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# Optimizing Your New Product Volume Forecasting Methodology



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# My Agenda

Who is NPD?



State of the US  
Foodservice  
Industry



SupplyTrack®  
CREST®



Conclusions

NPD Background



# NPD Credentials

**FOUNDED** 1966

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**EMPLOYEES** 1600+ Worldwide

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**DATA ASSETS  
AND  
SOLUTIONS**

Point-of-sale (scanner) information from more than 1,200 retailers representing approximately 165,000 stores worldwide

More than 12 million consumer interviews conducted annually

Longitudinal panel tracking millions of consumers' purchases, based on receipts for both online and brick-and-mortar retail purchases

The world's most successful brands trust us to measure performance, predict future performance, improve marketing and product development, and advise on business and consumer trends and market opportunities.

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In 19 countries in the Americas, Europe, and Asia-Pacific



# Proprietary Data Sources Driving Today's Discussion

**SupplyTrack®**

Purchases Through Broadline Distributors

**CREST®**

Consumer Purchasing of Prepared Meals and Snacks in Commercial Restaurants

# The Basic Premise for Today's Discussion

- The US foodservice industry is forecast to grow very slowly through 2020
- Still, operators and their customers continue to seek out new and interesting food/beverage offerings. Manufacturers continue to develop new items to fill those gaps.
- A growing need exists to **optimize** new product introductions and **limit** the resources put against those which will be less successful.



# The key question to be answered: Where is the largest potential for my new product?

- Commercial restaurants vs. non-commercial segments?
- Within Commercial channels, what is the optimal system size for this item: Large chains vs. Small chains vs. Independents?
- Within non-commercial channels, which segments have the most growth potential?

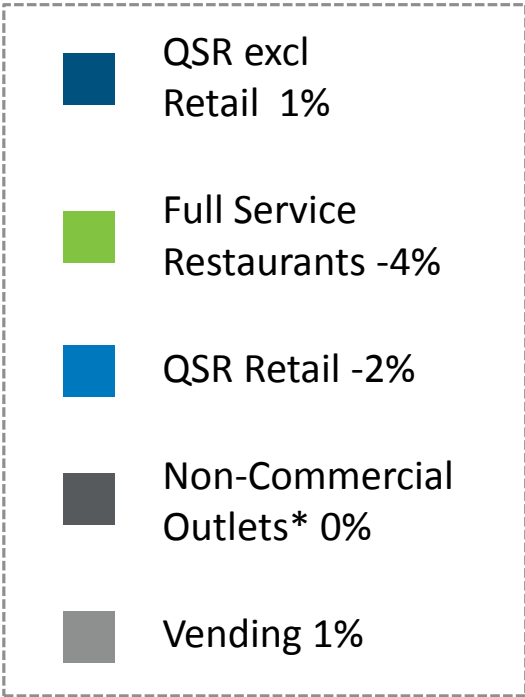
## WHAT IS THE SIZE OF THE PRIZE?

