

FLAVOR TONALITIES

OVERVIEW spices & seeds

Spices and seeds provide color, flavor and texture to food that enriches the experience and have become an integral part of global cuisines. From the warmth of cinnamon in Middle Eastern sweets to the fiery kick of chili peppers in Latin American dishes, each spice and seed brings its own unique flavor profile.

In addition to being a treat for the tastebuds, spices and seeds often have historical and medicinal significance, highlighting centuries-old trade routes and traditional healing practices.

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS











MOST POPULAR

spice & seed profiles



CHILI

24,121



GINGER

10.804



CINNAMON

7,224



CURRY

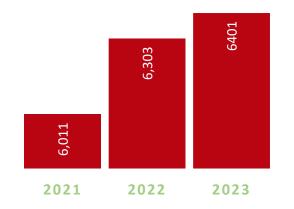
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Chili peppers are vibrant and versatile ingredients that have become a staple in cuisines around the world.

In food, the peppers are used for depth, spice and sweetness. In beverages, chili peppers are being creatively added to cocktails and nonalcoholic drinks for an added kick or tangy element.



YEAR OVER YEAR LAUNCHES

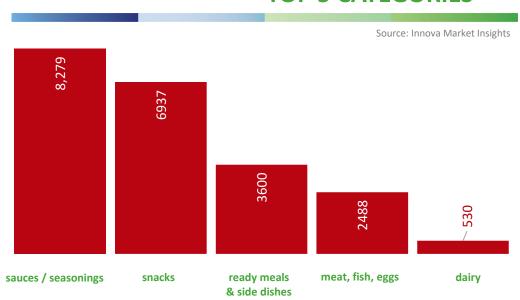






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TOP 5 CATEGORIES



TOP 5 SUB-CATEGORIES







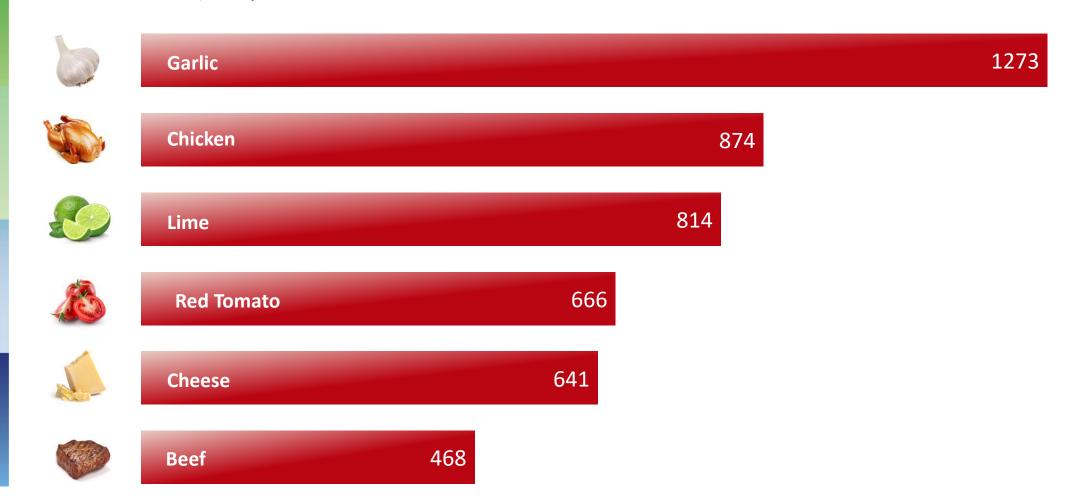








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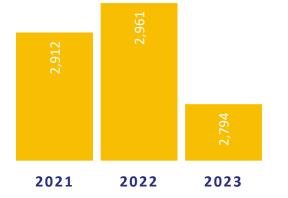




ginger

Known for its bold flavor and versatility in both food and beverage, ginger adds a warm, zesty flavor in everything from savory dishes to cookies. Its pungent, aromatic profile enhances marinades, sauces and dressings, making it a staple in global cuisine.

In beverages, ginger shines in teas, juices, cocktails and kombuchas, often linked to potential health benefits like digestion and anti-inflammatory properties.



