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## **Understanding the Organic Consumer Opportunity**

*February, 2019*



# Overview



**QUANTIFYING THE  
ACTUAL  
OPPORTUNITY**



**THE ORGANIC  
CONSUMER IN  
2020?**



**IMPLICATIONS  
FOR PRODUCERS  
AND RETAILERS?**



**FUTURE  
OPPORTUNITIES**



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# **Quantifying the Opportunity**







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# When Evaluating Organic Data points....



Is the data actual sales, projections or consumer estimates?



Are we talking total store, perishables or just produce?



Does the data represent “ALL” consumers or “Organic” consumers?



If only Organic, are we talking to heavy or light users? Both?



Where is the opportunity?

Getting committed shoppers to buy more  
Get light/non users to purchase

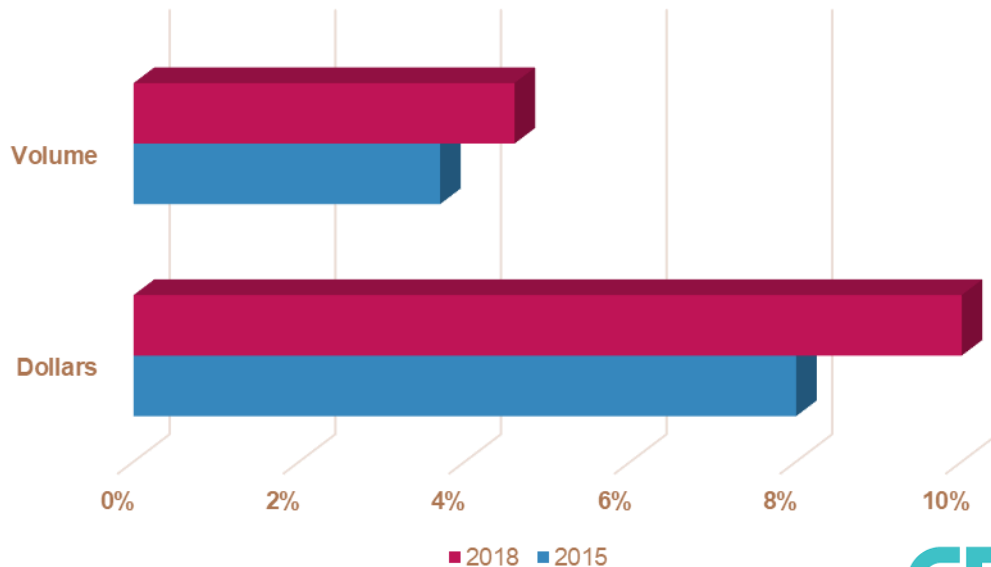


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# Organic Produce Performance

Share of Total Produce  
2018 vs 2015



Source: Category Partners: Total US supermarkets, 52 weeks, Jan-Dec., 2018 vs. 2015

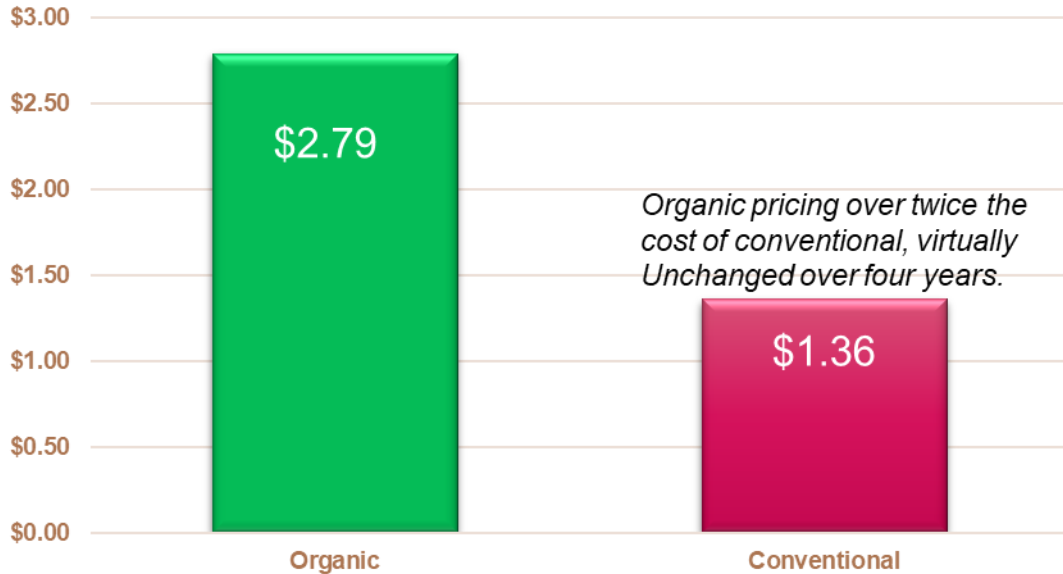
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PARTNERS





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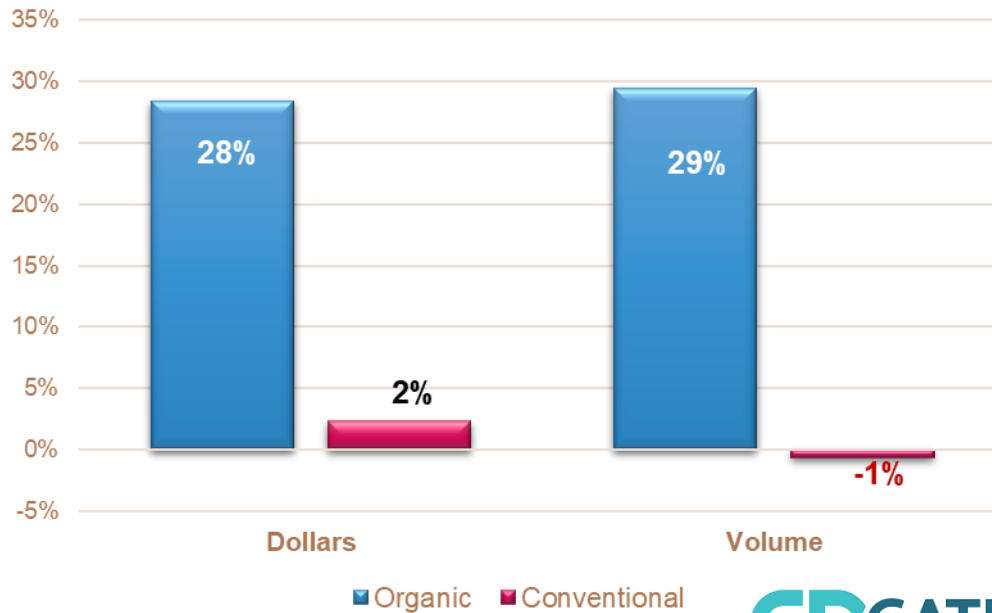
## 2018 Average Retail Price