# The State of U.S. Foodservice

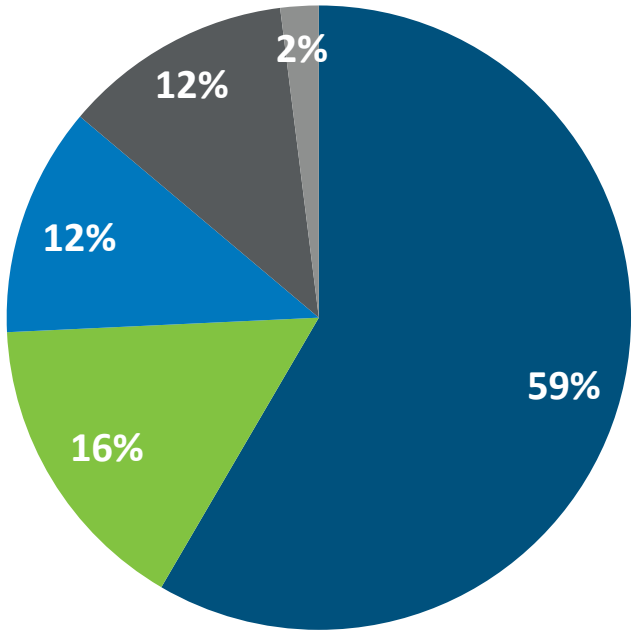


# Across all Foodservice, traffic growth has been limited in all channels

2017 vs. 2016



Share of US Foodservice Industry Traffic-2017



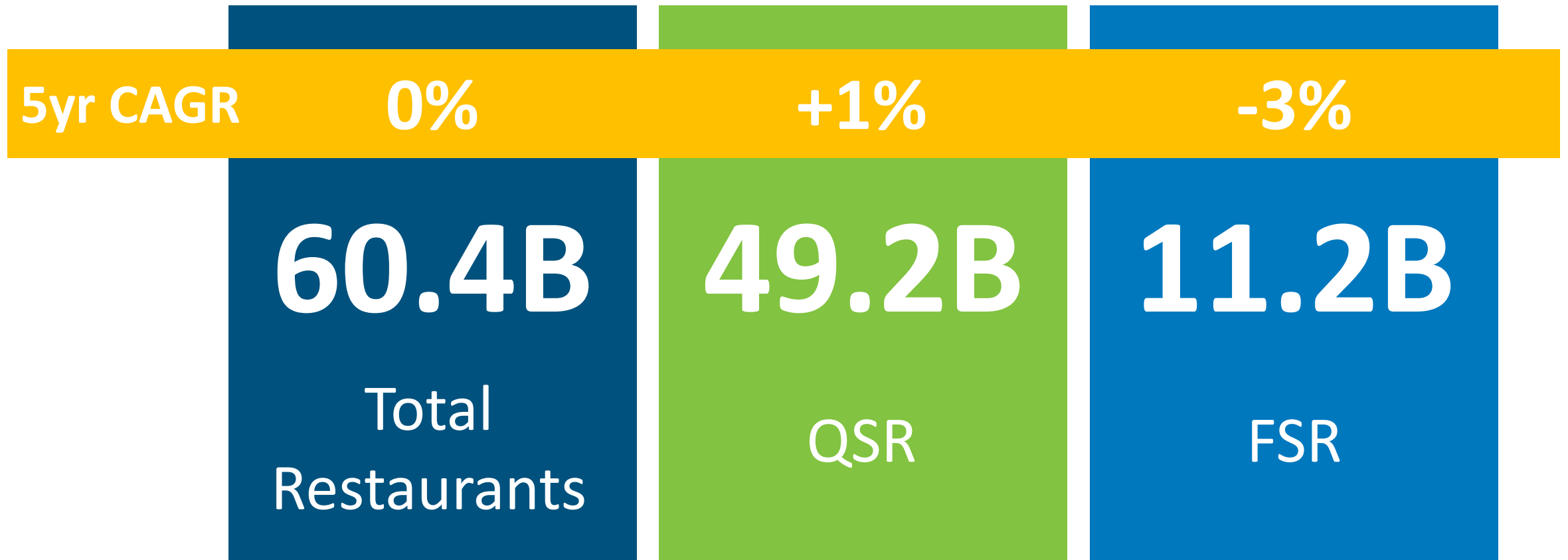
**Total Foodservice:**  
 70 Billion Visits in 2017  
 Forecast thru 2020: +2%

**Total Foodservice:**  
 \$259 Billion in 2017  
 Forecast thru 2020: +3%

\* Excludes Primary Schools, Patient Feeding, Airline, Correctional, Some nursing home & office coffee

