

Will 2023 be the year food plays a role in sustainability policy? Policymakers are starting to connect the dots between the sector - whichrepresents roughly a third of all emissions - and climate change. But traditional ideas about food are hard to change Published Jan. 31, 2023 Editor's note: This story is part of a series on the trends that will shape the food and beverage industry in 2023. hile the food system has always been a vital component of nate change, it's largely been ignored in favor of attention

and beverage industry leaders.

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### shifting consumer preferences, and inflation issues, the food industry has gone through its fair share of

Between supply chain shortages,

shake-ups in recent years. Often a

race to see who can be the first to

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develop a new product line, innovation, or marketing tactic, the food industry has been — and continues to be — a hyper-competitive landscape. Let's take a look at what our readers have been focused on:

Top 10 Food Dive stories

Keurig Dr Pepper CEO resigns over

Monster to debut first flavored

malt beverage alcohol product

Exclusive: PepsiCo to bring

iconic chip brands into new

snacking categories in 2023

7 trends shaping food

and beverage in 2023

to \$21M settlement for

alternative protein

**TRENDS** 

Food tech and innovation

Lab-cultivated meat

Alternative protein/plant-based

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Biotech/GMO

air protein

'violations' to company's code of conduct

plant-based

wheat prices

## 5. Packaging PepsiCo sets its sights on Gen Z with Starry, a Sprite competitor Many dark chocolates have high levels

of cadmium and lead, study finds

Inside Campbell Soup's overhaul to

innovation and how it's paying off

Nestlé scales back meal delivery

Coca-Cola to restructure North American

workforce with voluntary buyouts

presence through Freshly deal

Top 5 topics

3. Manufacturing

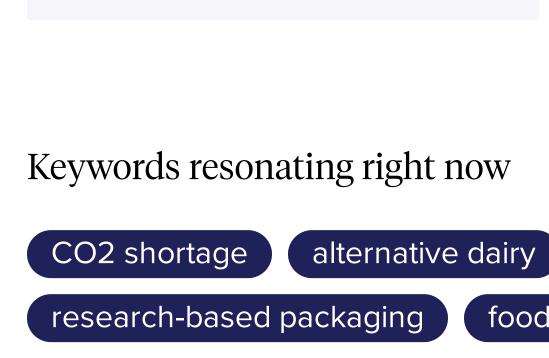
4. Meat/protein

2. Better-for-you ingredients

1. Snacking

## Coca-Cola and others agree

Fairlife animal abuse lawsuits



M&As food and beverage trends allulose recalls false advertising cases

Our readers spent

pineapples

growth?

nearly 2x as long on these

stories than the average story:

• Fresh Del Monte to debut carbon-neutral

• How can plant-based meat get back to

### Natural/organic + environmentally friendly ingredients Increased scrutiny of ethics and

### practices Environmental, social, and governance (ESG)

Brand expansions Packaging and labeling shifts

New categories and shakeups

Ready-to-drink cocktails

- **Emerging food tech**
- Accordingly, alternative protein is the buzzword on everyone's lips. From finding novel ways to increase the amount of protein in a product, to investing in plant-

# M&A

- As consumers move to more health-conscious lifestyles, and the world at large increases scrutiny around food manufacturing practices and their negative impact on our climate, decision-makers in the food industry are getting pressure on all sides to modernize.
- Nutrition labeling regulations Marketing's role in packaging Research-based packaging

### packaging has emerged as a hot topic for its ability to target specific demographics better, increase transparency, and ultimately increase sales. In a highly saturated market facing a potential economic downturn with consumers feeling the squeeze of inflation, differentiation has never been more important.

The continued effort to differentiate

Rules, regulations, and reputation

As the pressure to reduce carbon footprints on supply chains intensifies and new FDA nutrition label and marketing regulations loom, change — and the potential challenges it brings — is on the horizon for the food industry.

Knowing that building a strong brand image and positive brand association is vital

in the increasingly aware consumer culture we live in, food and beverage leaders

based solutions, to cultivating animal-free protein in a lab, today's leaders are

glued to the latest evolutions in food tech and what it could mean for their brands.

Recognizing consumers' appetite for bold and unique products, food brands everywhere

have their sights set on doing the unexpected. Leaders are focused on one-upping their

competitors and carving out new territory by entering into brand new categories, as well

as hitting stores with trendy, out-of-the-box products designed to get consumers talking.

Heated competition means a renewed focus on shelf appeal. Research-based

MARKETING INSIGHTS Cook up content that reflects the preferences of over 96,000 Food Dive subscribers:

### everywhere are laser-focused on promoting squeaky clean reputations in 2023 via compliance, reducing climate impact, and establishing more ethical practices.

**Content Characteristics Content Types** 

Insights on overarching trends

demand resources like playbooks

Interactive content like webinars

All-encompassing and on-

via trendlines

### Cut to the chase These leaders have weathered pandemic shakeups and continue to face new and exhausting external challenges. Experiment with skimmable or on-demand

Consumer-focused

Forward-thinking

Well-informed

Actionable

Timely

- content formats that deliver immediate value and actionable takeaways.
- Carve out the competition In such a dog-eat-dog space, decision-makers are looking for insight into the innovations of competitors — especially major brands — to see how they can stay ahead of the curve. Give

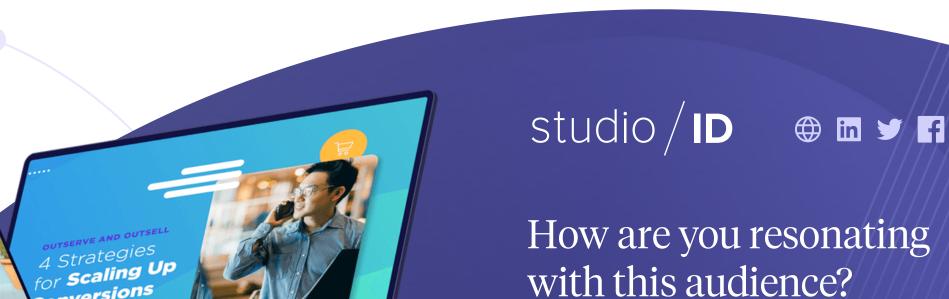
Take the temperature of the economy Although new product lines and emphasis on food tech are top of mind,

keep an eye on how economic uncertainty impacts the industry. Tailor your

content's tone to the state of the affairs, and provide solutions that address

the unique ways economic turmoil is impacting food industry leaders.

them a clear and evolving picture of the competitive landscape, so they don't get left behind.



Contact us for more details about how to apply

these insights to your marketing program.

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