# Organic Produce Performance

## Percentage Growth 2015-2018 Total Produce



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# Organic Produce Top 10 Categories

*Packaged salad dollars nearly 3X the #2 category*

<u>Category</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>\$ Chg.</u>	<u>% Chg.</u>
<b>PACKAGED SALADS</b>	1,156,155,970	75,886,305	7%
<b>APPLES</b>	394,091,219	45,876,320	13%
CARROTS	339,579,903	32,003,400	10%
<b>POTATOES</b>	312,321,535	86,686,330	38%
<b>BANANAS</b>	302,817,028	102,761,878	51%
<b>STRAWBERRIES</b>	296,618,490	93,903,894	46%
LETTUCE	259,364,737	27,824,527	12%
<b>BLUEBERRIES</b>	258,569,705	146,763,740	131%
TOMATOES	242,005,696	29,876,485	14%
GRAPES	169,079,627	32,535,025	24%

Note: Organic spices/herbs omitted

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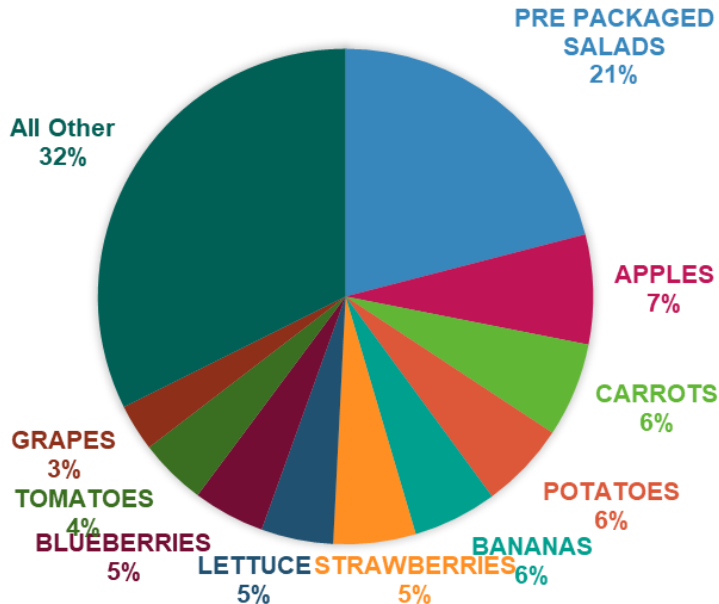




# Organic Produce Share

% of total organic

**ORGANIC DOLLARS**  
**2018**



*Of 87 Organic categories the top 10 drive over 68% of sales*

Note: Organic spices/herbs omitted

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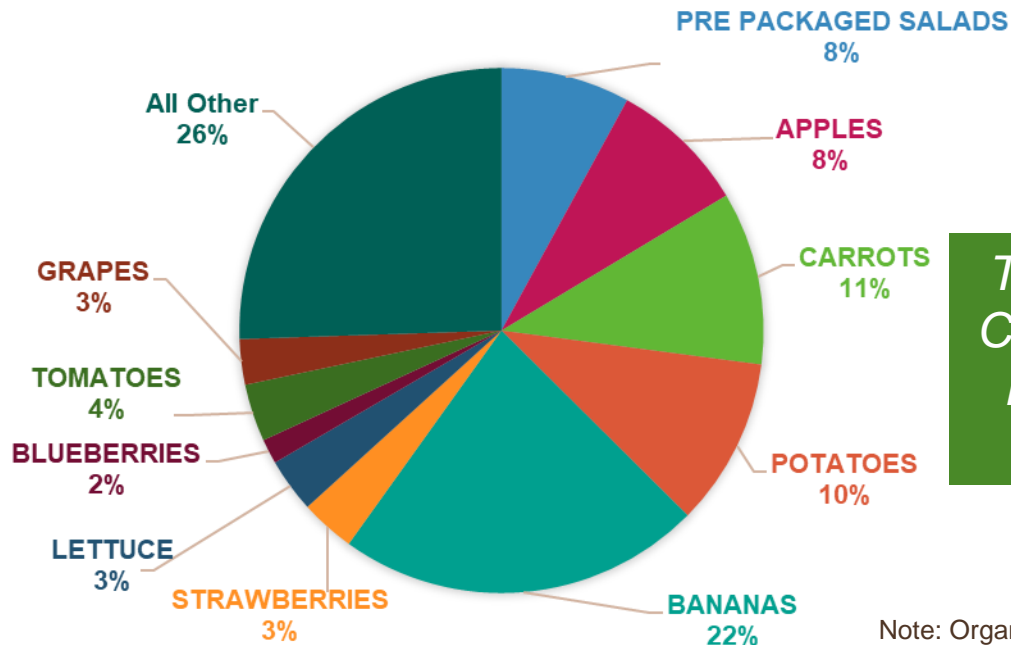


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## ORGANIC VOLUME



*Top 10 Organic Categories drive nearly 75% of volume*

Note: Organic spices/herbs omitted

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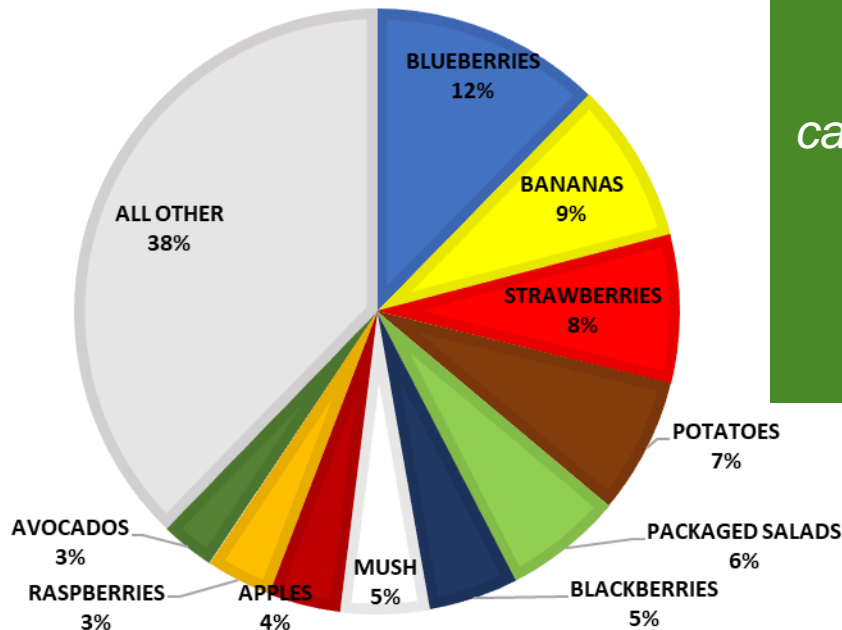


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# Organic Categories Driving Growth