Source: The NPD Group/CREST OnSite®/YE Dec 2017

# Current Market Conditions- Restaurants

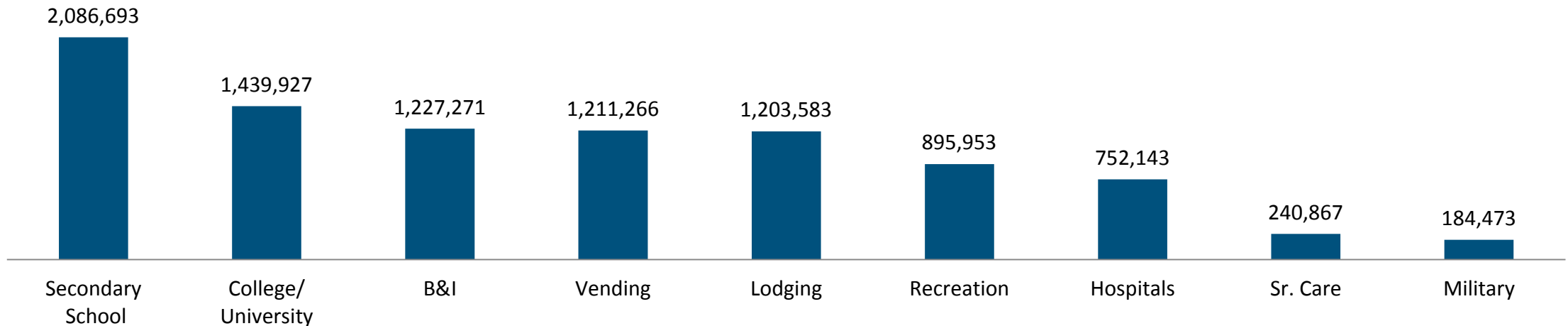


CAGR U.S. foodservice traffic — compound annual growth rate

Source: The NPD Group/CREST®, YE December '17

# Within Non-Commercial Channels only C&U and Vending grew in 2017

Total Non-Commercial Traffic (000)



	Secondary School	College/University	B&I	Vending	Lodging	Recreation	Hospitals	Sr. Care	Military
Share Of Visits	23%	16%	14%	13%	13%	10%	8%	3%	2%
PCYA	0%	<b>1%</b>	0%	<b>1%</b>	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%

PCYA = % Change vs. Year Ago

Source: The NPD Group/CREST OnSite®/YE Dec 2017

What is SupplyTrack?

How Are the Data Used  
for Forecasting?



# SupplyTrack

An NPD dataset used for tracking volume and volume share through Broadline distributors

Operator purchases weekly from over **700,000** restaurant, retail and non-commercial locations from SupplyTrack distributors fuel our estimates

NPD's data assets of CREST and ReCount provide inputs to estimate the balance of the market

Product sizing is available on over 200 categories; in addition to topline metrics, product attributes are available

# Core focus of SupplyTrack

Launched in June 2013 – POS Tracking Service for the Foodservice Industry

Brings a common language to Manufacturers and Distributors

700,000+ operator purchases reported monthly providing accuracy and longitudinal consistency



## Participating Broadline Distributors



### Deep insights

into products moving from broadline distributors to their operator Commercial and Non-Commercial customers

200+

categories and subcategories and growing

45+

individual subscribing Manufacturers



# Manufacturer 'Customer Management' best practices that can incorporate SupplyTrack insights

## Internal – Managing your Business

- **Strategic Planning** – annual/long-range
- Portfolio Management – **Identify & quantify** gaps and opportunities
- **Measure and track** effectiveness of Marketing programs
- Understanding trends, **competition** and **operators**
- Goals setting for **Annual Operator Plans**
- Sales and Operations Meeting (**SOP**)
  - Sales, Finance, Supply Chain, **Trade Management** (Trade Spend)

