

CHOCOLATE PRODUCTION

Sometimes chocolate, either sold as an ingredient or as a confectionery, may offer you points of distinction to help you sell these tasty items. Learn about chocolate. Then find out what types of chocolate products you sell. Understand why some may be signature products for your department.

Chocolate comes from cacao (KOH-kah) beans, the fruit of the cacao (Theobroma cacao) tree that grows in the tropics. Cacao beans go through many stages of processing to yield 3 chocolate products: 1) chocolate liquor, 2) cocoa butter, and 3) cocoa powder. Chocolate liquor is also called 'cocoa liquor' or 'cocoa mass'. When the center of the cacao bean (the nib) is ground up and heated slightly, chocolate liquor is the result. It is a dark solid at room temperature. It contains no alcohol.

Cocoa butter is what remains after the cocoa liquor is pressed. Cocoa butter is a creamy white solid at room temperature. It is not a dairy product.

Cocoa powder is made by grinding the complement (the cocoa cake) that remains after the cocoa butter is removed from the chocolate liquor. Don't burn the chocolate and keep using it! Reheating chocolate impacts the flavor of the chocolate.

Don't overfill. Only use as much as you need when coating to reduce waste.

Types of Chocolate

Dark Chocolate

Contains:

- chocolate liquor
- cocoa butter
- sweetener (sugar)

The greater the percentage of cocoa liquor (between 35-70%) the stronger the flavor.

Dark chocolate can also be called:

- bitter-sweet (at least 50% chocolate)
- semi-sweet (usually 30%-45% chocolate)
- chocolate chips used in cookies

Milk Chocolate

Contains the same components as dark chocolate, plus milk.

- at least 10% chocolate liquor
- at least 10% milk solids

Milk chocolate has a creamy taste and texture and its brown color is lighter than that of dark chocolate.

There is also a dark milk chocolate that is milk chocolate with up to 42% chocolate liquor.

White Chocolate

Contains:

- cocoa butter
- milk
- sweetener
- no chocolate liquor

U.S. standards require white chocolate to be:

- 50% cocoa butter by weight
- at least 14% milk solids
- less than 55% sweeteners

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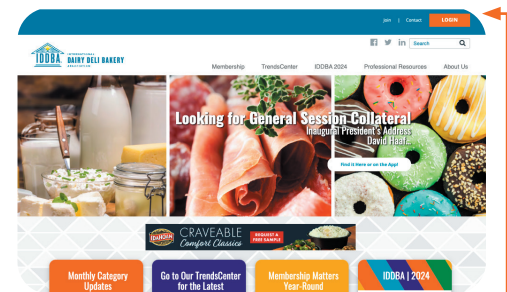
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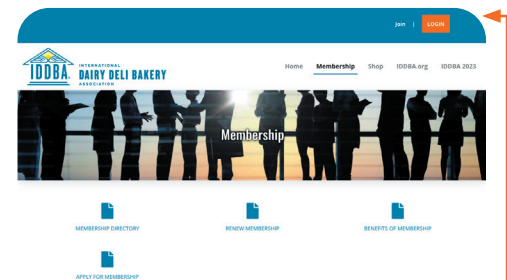
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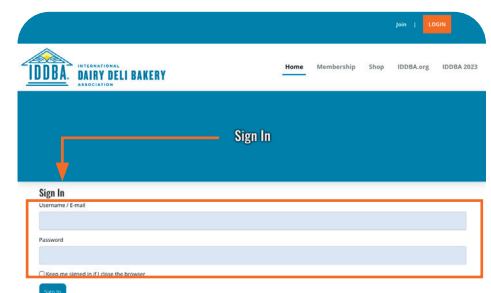
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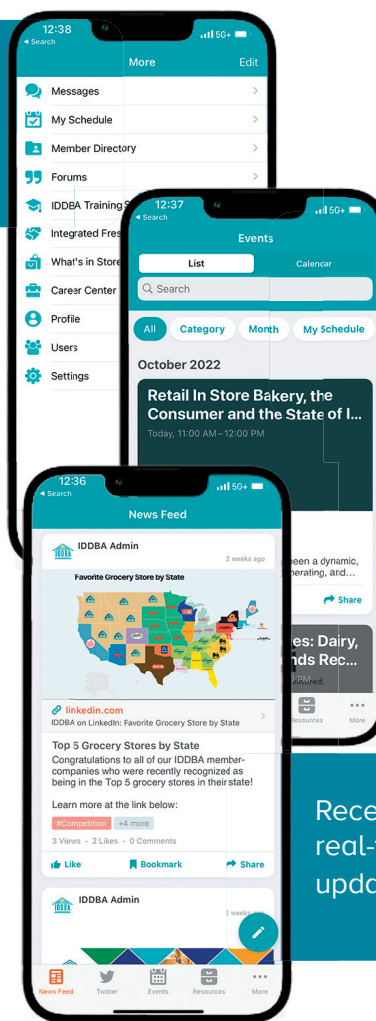
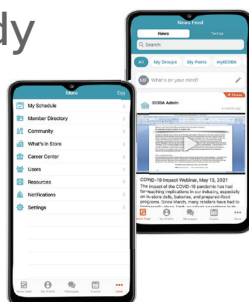