% OF TOTAL ORGANIC GROWTH  
2018 VS. 2015



*The 10 top  
growth  
categories drove  
62% of dol.  
Growth.*

*Top 5=42%*

Source: Category Partners  
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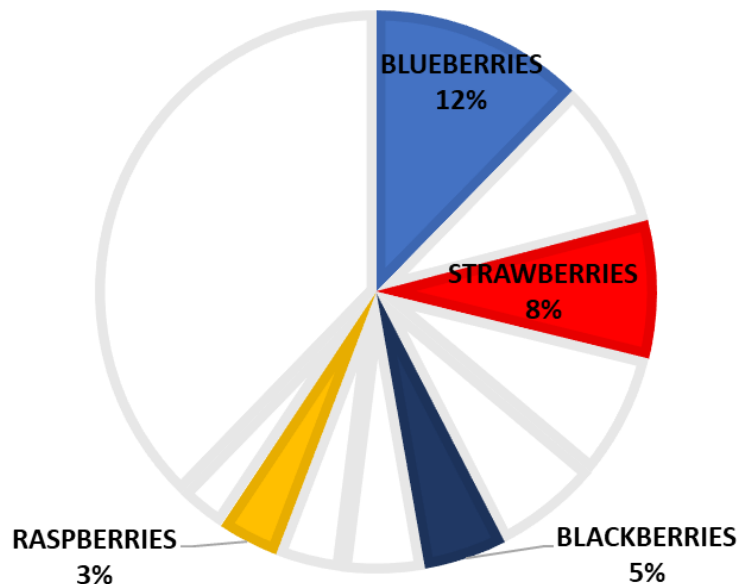
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# Organic Dollar Growth--% of Total

% OF TOTAL ORGANIC GROWTH  
2018 VS. 2015



*Berries alone  
drove 28% of  
dol. growth*



# Top 10 Percentage Growth Organic Categories

Category	% Chg.
SPECIALTY MELONS	453%
PAPAYAS	422%
BRUSSEL SPROUTS	265%
KIWI	246%
REMAINING PEPPERS	234%
CORN	219%
LIMES	168%
BLACKBERRIES	137%
BLUEBERRIES	131%
TANGERINES	122%

Source: Category Partners: Total US supermarkets, 52 weeks, Jan-Dec., 2018 vs. 2015





# Largest Organic Dollar Declines

2018 vs. 2015

*14 of 87 Organic categories had \$ declines*

Category	2018	\$ Chg.	% Chg.	Conv.
KALE	74,629,688	-9,556,228	-11%	-15%
PEARS	28,546,306	-4,322,747	-13%	-15%
DATES	2,104,888	-1,830,574	-47%	-34%
CANTALOUPE	3,946,331	-463,111	-11%	-10%
GRAPEFRUITS	6,870,283	-307,659	-4%	-12%
APRICOTS	1,199,159	-248,277	-17%	-19%
MIXED BERRIES	636,030	-148,994	-19%	+37%
EGGPLANT	3,773,449	-89,254	-2%	-9%
POMEGRANATE	3,424,639	-86,257	-2%	+2%
PUMPKINS	794,046	-53,302	-6%	+39%



Source: Category Partners: Total US supermarkets, 52 weeks, Jan-Dec., 2018 vs. 2015





# Organic Sales Data Topline

- Strong growth in dollars and volume
- Only driver for total produce
- Dramatically outpacing conventional
- Prices remain high compared to conventional
- Starting point: Top 10 categories
- Lots of new products hitting market
- Strong evidence of organic item expansion