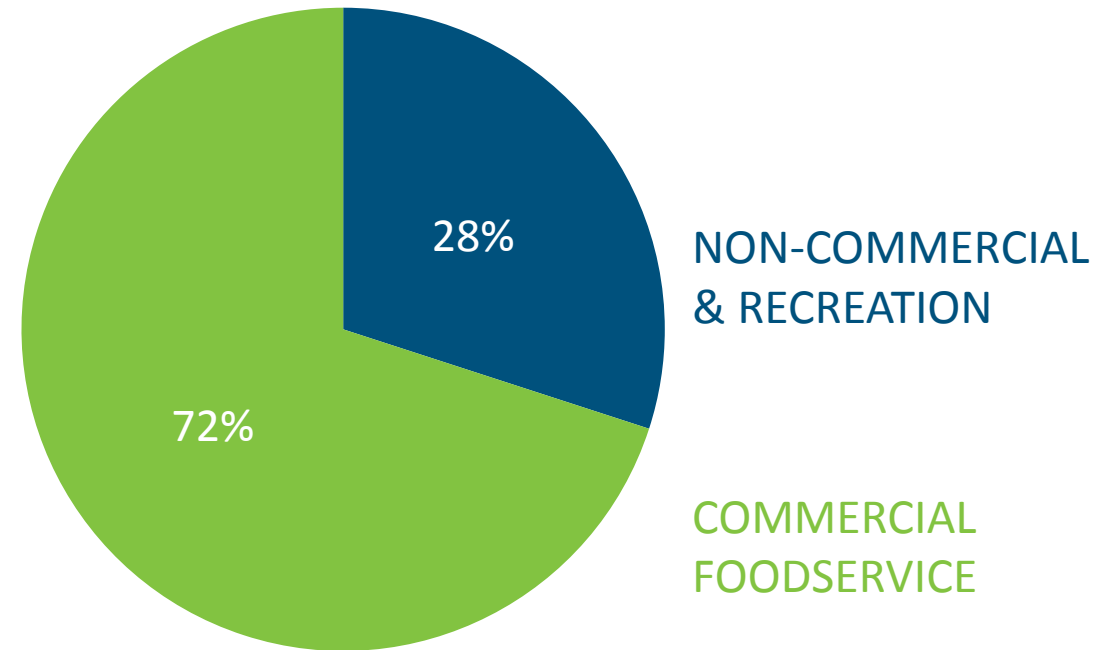
## External – Penetrate Participating Distributors

- **Differentiate** – consultative fact based selling
- Category reviews with **insights**
- Opportunity **Gap Analysis** and work with Distributors to identify target operators
- **Assortment Analysis**. Identify gaps within portfolio
- Tactical guidance to **execute** insights
- **Joint** Business Plans

# NPD provides a robust, timely and accurate estimate of the Foodservice market

## Total US Foodservice Operator Purchases

Estimated at  
**\$259 Billion**  
in 2017

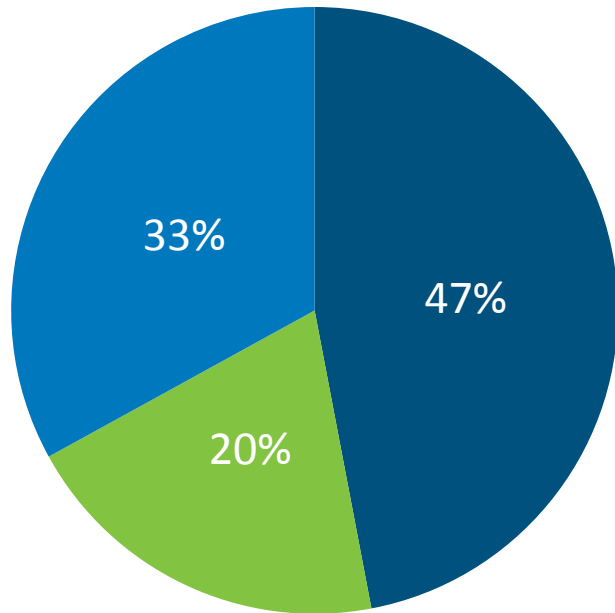


Source: NPD Foodservice Market Sizing, fueled by CREST, SupplyTrack<sup>®</sup>, ReCount<sup>®</sup> and other sources