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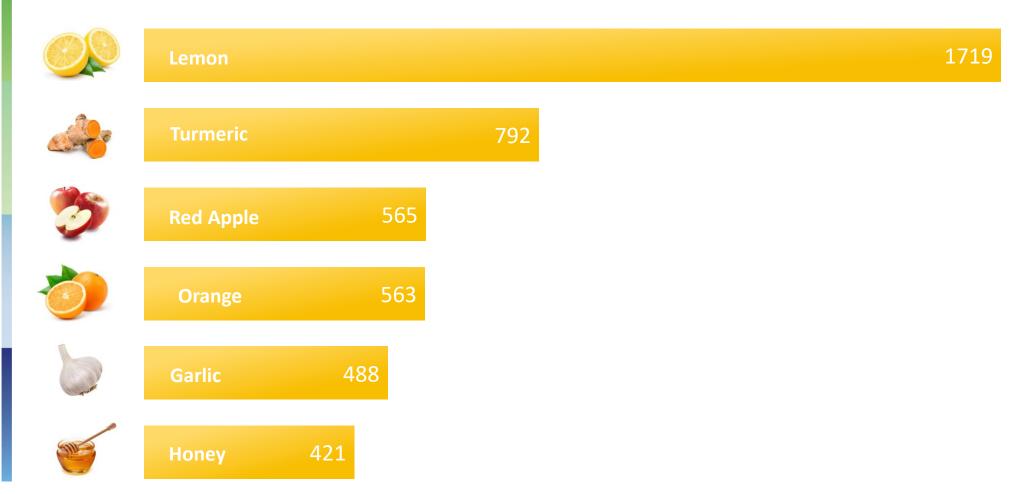








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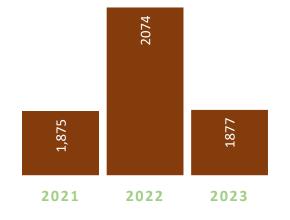




cinnamon

Cinnamon is sweet and slightly spicy, complementing a wide range of dishes from baked goods like cinnamon rolls and pies to savory meals such as stews and curries. In beverage, cinnamon enhances everything from spiced teas and coffee to seasonal favorites like mulled cider.

Known for its rich aroma, cinnamon elevates flavor but also has potential antioxidant properties and digestive support, making it a popular wellness ingredient.



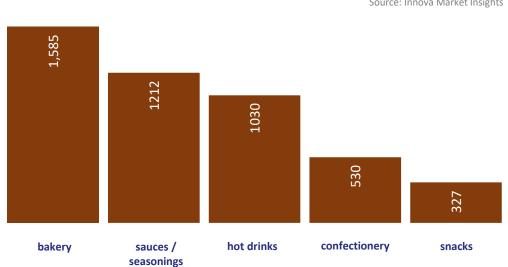
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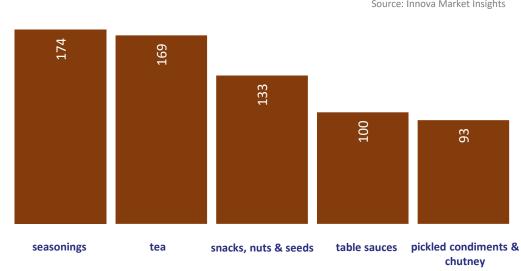


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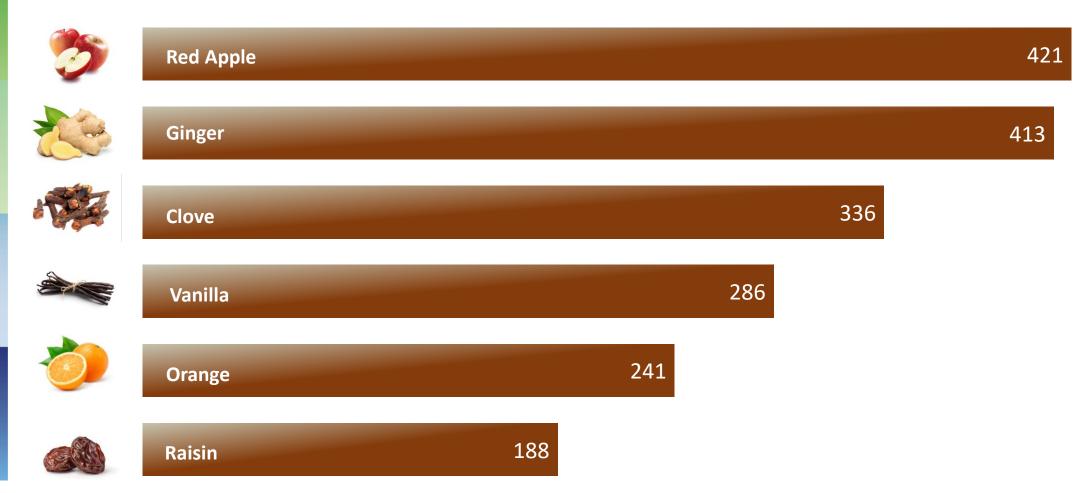








