



2019
THE POWER OF
FROZEN

AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT THE
FROZEN AISLE THROUGH
THE SHOPPERS' EYES



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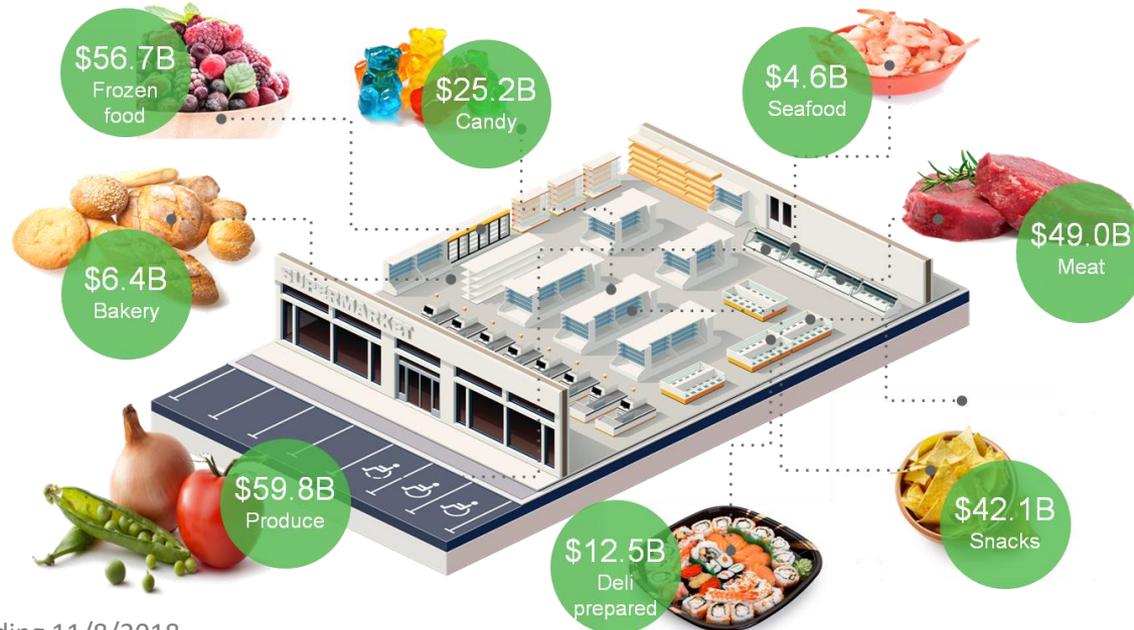
Power of Frozen: A Formula for Growth