# Foodservice by Distribution Channel

Broadline Commands 47% of Foodservice Operator Spend with \$122 Billion

Operator Spend by Distribution Channel  
2017



**47%**    **\$122 B**    **BROADLINE**

**33%**    **\$85 B**    **SPECIALTY & CASH N' CARRY**

**20%**    **\$52 B**    **CHAIN SPECIALISTS**

Excludes Beverage Alcohol, Bars & Taverns

\*Estimates for Specialty vs. Cash N' Carry in development

# Explore the U.S. Foodservice Marketplace

NPD 2018 Foodservice Market Size Estimates	OPERATOR SPEND (BILLIONS)*	SHARE OF OPERATOR SPEND	CAGR** 2015-2017	OUTLOOK FOR OPERATOR SPEND (BILLIONS) 2020	OUTLOOK CAGR** 2017-2020	OPERATOR 2017 SHIP TO LOCATIONS	SHARE OF OPERATOR LOCATIONS
<b>COMMERCIAL &amp; LODGING</b>	\$ 187.1	72.3%	3.3%	\$ 203.6	2.9%	1,017,768	68%
EATING PLACES	\$ 159.5	53.8%	3.7%	\$ 153.1	3.2%	647,288	43%
QUICK SERVICE RESTAURANTS (QSR)	\$ 82.6	31.9%	3.9%	\$ 92.8	3.9%	353,121	24%
FULL SERVICE RESTAURANTS (FSR)	\$ 56.6	21.9%	3.4%	\$ 60.3	2.1%	294,167	20%
RETAIL FOOD	\$ 30.2	11.7%	1.8%	\$ 31.6	1.6%	273,116	18%
C-STORES	\$ 13.6	5.2%	2.8%	\$ 14.7	2.6%	150,799	10%
FOOD STORES	\$ 8.8	3.4%	0.3%	\$ 8.8	0.1%	74,629	5%
OTHER RETAIL	\$ 7.8	3.0%	1.7%	\$ 8.1	1.4%	47,688	3%
LODGING	\$ 17.7	6.8%	2.4%	\$ 18.9	2.3%	97,364	7%
<b>NON-COMMERCIAL &amp; RECREATION</b>	\$ 71.9	27.7%	1.7%	\$ 76.8	2.2%	475,369	32%
NON-COMMERCIAL	\$ 62.4	24.1%	1.5%	\$ 66.2	2.0%	403,864	27%
EDUCATION	\$ 18.3	7.1%	1.8%	\$ 19.5	2.1%	191,072	13%
COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	\$ 5.4	2.1%	-0.8%	\$ 5.3	-0.7%	22,527	2%
VOCATIONAL/TRADE SCHOOLS/OTHER EDUCATION	\$ 1.3	0.5%	2.0%	\$ 1.4	2.0%	10,734	1%
PRESCHOOL/DAYCARE	\$ 1.1	0.4%	4.3%	\$ 1.2	3.8%	30,615	2%
PRIMARY/SECONDARY SCHOOLS	\$ 10.5	4.0%	2.8%	\$ 11.5	3.3%	127,195	9%
BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY	\$ 5.1	2.0%	0.3%	\$ 5.4	1.7%	38,702	3%
HEALTHCARE	\$ 19.4	7.5%	2.1%	\$ 20.4	1.7%	75,851	5%
HOSPITALS	\$ 8.6	3.3%	2.3%	\$ 9.2	2.2%	16,253	1%
LONG-TERM CARE/SENIOR LIVING	\$ 10.1	3.9%	1.8%	\$ 10.4	1.2%	53,261	4%
OTHER HEALTHCARE	\$ 0.7	0.3%	3.0%	\$ 0.8	2.5%	6,337	0%
GOVERNMENT	\$ 4.0	1.5%	0.1%	\$ 4.3	2.2%	24,298	2%
OTHER NON-COMMERCIAL	\$ 15.5	6.0%	1.2%	\$ 16.6	2.4%	73,941	5%
RECREATION	\$ 9.5	3.7%	3.5%	\$ 10.6	3.6%	71,505	5%
<b>TOTAL FOODSERVICE</b>	\$ 259.0	100.0%	2.8%	\$ 280.4	2.7%	1,493,137	100%