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*– Tony Cimilino, CMO
Golden West Food Group*





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BAKERY OUTLOOK

BAKERY OUTLOOK FOR 2024:

Bakery had a great year in 2023 with dollar sales growth vs last year while remaining flat to down in units. Top growing items came from both center store and perimeter aisle. Standouts like B... store bread have seen more than \$1... vs 3 years ago. Jonna Parker, Princip... at Circana, states, "During inflation, p... with what they liked. People could m... options out of one loaf of bread mak... during inflationary times." During this... also bought perimeter breads for a d... occasion. "Center store bread is usu... meal accompaniment or as a snack, t...

Impulse To Indulge

According to the Circana Omnibus Survey, 30% of shoppers sav they make impulse purchases to reward

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE: ALTERNATIVE PROTEINS HEADED FOR THE INSTORE DELI

Preparing for the Future: Alternative Proteins Headed for the Instore Deli

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Cell-cultured or cultivated meat made headlines recently, when Good Meat and Upside Foods received USDA approval for their chicken products, with celebrity chefs on both coasts quickly featuring them on exclusive, limited-seating menus. The approvals have been described with terms like "historic" and a "watershed moment for the food industry," and guarantee further development and eventual launch and scale in the US for this emerging technology. Importantly, though, and despite cell-cultured meat's splashy premiere in restaurant foodservice, our recent custom research project, *The Taste of Change*, found that nearly 70% of consumers expect to find cultivated meat in the refrigerated meat section of their grocery store. Future meat cases may feature both traditional and cell-cultured meats, as well as blends of the two. From there, the in-store deli is literally just a few steps away, and in consumers' minds, may be even closer.

What's Driving Alternative Proteins?

Regardless of the timing, operators in every segment must anticipate customers' expectations and respond to their needs. We have already seen the mainstreaming of plant-based proteins, driven by consumer concerns about environment and climate change, animal health and welfare, and human health. Those drivers remain strong and consistent, even as product offerings evolve. *The Taste of Change* also found that 70% of consumers feel concerned about the environment and climate change. We've witnessed the hottest summer on record this year, caused by climate change, and we've begun to experience increasingly violent and dangerous storms and extreme weather events. *Climate scientists agree* that greenhouse gas emissions contribute significantly to climate change, and though our dependence on *fossil fuels* remains the most urgent obstacle for us to overcome, animal agriculture contributes *between 10% and 17%* of global GHG emissions. Consumers, especially Gen Z, increasingly prioritize foods with reduced impact on the climate.



Consumers also worry about animal and human welfare. Our *Deli Drivers* report, from March 2023, found that 63% of consumers felt concern about farm-raised animals themselves, and 63% reported feeling concerned about antibiotic use in farm-raised animals. We want cruelty-free meat, and we also want good health for ourselves. Consumers of all ages want to eat a healthy diet (53%) and many limit their consumption of red meat (27%).

With the global population having topped 8 billion and hurtling toward an estimated *10 billion by 2050*, the need for change has become even more critical. Not only do we want food that's good for the world, good for animals and good for us, but we also need much more of it. Conventional farming and food production methods do not seem up to the task of feeding so many people and certainly can't do so sustainably.