A sizeable department: \$56.7 billion

Bigger than most perimeter and center-store departments





Covering every meal occasion

Top 10 in dollar sales out of 26 categories



Entrees
\$9.2B



Ice cream
\$6.8B



Novelties
\$5.2B



Pizza
\$4.9B



Seafood
\$4.8B



Poultry
\$4.2B



Breakfast
\$3.5B



Processed poultry
\$3.1B



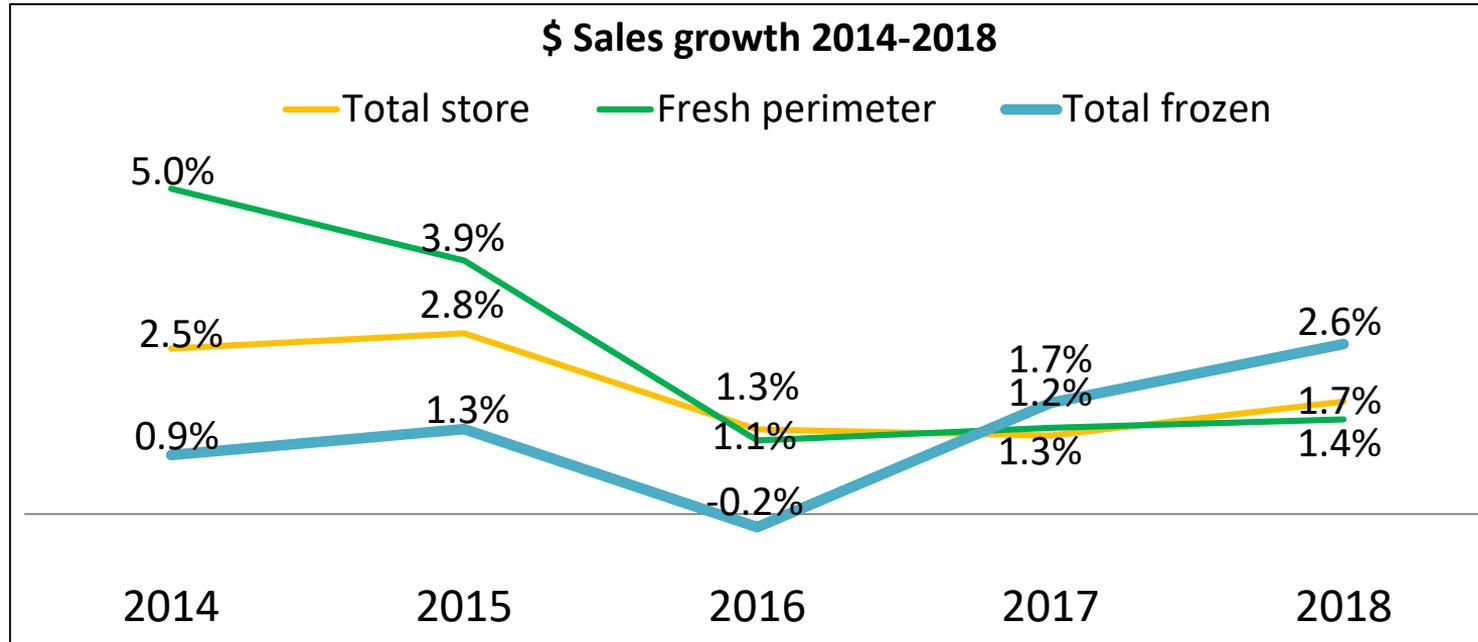
Meat
\$2.7B



Vegetables
\$2.5B



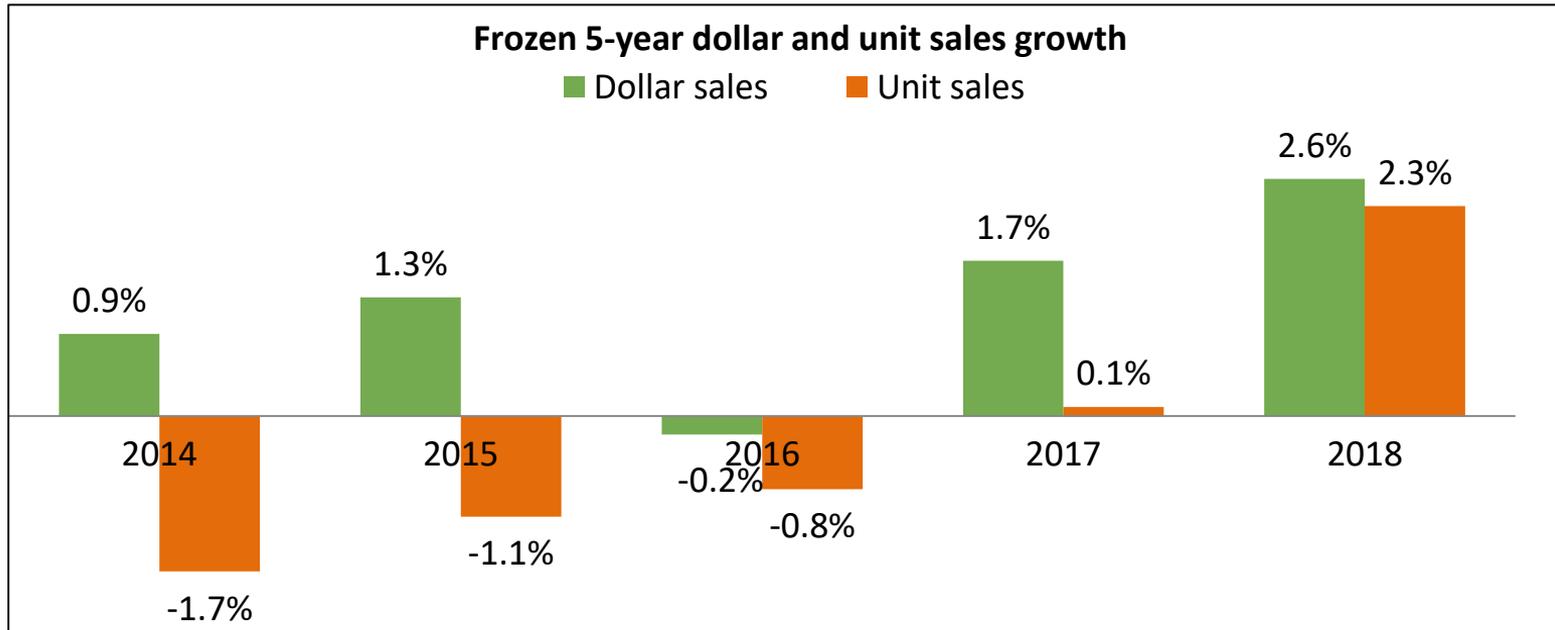
The Frozen Food Comeback





A comeback several years in the making

A turnaround in dollars AND units





Across the board growth