Excludes Beverage Alcohol, Bars & Taverns

\*Data YE December 2017; \*\*CAGR = Compounded Annual Growth Rate

Source: The NPD Group/SupplyTrack®, ReCount® and CREST®

# Growth Channels

Overall Industry grew at 2.3% over '15; forecast for a 1.2% CAGR thru 2019

## Segments that outpaced the Industry '15 - '17

- QSR
- FSR
- Preschool/Daycare
- Recreation

## New segments forecast to outpace the Industry thru '20

- Primary/Secondary School

# Size the opportunity by chain size to prioritize sales efforts

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<b>COMMERCIAL &amp; LODGING</b>	\$ 179.6	72%	2.7%	\$ 186.1	1.2%	982,633	65%
<b>QUICK SERVICE RESTAURANTS (QSR) BY CHAIN SIZE</b>	\$ 78.4	31%	3.9%	\$ 83.5	2.1%	344,938	23%
COMMERCIAL INDEPENDENT (1-2 UNITS)	\$ 8.2	3%	1.6%	\$ 8.5	1.4%	101,646	7%
COMMERCIAL MICRO CHAIN (3-19 UNITS)	\$ 4.1	2%	4.9%	\$ 4.4	2.3%	20,158	1%
COMMERCIAL SMALL CHAINS (20-99 UNITS)	\$ 3.8	1%	5.4%	\$ 4.0	2.1%	22,011	1%
COMMERCIAL MEDIUM CHAINS (100-249 UNITS)	\$ 2.6	1%	6.3%	\$ 2.8	2.9%	12,438	1%
COMMERCIAL LARGE CHAIN (250+ UNITS)	\$ 59.8	24%	3.9%	\$ 63.7	2.2%	188,685	12%
<b>FULL SERVICE RESTAURANTS (FSR) BY CHAIN SIZE</b>	\$ 53.2	21%	1.1%	\$ 53.7	0.3%	275,869	18%
COMMERCIAL INDEPENDENT (1-2 UNITS)	\$ 26.6	11%	1.3%	\$ 27.7	1.3%	221,810	15%
COMMERCIAL MICRO CHAIN (3-19 UNITS)	\$ 6.8	3%	3.0%	\$ 7.1	1.4%	17,842	1%
COMMERCIAL SMALL CHAINS (20-99 UNITS)	\$ 4.0	0%	-2.8%	\$ 3.8	-2.3%	11,670	1%
COMMERCIAL MEDIUM CHAINS (100-249 UNITS)	\$ 2.7	1%	-1.3%	\$ 2.8	1.5%	6,473	0%
COMMERCIAL LARGE CHAIN (250+ UNITS)	\$ 13.1	5%	1.0%	\$ 12.5	-1.8%	18,074	1%
<b>TOTAL FOODSERVICE</b>	\$ 250.4	100%	2.3%	\$ 259.5	1.2%	1,514,459	100%

Excludes Beverage Alcohol, Bars & Taverns

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Source: The NPD Group/SupplyTrack®, ReCount® and CREST®

# Strengths by System Size

Overall Commercial Foodservice grew at 2.8% 2015-17; forecast for a 3.9% CAGR thru 2020

## Restaurant segments that outpaced the Industry 2015 -'17

- QSR Large Chain
- QSR Medium Chain
- QSR Micro Chain
- FSR Micro Chain
- FSR Independents

