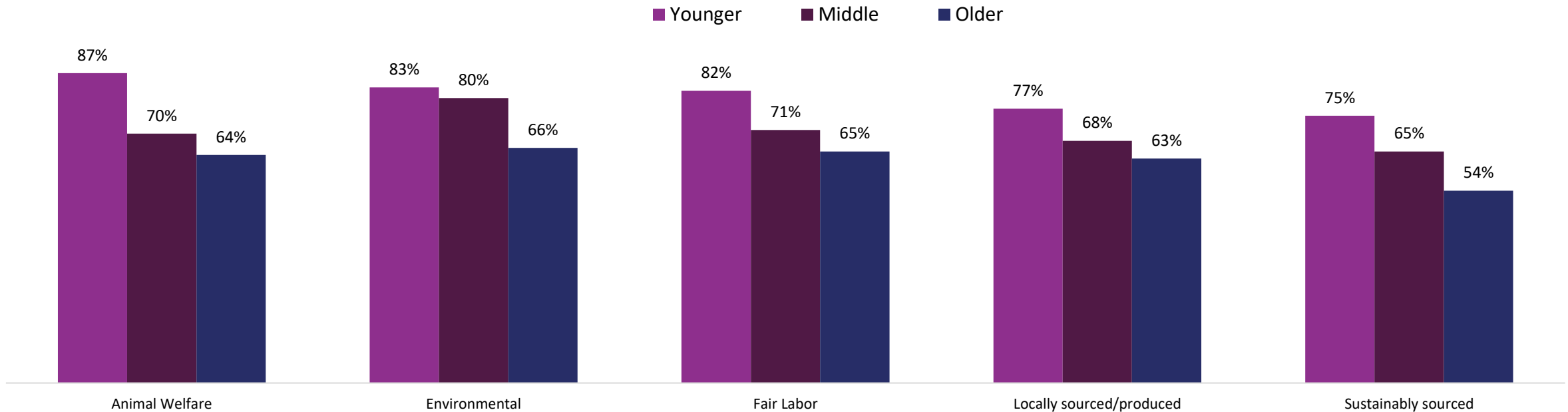
Variability introduced

Highly similar in viewpoints

# A Rise in Sustainability Preferences is Becoming Increasingly Prevalent in the Meat Category

Attributes such as animal welfare, environmental, fair labor, locally sourced and sustainably sourced were the top five most essential attributes in meat, with younger generations leading the way.