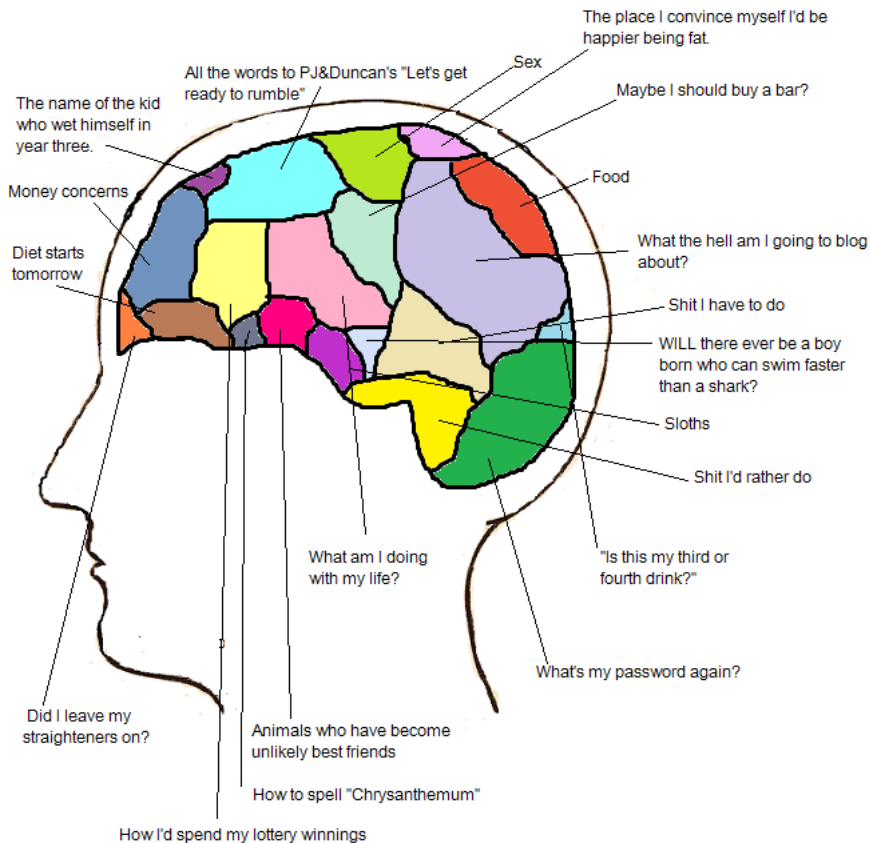


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**Consumers**



# The Consumer Behavior Challenge





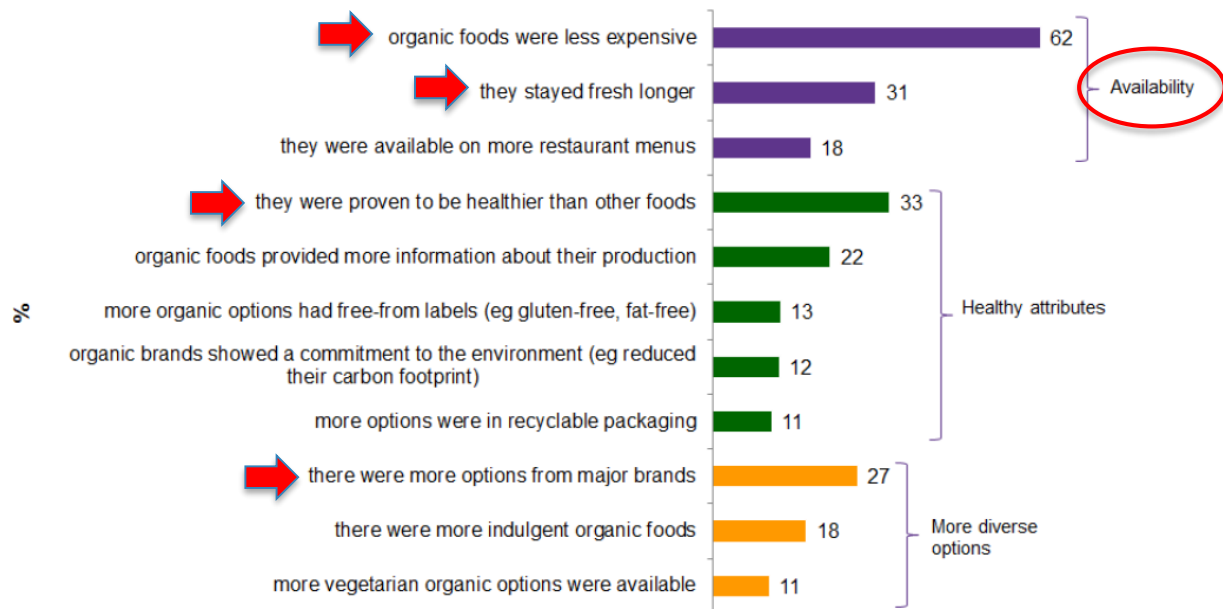


## Challenges of Understanding Consumers

- Inclined to describe aspirational vs. actual behavior
- Cannot accurately report past purchases
- Even worse at predicting future behavior
- Difficult to quantify volume relative to total
- Especially true when dealing with “trending” markets/products



*"I would purchase more organic foods if..."*



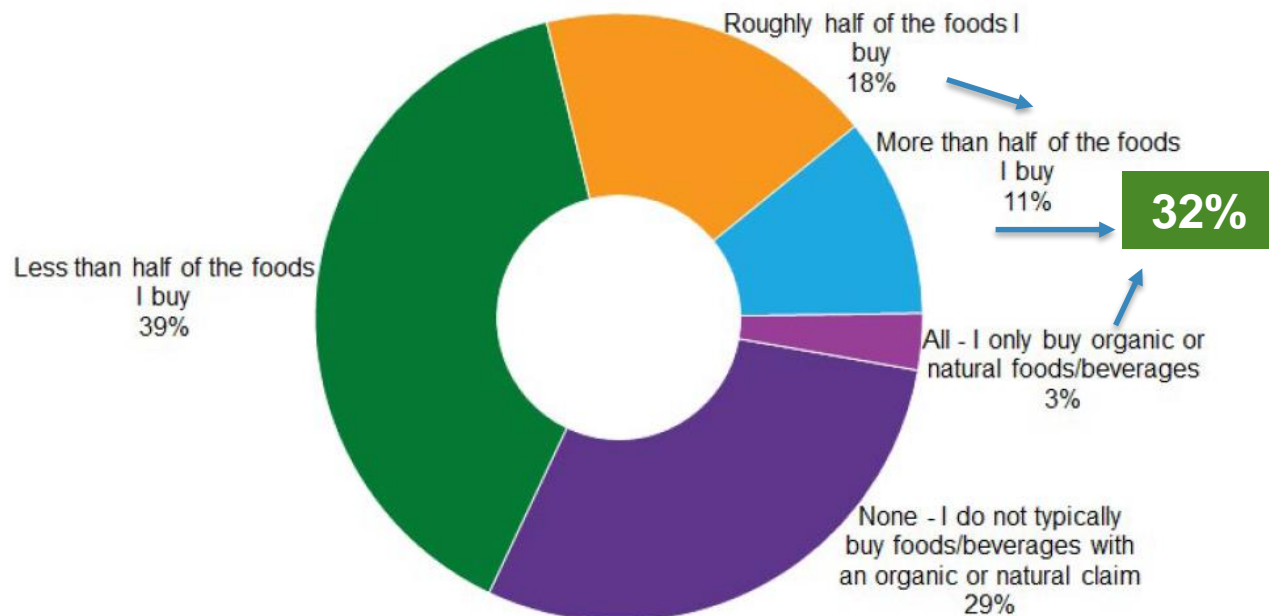
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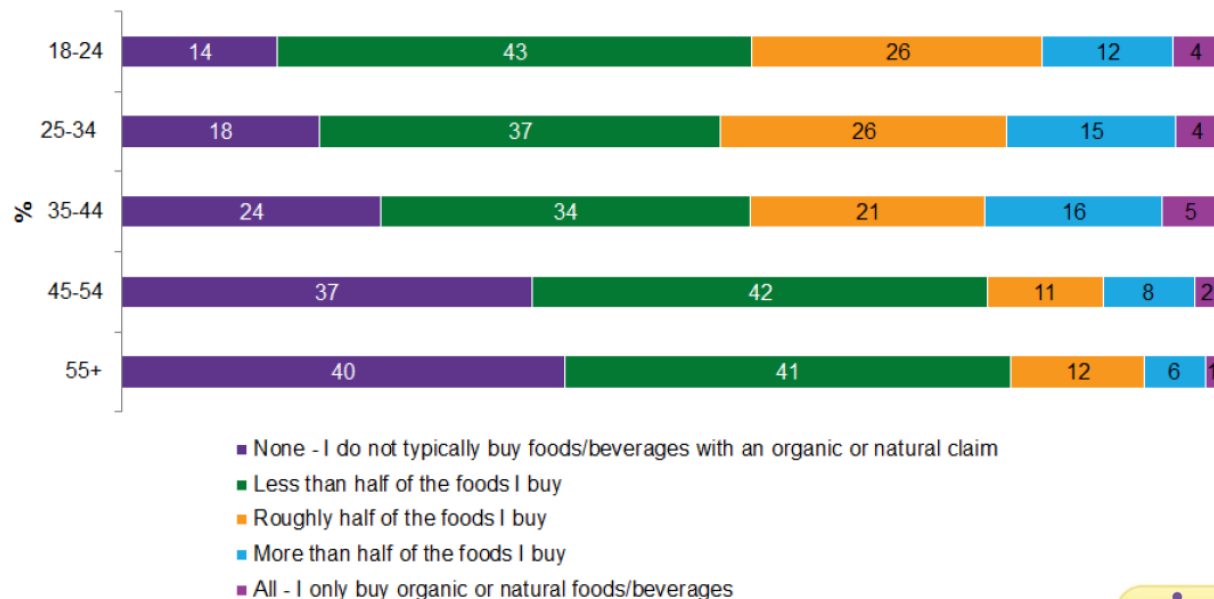
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# Age a factor in reported organic purchases