Segments with blue text are forecast to outpace the Industry thru 2019

## New segments forecast to outpace the Industry thru '20

- None

Focus on Micro Chains  
Example: Chicken- As Is

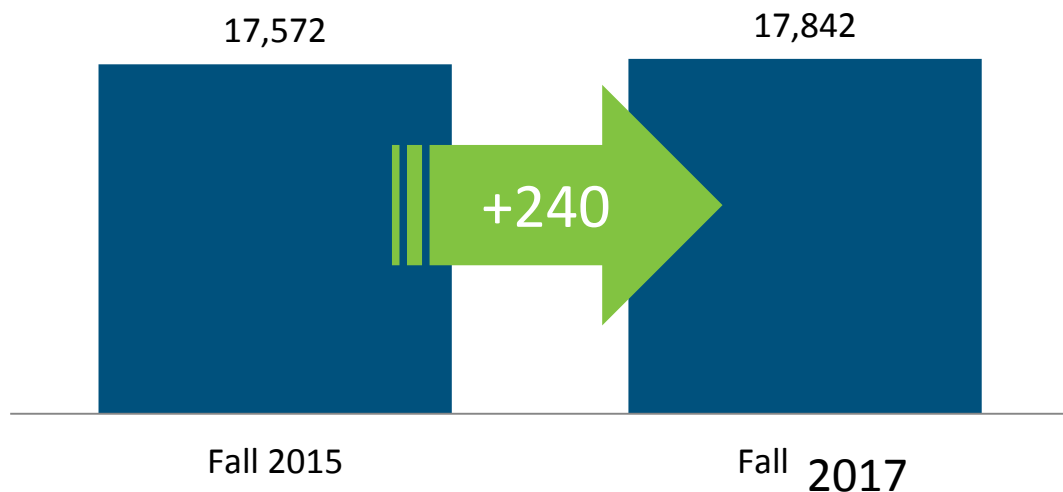
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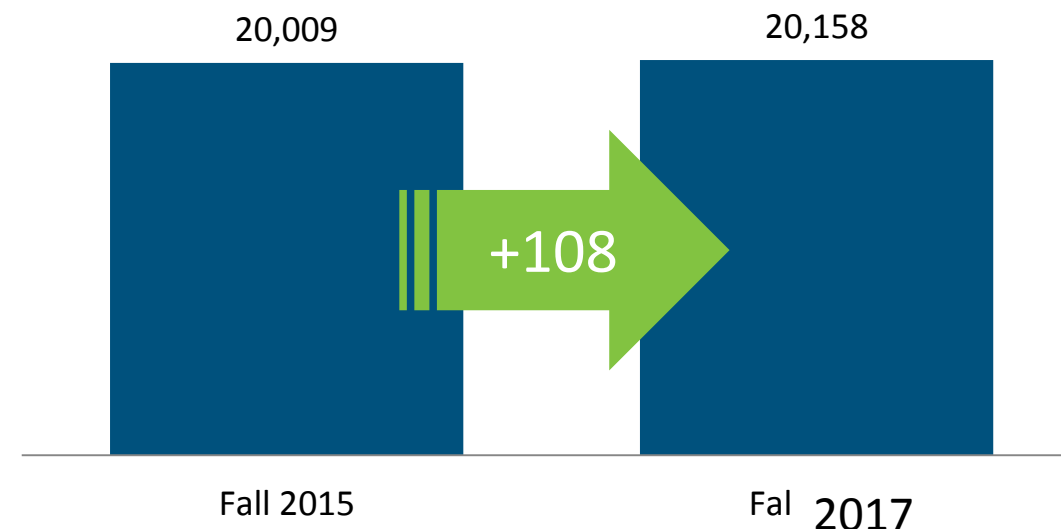
# Micro Chain FSR vs. Micro Chain QSR Unit Counts

There are more Micro Chain QSR's than FSR's in the US, but FSR locations have grown by 240 vs. YA; 2X more than QSR.