Dollars up for 9 of the top 10 categories; *Units* increased for 10 out of 10



Entrees

+2.3% | +0.4%



Ice cream

+0.2% | +1.1%



Novelties

+4.2% | +2.3%



Pizza

+4.9% | +3.1%



Seafood

+4.2% | +1.6%



Poultry

-0.5% | +0.1%



Breakfast

+5.7% | +4.7%



Processed poultry

+0.6% | +0.5%



Meat

+5.2% | +5.2%



Vegetables

+2.7% | +2.6%



National brands generate the lion's share of sales

Dollars up for 9 of the top 10 categories; units increased for 10 out of 10



79%

Manufacturer brand
share of 2018 sales

+1.8%
Manufacturer
brands



+6.1%
Private
brands



Dollar
growth



High household engagement

Opportunity to drive cross-category penetration



99.4%

Frozen food household penetration



Ice cream
87.5%



Entrees
85.5%



Novelties
79.6%



Vegetables
79.0%

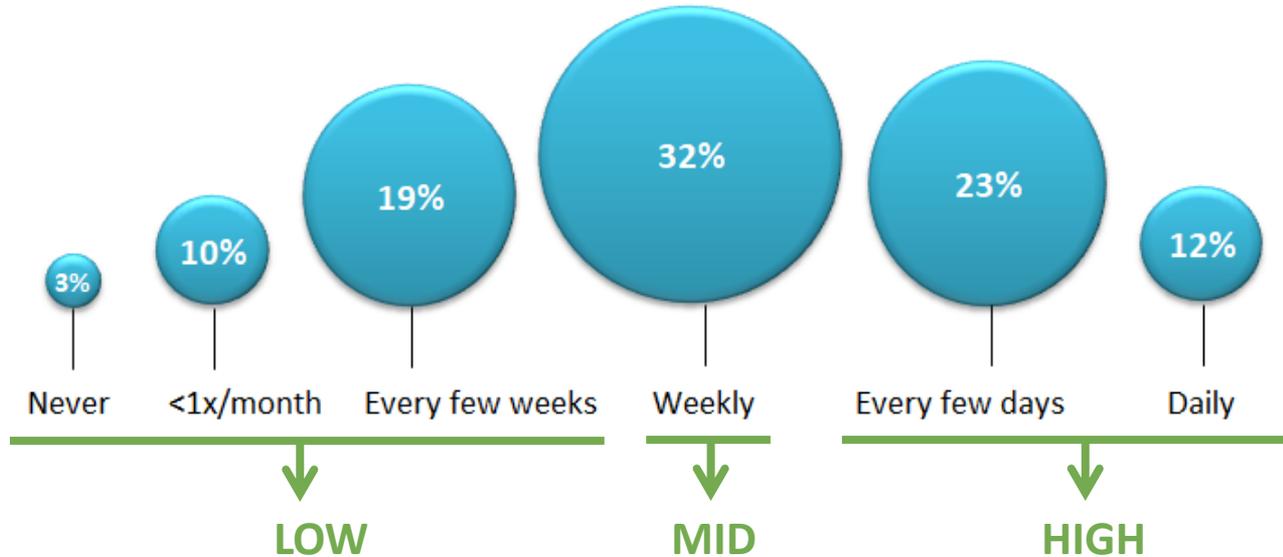


Pizza
70.6%



Opportunity to improve consumption frequency

Household frequency of eating frozen food





Purchasing behavior of low and high-frequency consumers



19% LOW-frequency

32% MID-frequency

52% HIGH-frequency



Sales data confirms levers for growth

More people
buy

People buy
more

Buy more
often

2018:

Buyers flat -0.1%

\$ Per buyer: +1.8%

Trips: +0.8%



How do we continue the success?