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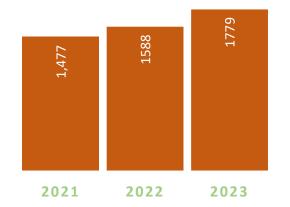






Rooted in Indian and Southeast Asian cuisines, curry offers a diverse range of flavor profiles from mild and aromatic to intensely spicy. Its ability to enhance dishes like stews, soups and rice make it a staple in savory dishes.

Curry has made its way into beverages in recent years, especially in the health-conscious market, where turmeric-based drinks incorporate mild curry flavors.



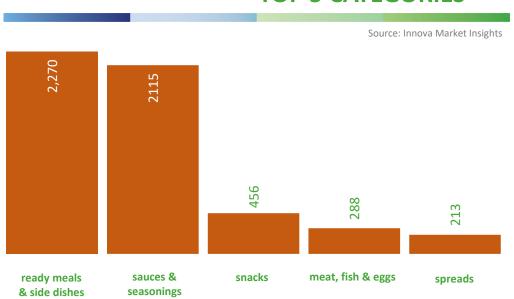
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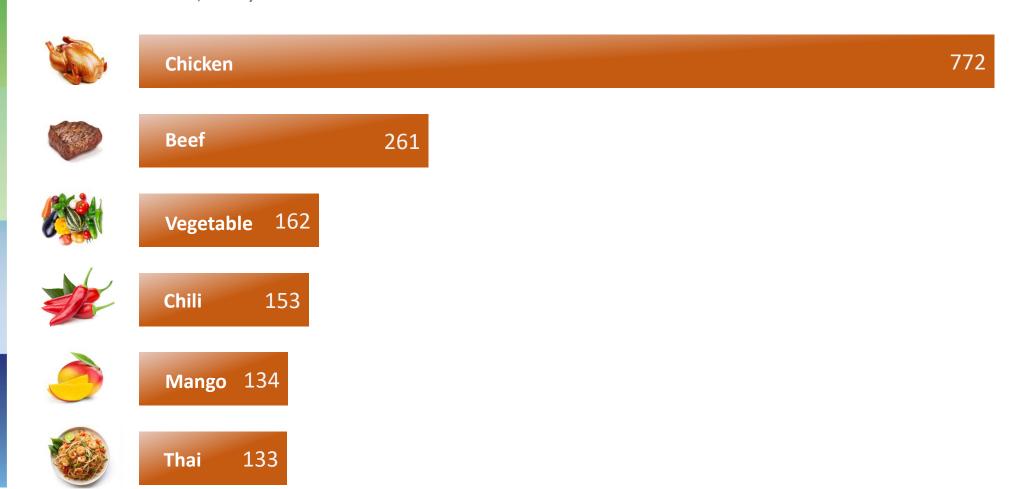


Jamaican Chicken Curry





TOP FLAVOR PAIRINGS





FLAVOR TO WATCH

hawaij

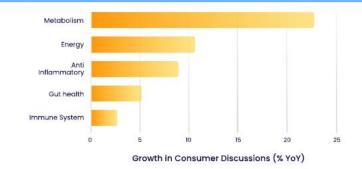
Global cuisines continue to pique consumers' interest because of the unique flavors and ingredients that deliver a sense of adventure and connection. In fact, 63% of consumers said this year that they are open to trying new cuisines, according to Innova Market Insights. In 2025, Tastewise predicts Hawaij, a Middle Eastern staple will dominate American kitchens.



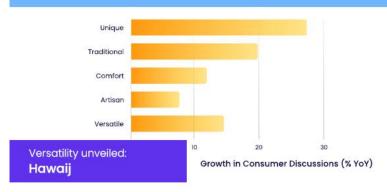


Hawaij is the new pumpkin spice: The flavor trend taking over American palates

Interest in functional health claims for spices over time



Interest in experiential claims for spices over time





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Traditional and comfort-driven spice experiences are seeing significant traction, signaling a balance between innovation and familiarity in spice choices. At the same time, consumers increasingly look to spices to stimulate the metabolic, energy, anti-inflammatory, gut health, and immunity benefits of what they eat and drink.