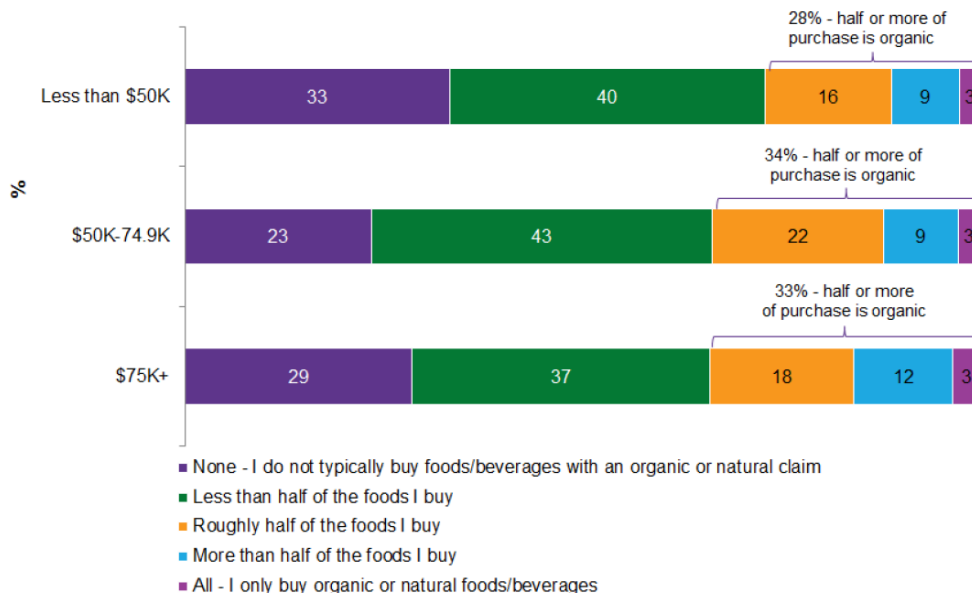
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# Income a factor in organic purchases

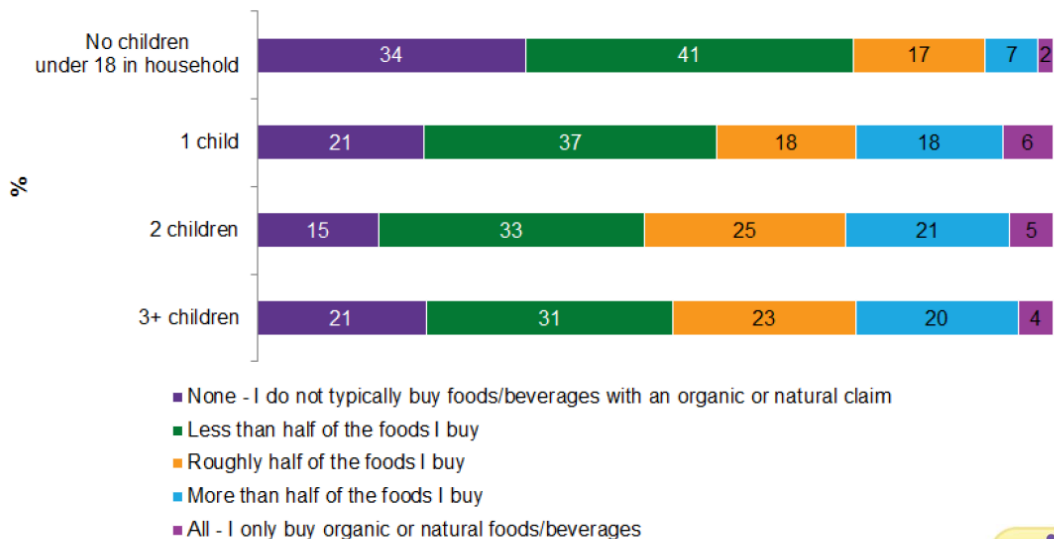
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# Household Size Matters

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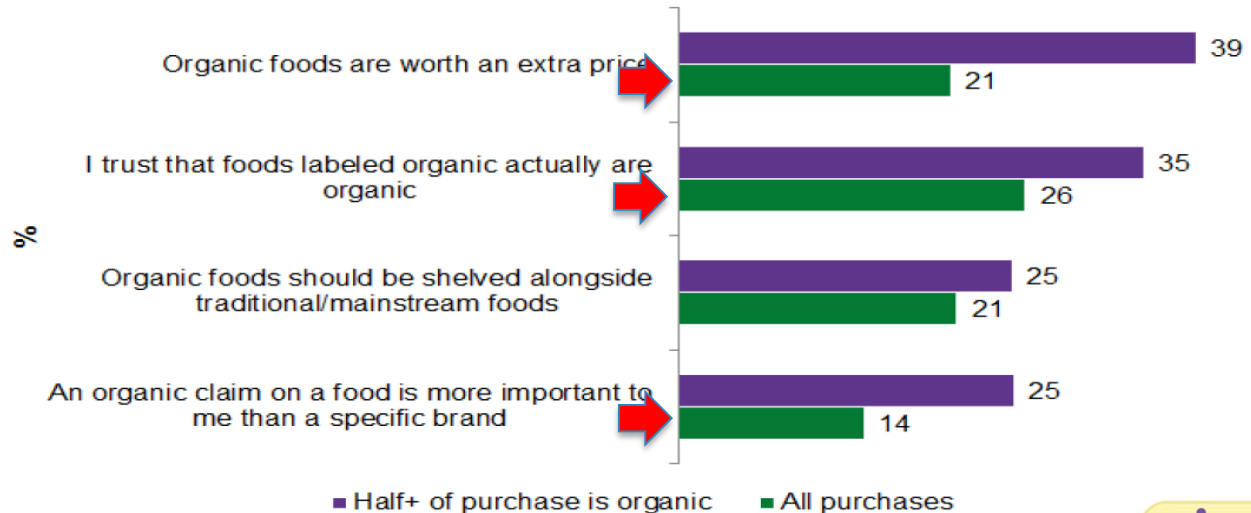




# The Price Barrier is Real

*“On a typical grocery shopping trip for your household, what portion of your food or beverage purchases is organic or natural?”*

*“Which of the following statements do you agree with?”*



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# Organic Buyers Think Differently