1. Understand more about low-frequency consumers



2. Optimize sales among high-frequency (core) consumers

3. Understand the what and why behind frozen food sales success

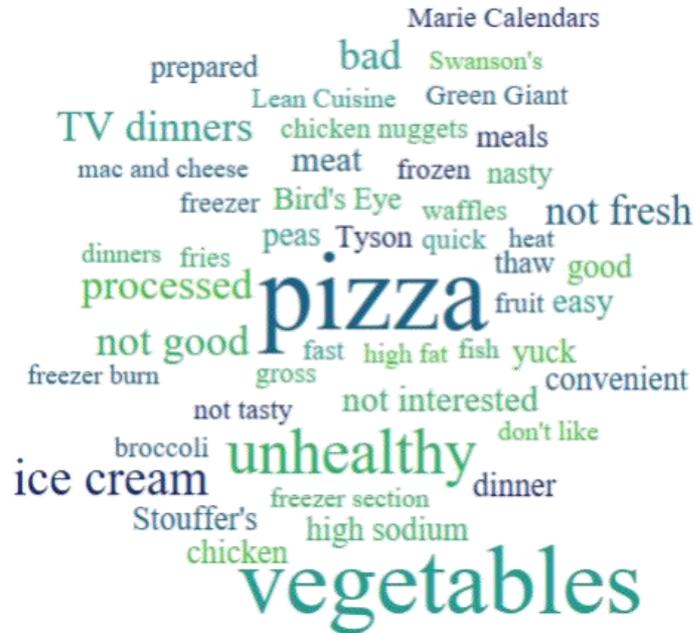




#1 Understanding the low-frequency consumers

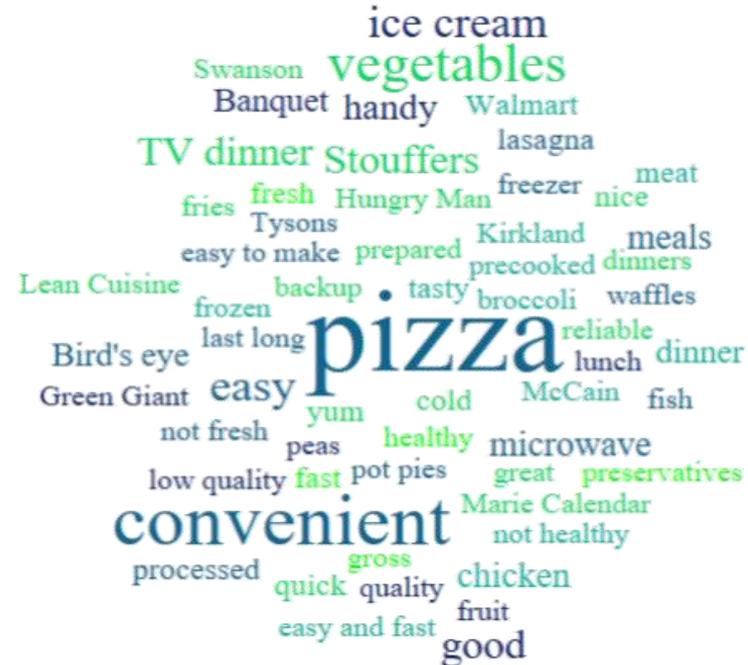
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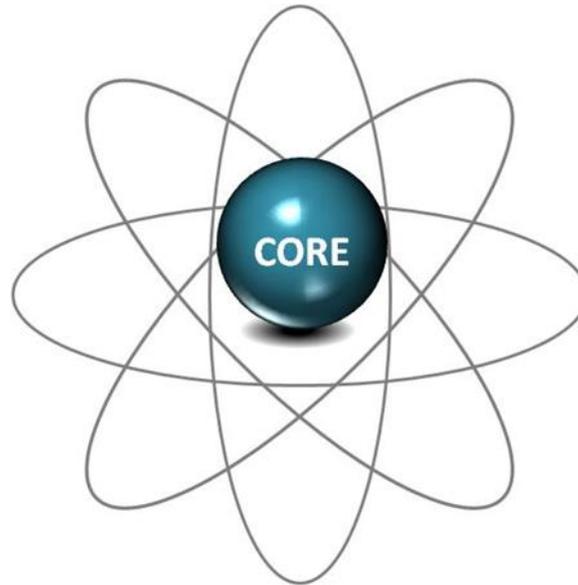


#2 Optimizing sales among core consumers

All income levels

Older Millennials

Consumers in
suburban and urban
areas



Men

Kids at home,
especially ages 7-12

Households of 3-4
people

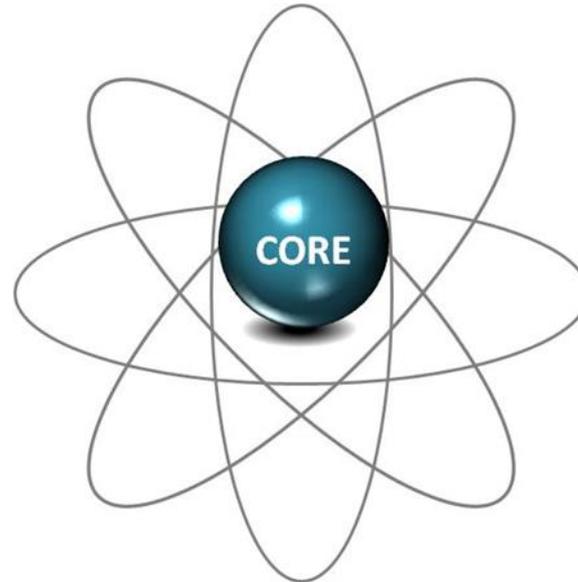


#2 Optimizing sales among core consumers

Purchase more food types
for more food occasions at
home and at work

Adventurous and
impulsive consumers

Supercenter and club
shoppers, and,
online shoppers



Increasingly rely on
frozen food as a backup
and planned occasion

Above-average spending
and trips

High interest in health
and production claims,
driven by the higher-
income core consumers