% who Agree this Attribute is important to Sustainability in Meats Products

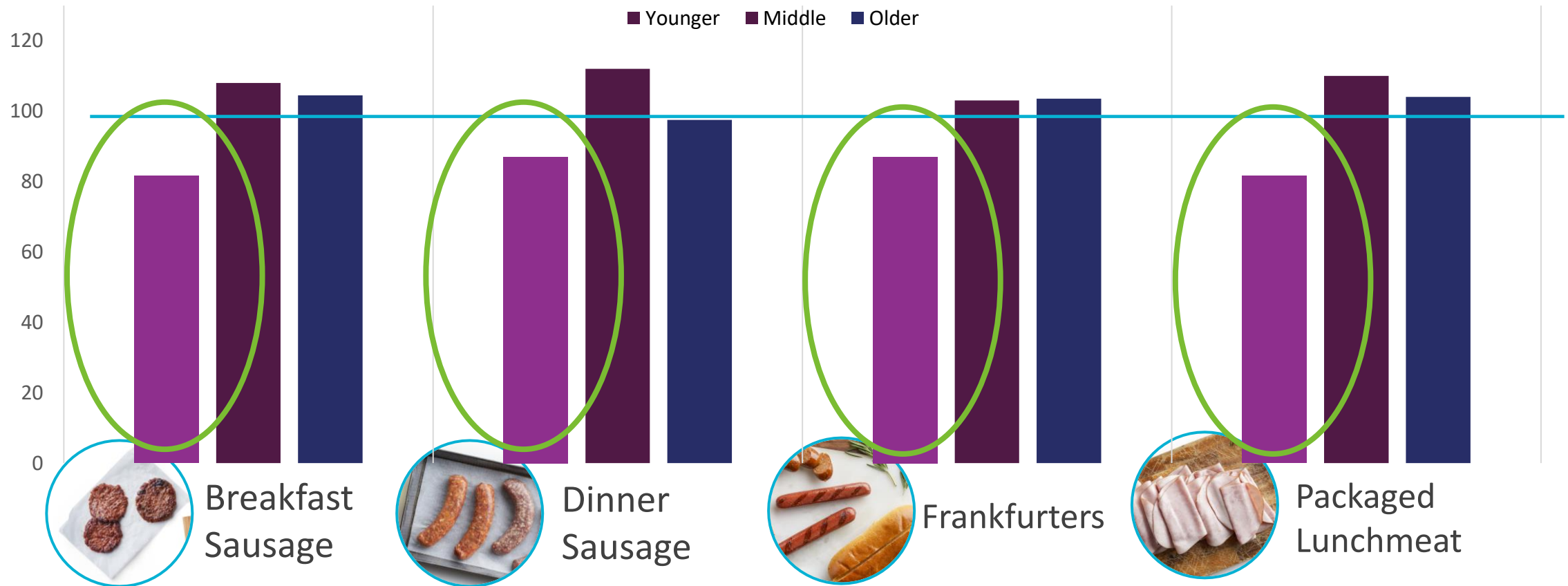




# Younger Generations are also 'Light Buyers' in Processed Meat

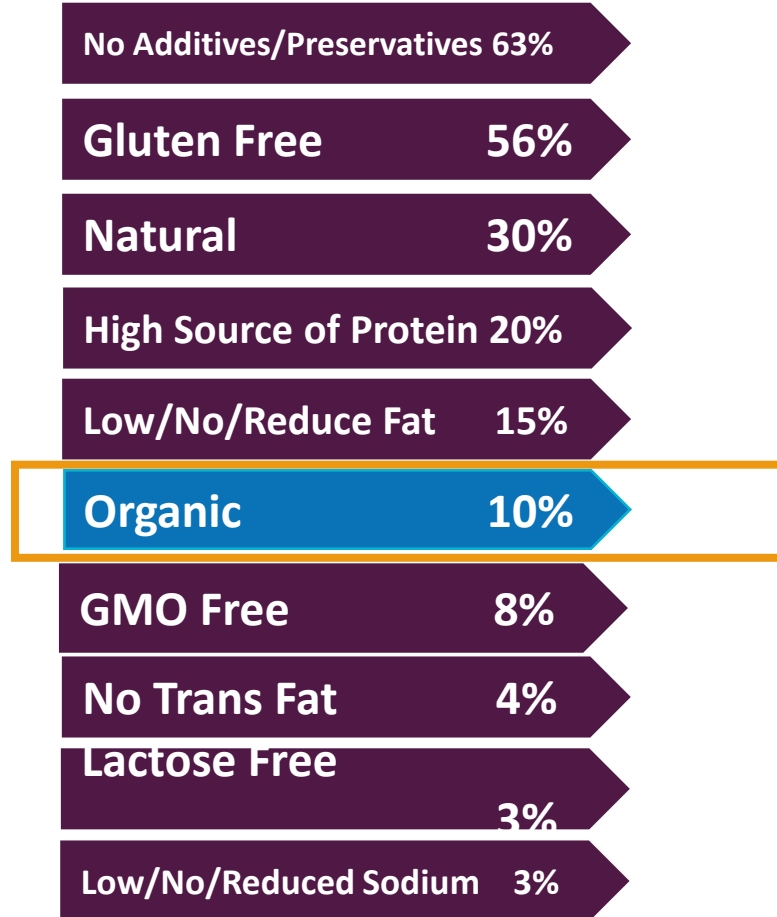
The future of processed meat rests in the younger generations who are considered light buyers. They are not the same as the generations before them.