*"Which of the following statements do you agree with?"*

*"Which of the following apply to your organic food/beverage purchase habits?"*



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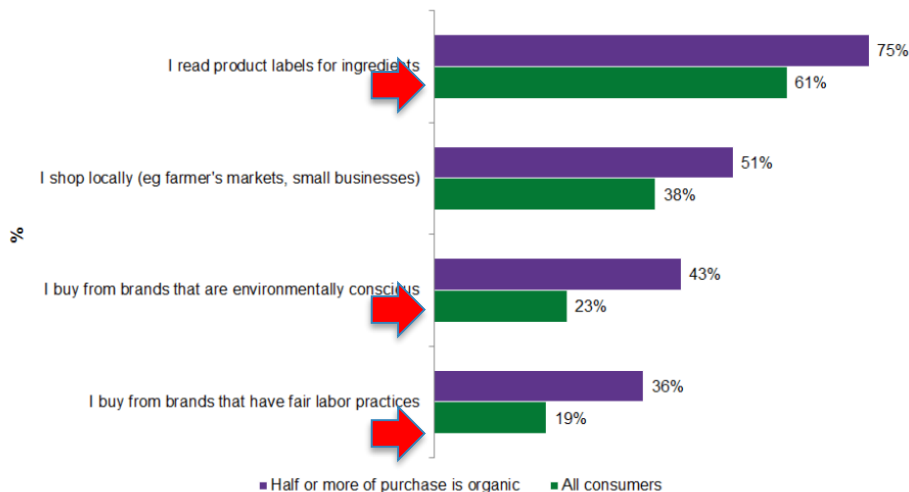
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# Characteristics of the “Committed”

*“On a typical grocery shopping trip for your household, what portion of your food or beverage purchases is organic or natural?”*

*“Which of the following statements describe you?”*



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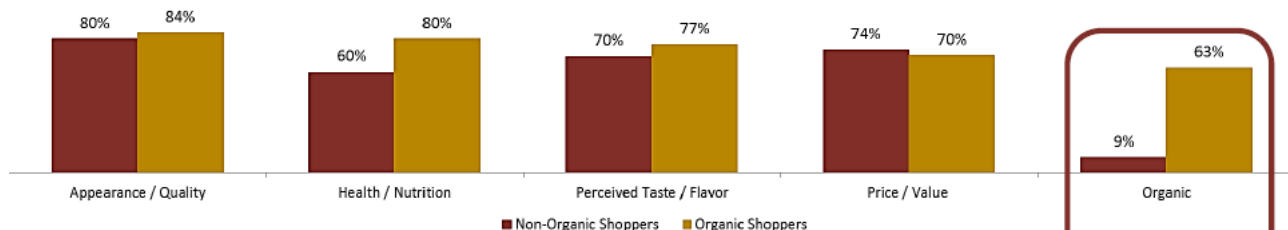
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# Light user decision tree starts with quality, flavor and value BEFORE organic

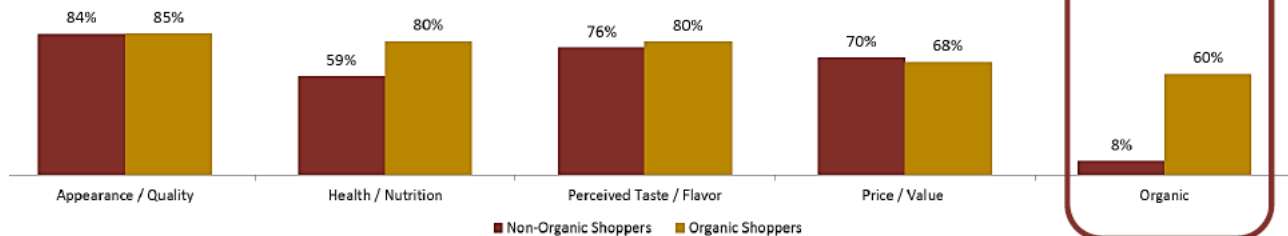
## Vegetables

How important are the following factors when purchasing fresh vegetables?  
(Please rate each on a scale from 1 to 7, where 7 is extremely important and 1 is not at all important)



## Fruit

How important are the following factors when purchasing fresh fruit?  
(Please rate each on a scale from 1 to 7, where 7 is extremely important and 1 is not at all important)



Source: Category Partners 2017 Barriers to Purchase Study, June



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# **Implications for Producers & Retailers**



# Organic Consumer Progression: 2009



**Trial**      **Transitional**      **Regular**      **Committed**

**Purchase**

Accidental

Health Condition

Good For Me/Family

**Rationale**

Promotion

Diet/Allergy

Good For Me/Family

**Driver**

Price

Price/Behavior

Good For Me

Good For World

**%Population**

**55%**

**25%**

**17%**

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**% of Organic**

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**45%**

**80% = 20% of purchases**



Source: Spins Loyalty Card Shopper Database, 2009



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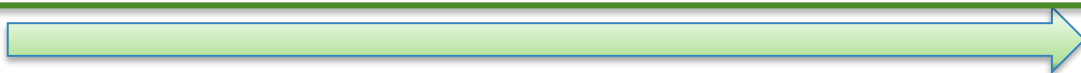


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<b>Driver</b>	Price	Price/Behavior	Good For Me	Good For World
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<b>% of Organic</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>45%</b>
<b>Categories</b>	<u>Entry Point</u> Produce Meat/Seafood	<u>Partial Meals</u> Meat/Seafood Eggs Tea	<u>Complete Meals</u> Yogurt Pasta/Sauce Snacks Vitamins	<u>Complete Basket</u> Personal Care HH Cleaners Supplements Meal Replacements



*Produce is the Organic Consumer Entry Point*





# SPINS® Consumer Profiles

## Trial

Non-believers,  
Traditionalists

## Transitional

Struggling switchers,  
Strapped seekers

## Regular

Healthy Realists  
Enlightened Enviros

## Committed

True Believers

## True Believers



MY HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS  
**\$100K+**

AGE RANGE  
25 - 44

MY FAMILY



I ATTENDED

College/Post  
Grad

70% Caucasian

I LIVE

Northeast &  
West

WHAT  
Holds Me Back

- Expense of natural/organic products
- Availability of natural/organic options at local store
- No all-natural/organic options available for products I like

HOW I GET  
Information







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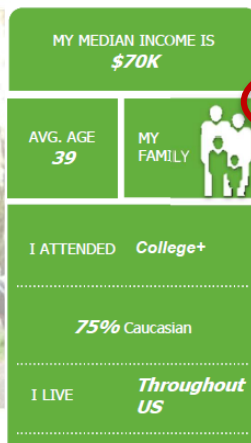
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## Healthy Realists



**13%**  
US Households

**15%**  
Natural Product  
\$ Volume



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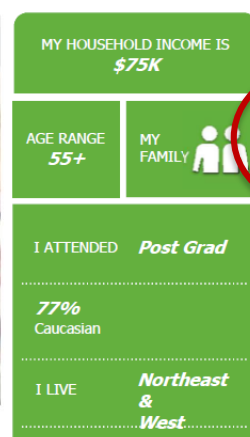


## Enlightened Enviro's



**9%**  
US Households

**14%**  
Natural Product  
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HOW I GET  
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- TV, celebrity chefs
- Product certification label