#3 Understanding what is driving growth and why

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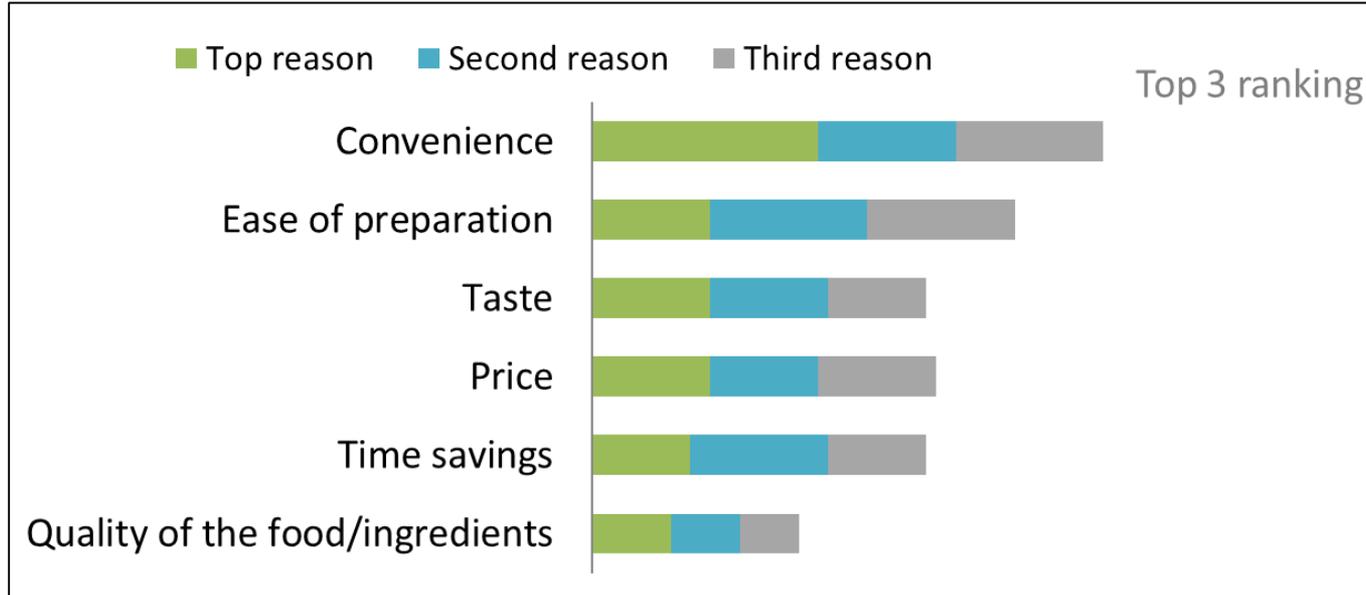


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Convenience is front and center



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Core consumers focus on convenience and the food

Low-frequency consumers	Top 3 rank	High-frequency consumers
30%	Taste	36%
19%	Quality	28%
14%	Variety	22%
8%	Consistency	13%



Core consumers buy across more food types, covering more meal occasions

Meal solutions



Breakfast +22



Pizza +11



Multi-serve
entrees +9



Single-serve
Entrees +10

Ingredients



Meat/poultry +18



Seafood +7



Sides +16



Veggies +20



Fruit +22



Meat
alternatives +7

Snacks/Desserts



Dessert +18



Ice cream +16



Snacks/
appetizers +16



Frozen to the rescue, but we can be more

Core consumers leverage frozen as a rescue and planned item

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Frozen to the rescue

- 83%** Backup solution
- 78%** Scramble/out-of-time solution
- 73%** Hold me over between trips
- 68%** Cater to varying preferences

Frozen to expand food horizon

- 72%** Solution for food I don't know how or want to make
- 61%** Try a new food/cuisine
- 65%** Buy with a specific day in mind
(vs. **79%** of core consumers)



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Frozen is a bit more of a planned purchase

Once people are in the aisle, frozen can drive impulse purchase too





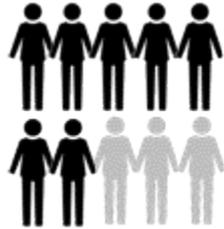
Sales specials can drive impulse and stock up

Strive to grow the purchase, not substitute brands or items

Can sales specials prompt you to...?



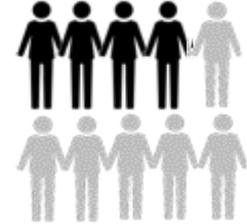
- Stock up
- Impulse buy
- Switch brands



Try a new item



Buy a different
type of item
(lasagna vs. pizza)



Visit a
different store



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Better-for-...Isn't just "you"



Better-for-...