Volume Index By Meat Type & Generation

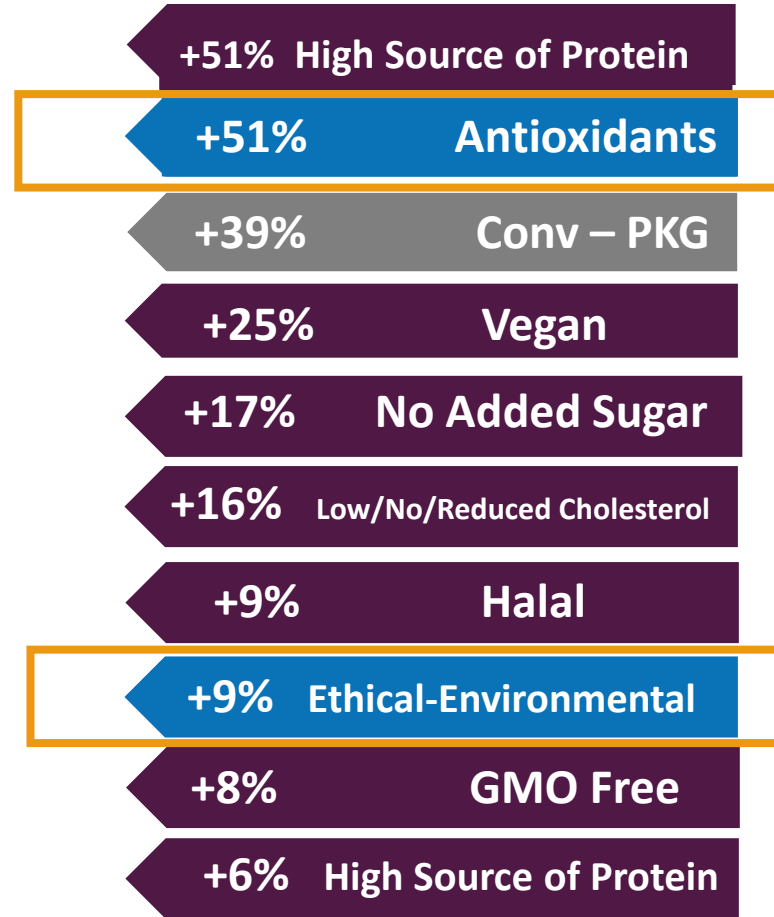


# Health and Wellness capture New Product Development (NPD) claims within Meat, Room for Growth: Sustainability

## Top Claims\*, % Product Launches



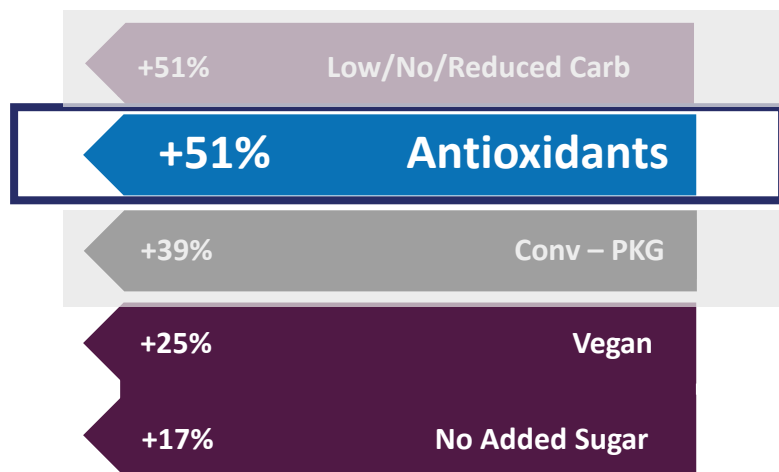
## Fastest Growing Claims\*\*, % Growth



## Claim Coding:



## Fastest Growing Claims\*\*, % Growth



**284**  
# of meat products launched with an AOX ingredient within the US in the last 5 years

Sustainability\*

**1**

**Ingredients Matter To  
The Consumer**

**2**

**H&W Is Becoming Table Stakes  
for Younger Consumers: Look  
Elsewhere For Growth!**

**3**

**Younger Generations Want  
Different Green Claims On  
Their Food Products**

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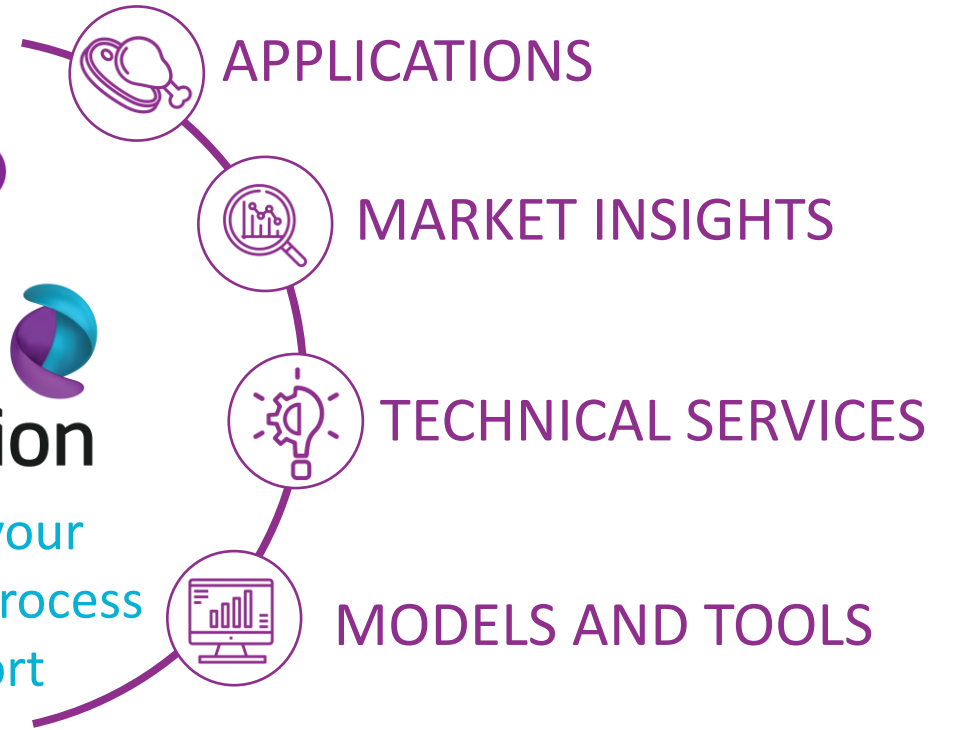
**Sustainability Claims In  
Meat Matter Most To  
Younger Consumers**