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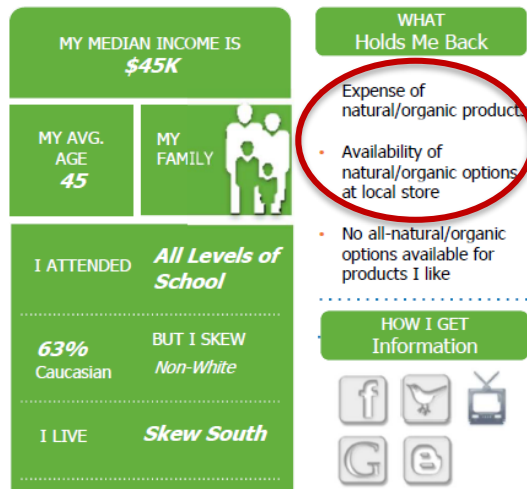
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### Indifferent Traditionalists

Aren't likely to buy Natural/Organic as they don't see a reason to change

- Median Age 62
- Median HH Income \$48K
- Avg. HH size 1-2



### Struggling Switchers

Know they should lead a healthier lifestyle, but finding low price is priority

- Median Age 38
- Median HH Income \$53K
- Avg. HH size 5+



### Resistant Non-Believers

Prefer to stick with the tried and true options they know their families accept

- Median Age 53
- Median HH Income \$50K
- Avg. HH size 2-4





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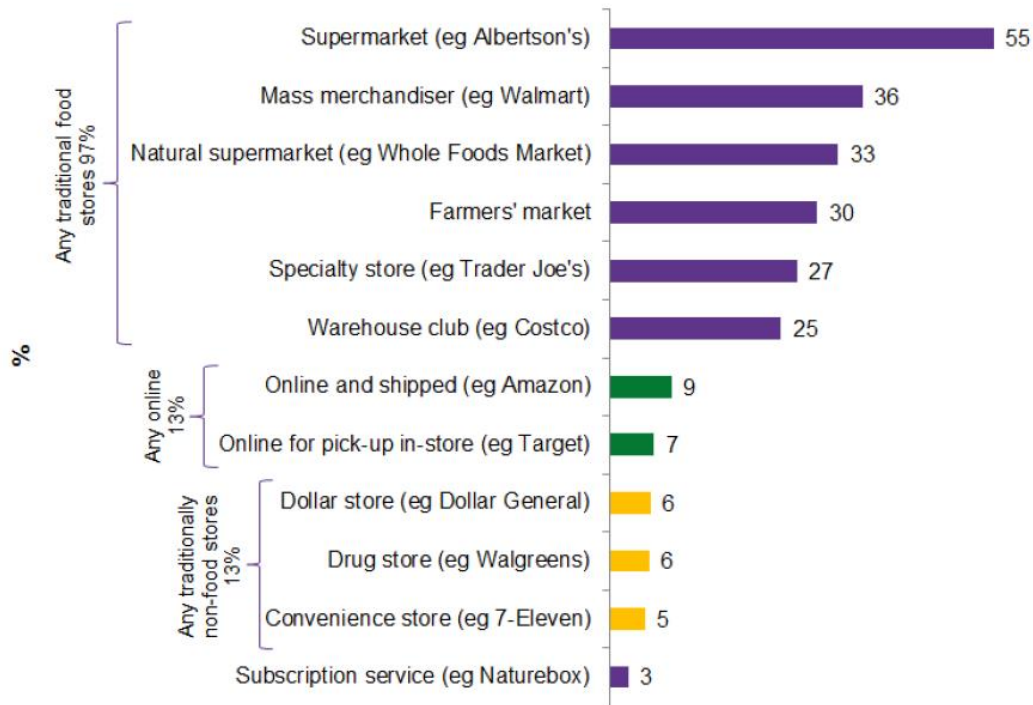
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**29%**

45%  
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**33% = 56% of purchases**