Enter: Yemeni spices, up

+39.7% YoY

in consumer interest.

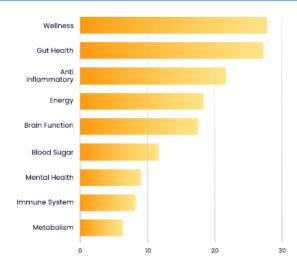
Hawaij, warm, healthy, comforting with traditional Yemeni roots and versatile variations for coffee and soup, will be 2025's darling.

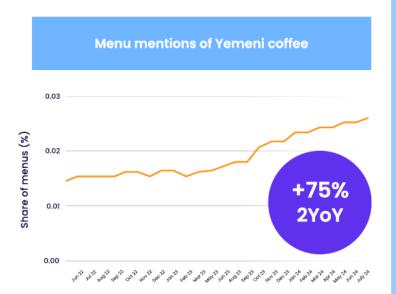




Spice meets wellness: Why hawaij is poised to transform coffee for U.S. consumers at home and away-from-home

Interest in established and trending functional health claims for coffee, over time





Growth in Consumer Discussions (% YoY)



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Best of both worlds: hawaij for coffee combines popular, comforting flavors in a unique way (cinnamon and ginger account for **6.7%** and **4.4%** of American spice consumption), and its functional health benefits – antioxidants, digestion, immunity, anti-inflammation and more – align with trending health demands in both spices and coffee. A win win.

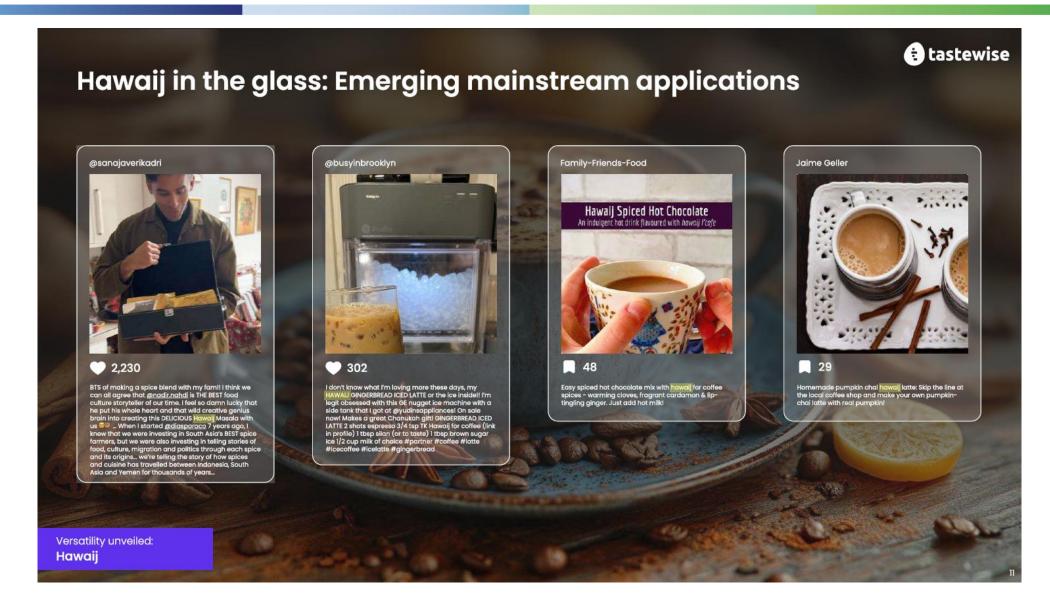
Take advantage of versatile hawaij in foodservice and home cooking. Call out hawaij's Yemeni roots, and offer it alongside traditional Yemeni coffee varieties to capture growing menu trends, where Yemeni coffee is on the rise

75% 2YoY

At home, enliven an oversaturated pumpkin spice recipe landscape (recipes for PSL dropped 8% in the last 2 years, indicating fatigue!) with creative recipes for hawaij lattes, hot chocolates, cocktails, granolas, and more. Spice it up!











Capture the trend with ideas from Tastewise's Aldriven Content Agency:

Hawaij Gourmet - The Foodie's Spice Blend





Positioning



Versatility unveiled: **Hawaij**



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