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**In Meat, There is Room for  
Growth For Sustainability &  
AOX Claims**

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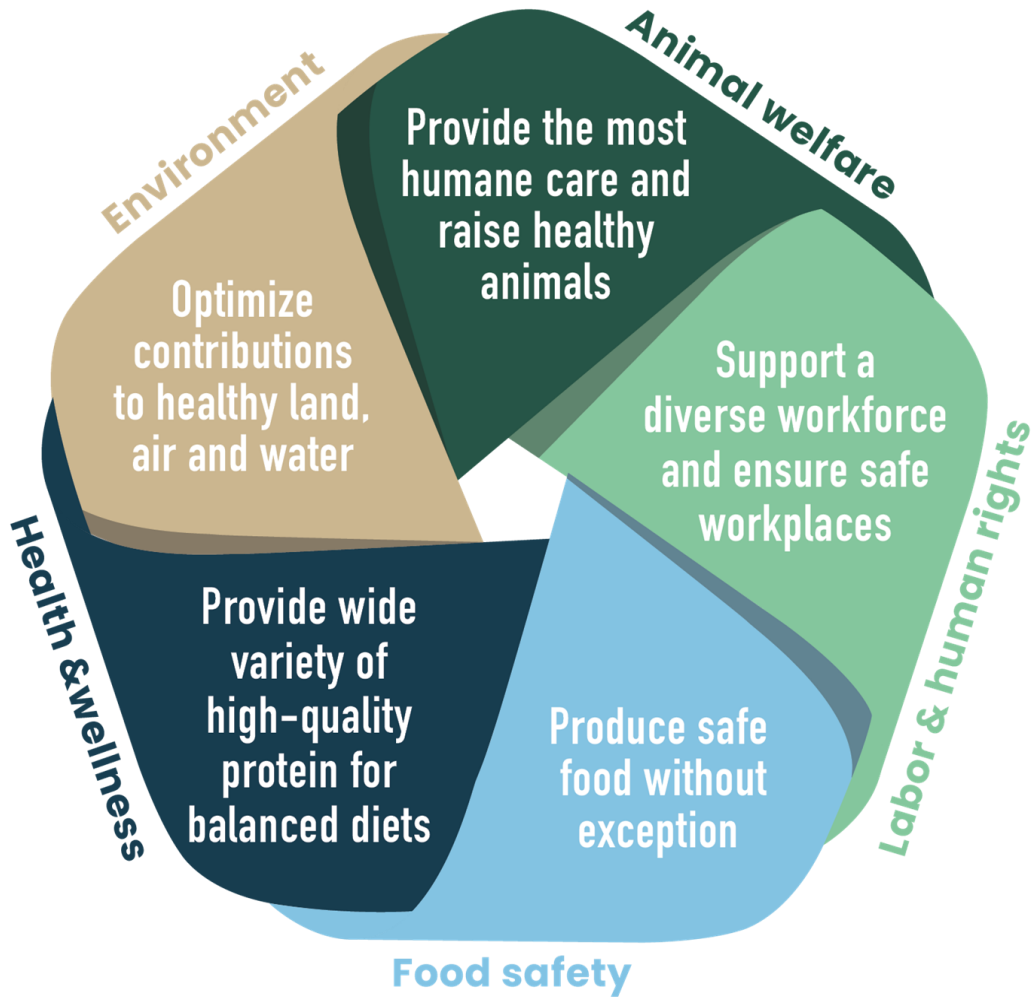


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# Protein PACT Bold vision and targets



90% of NAMI members' production volume is reporting on metrics to set a baseline in 2022. 100% of membership is reporting on ALL metrics in 2030.

By 2025, 100% of NAMI members who handle animals will pass third-party animal transport and handling audits and all members will require all suppliers to implement mandatory employee training and follow species-specific standards for animal care.

By 2030, we will further reduce workplace injuries by 50% (2019 baseline), on top of the 75% reduction achieved from 1999-2019.

By 2025, working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Feeding America, we will measure and help fill the protein gap to ensure families in need have enough high-quality protein to meet U.S. dietary guidelines.

By 2030, 100% of NAMI members will have an SBTi-approved (Science-based Target Initiative) greenhouse gas reduction target.

Website - <https://www.theproteinpact.org>

# Protein PACT - How to Participate

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