Products to Meet Those Needs

Plant-based proteins arose to address these personal and global needs, and brands proliferated to fill the space. In recent months, we've seen the plant-based competition begin to thin as manufacturers have addressed taste and texture and struggled with inflation and a goal of price parity. As plant-based products have joined the mainstream and become less of a novelty, consumers have begun to challenge their healthfulness, to label them "overly processed," and to point to their long, scientific-looking ingredient lists with suspicion.

Again, though, the drivers behind plant-based proteins and their rebirth remain strong. Even as consumers question whether plant-based proteins fully satisfy the need for healthy, sustainable proteins, cell-based meats provide different solutions to those same problems. Cell-cultured meat promises to provide sustainable sources of protein that solve for each of those drivers – environment, human and animal health – with actual animal cells. No long, science-y



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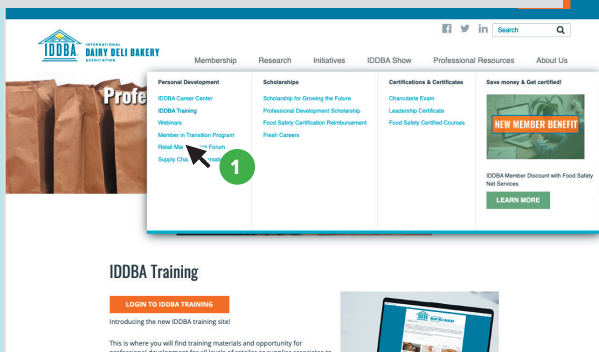
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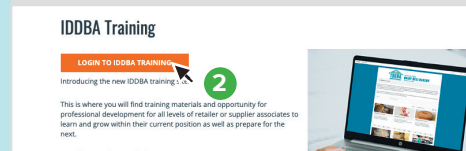
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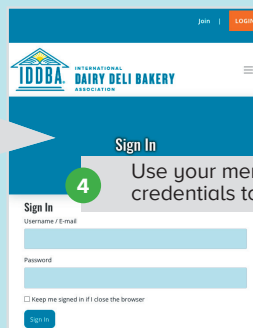
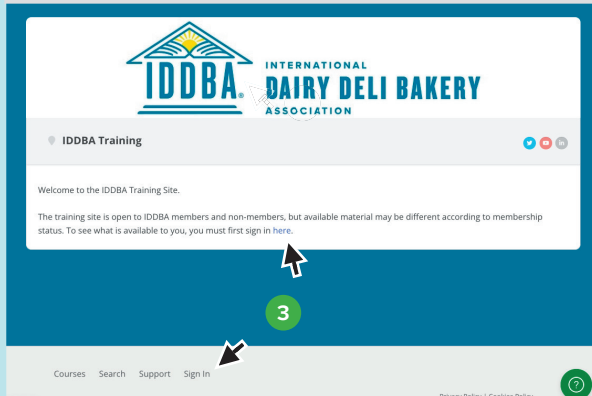
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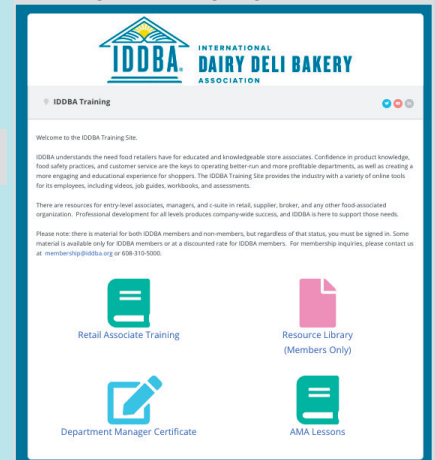
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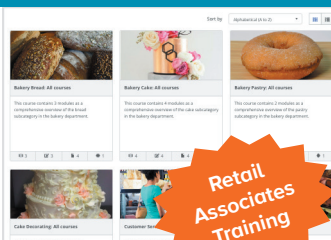
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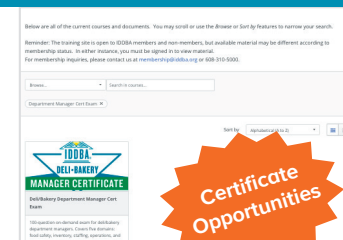
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