69% Me

30% The planet

25% The animal (fish/meat/poultry)

23% The people (worker/farmer)



Planet: food and packaging waste matters

77%

Of shoppers say environmentally-friendly frozen food packaging is somewhat or very important



40% vs. 28%

Of core consumers believe it is “very important” vs. 28% overall



Better-for-...is popular in frozen food too



Better-for-... frozen item that was

39% Alternative to prior choice

30% An item not bought before

31% Mix of new & alternatives



Production claims matter as well

Top eight production traits people look for

- 48%** “Real” ingredients (i.e. real cheese)
- 39%** Fresh frozen
- 38%** No artificial ingredients
- 35%** All natural
- 28%** Made/grown/raised in the USA
- 27%** Type/quality of meat used
- 24%** Organic
- 22%** Non-GMO



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Most shoppers buy frozen at their primary store



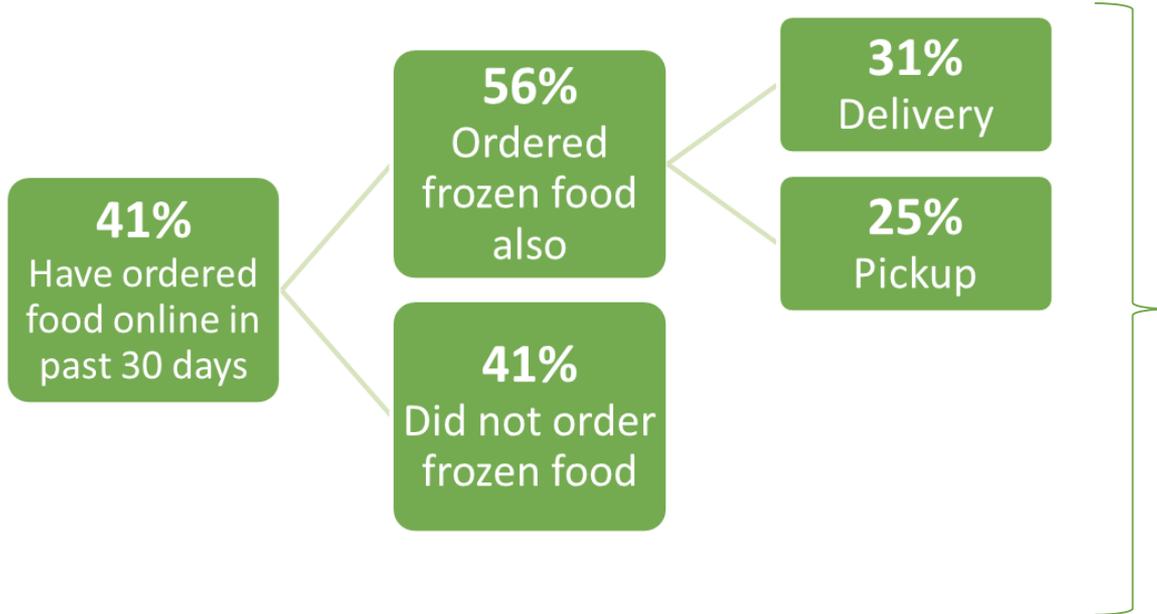
High-frequency consumers

- Overindex for supercenters and clubs
- Are high-value consumers as larger households with spending and trips to match



Online grocery shopping is ramping up

Frozen is right in the bullseye





Core consumers especially seek online convenience

Ensure they still buy your brand or at your store

43%

Of core consumers purchase frozen food online vs. 23% of all shoppers

High-frequency consumers

- Are more likely to shop online
- Are more likely to buy frozen online
 - Brand strength key
 - Find ways to drive trial & impulse



Key takeaways

- We have a long runway ahead in frozen
- Opportunities to increase growth rate
- Be smart about how food is produced
- Be alert to changing shoppers habits and impact on impulse



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