*"Where do you typically purchase organic foods or beverages?"*



Base: 1,415 Internet users aged 18+ who purchased organic food

Source: Lightspeed/Mintel





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Walmart 

**COSTCO**  
WHOLESALE



SAFEWAY 

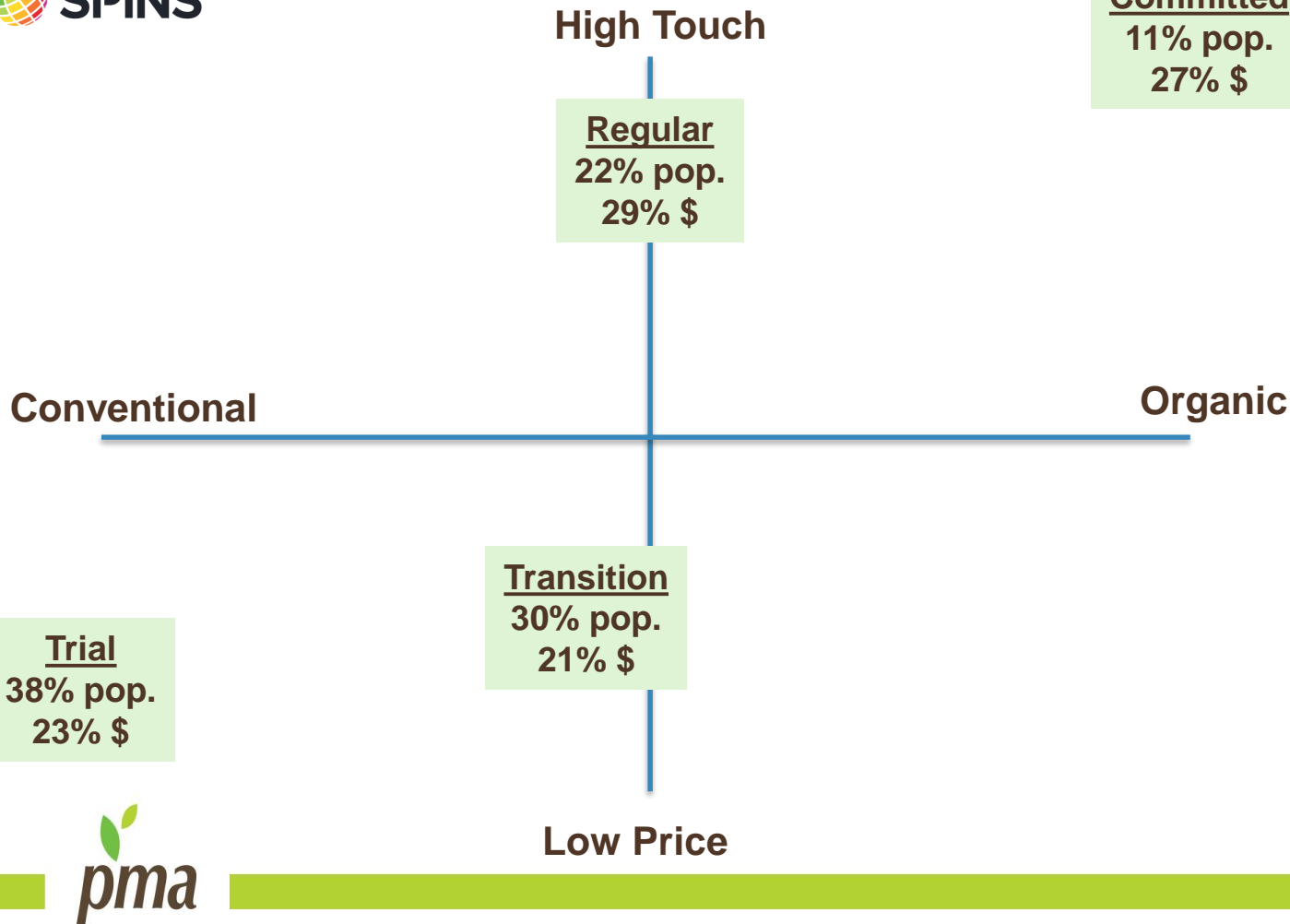


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High Touch

Committed

11% pop.  
27% \$



Publix.

Regular  
22% pop.  
29% \$



Stop&Shop®

Conventional

Organic



Transition  
30% pop.  
21% \$



Trial  
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Low Price

pma

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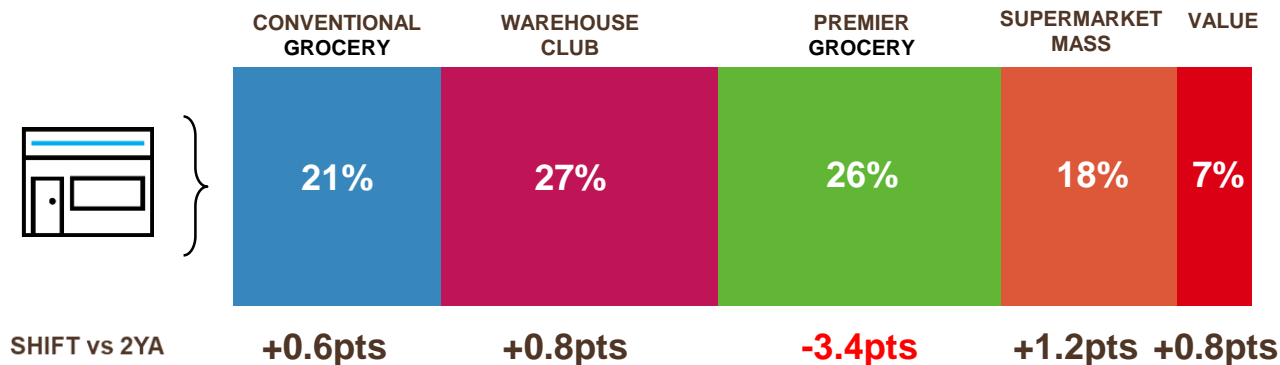


# **The Opportunity**



# Organic Share is Evolving

Organic penetration lifts non-traditional segments



Source: Nielsen Answers On-Demand Syndicated Panel, 52 weeks ending 07/29/2017 \*UPC Coded



# Light vs. Heavy Organic Consumers

## Light

Supermarket/Mass shopper  
 Checks Prices/value  
 Compares quality  
 Focused on convenience  
 Don't hunt for organic  
 Likes packaging

## Heavy

Natural food shopper  
 Compares organic options  
 Only considers organic  
 Focuses on assortment  
 Specifically hunts  
 Evaluates packaging

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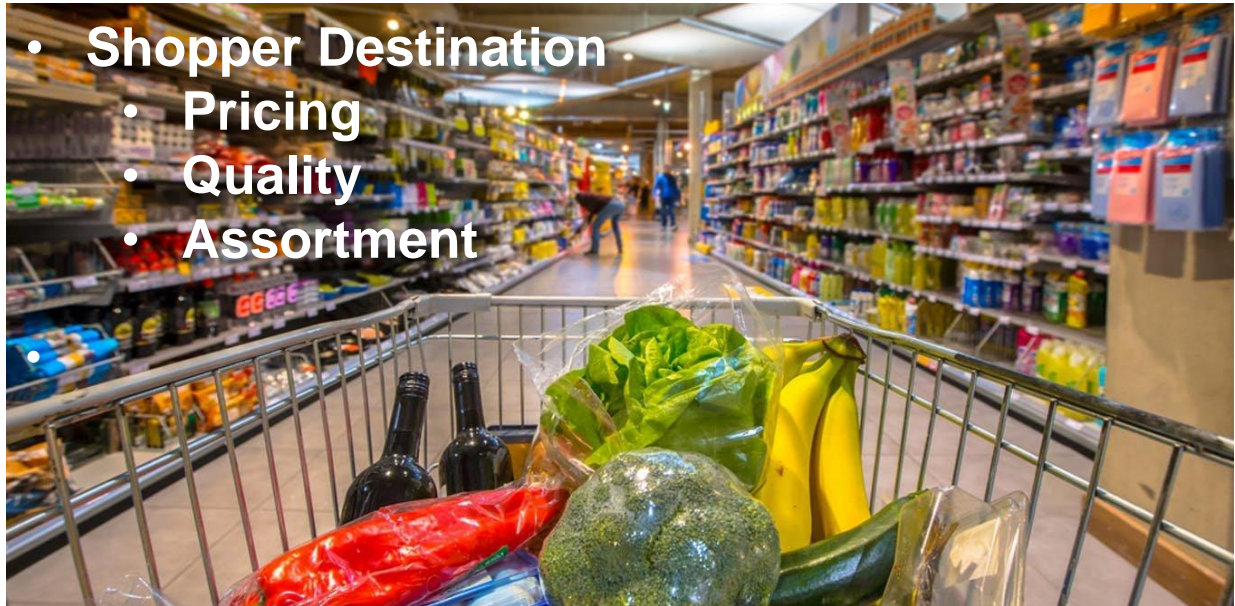
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# Organic Consumers

- The single most important factor in heavy/light organic food shoppers baskets?



- **Shopper Destination**
  - Pricing
  - Quality
  - Assortment



# Organic Evolution

## Light/Med. Barriers

High Prices

Limited assortment

Inconsistent quality

Bulk only

Small displays

## Opportunity

Price shifts...

More choice

Same as conventional

Fantastic Packaging

Expanded footprint



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# **A Simple Real World Example**



From This...

\$6.99-3 lb.

\$2.33 lb.



#1 Selling Branded Organic Bag in the US





# Shifting Consumer Choice













# Ongoing Evolution in Organic Market

Organic Supply is altering consumer purchase behavior

- Lower price perception broadens the consumer base
  - Increased items expands consumer interest
  - Increased distribution improve purchase opportunities
  - New packaging enhances visibility/purchases
- 
- Big wins by trading consumers up!







# Special Thanks





# Thank You!