## FSR Micro Chain Unit Count



## QSR Micro Chain Unit Count

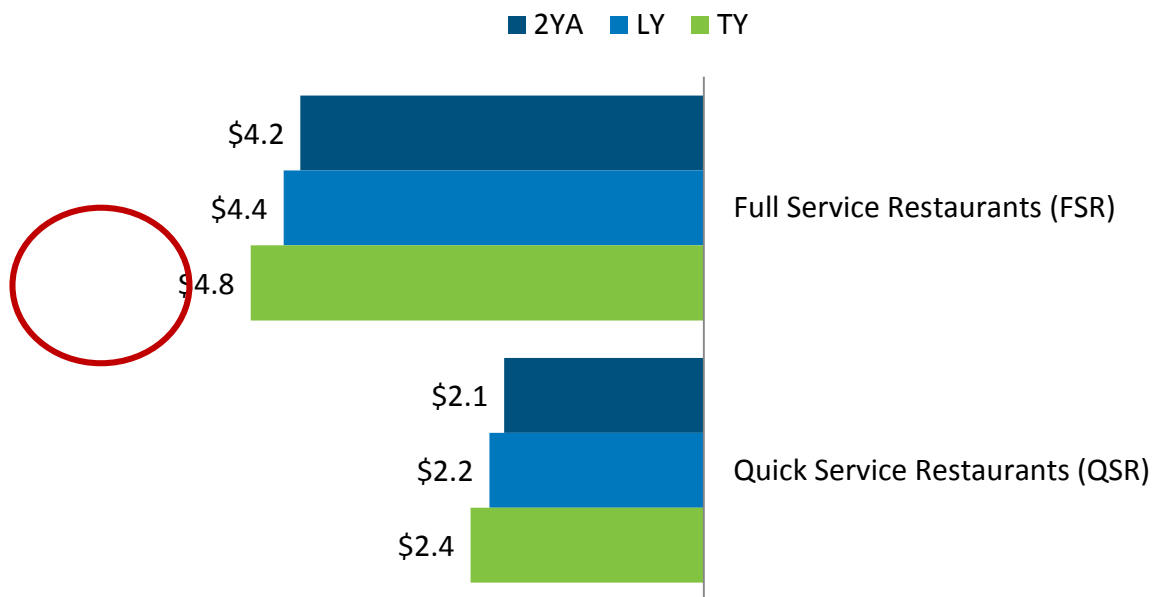


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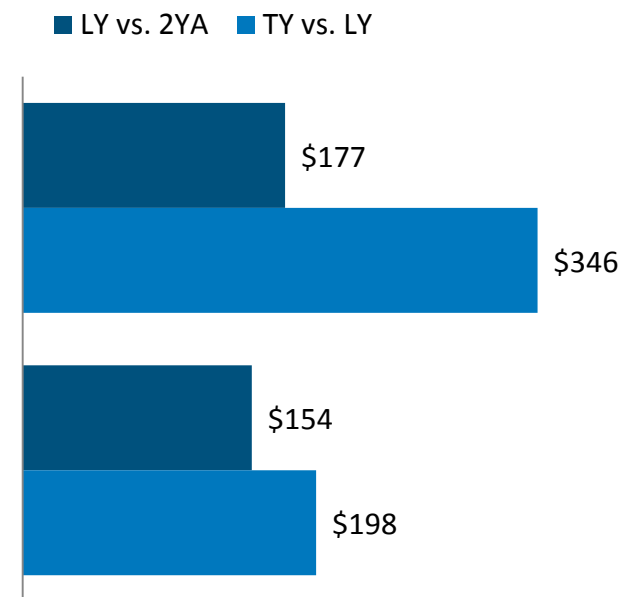
# Micro Chain FSR vs. QSR Segment Performance

Micro Chain FSR's outpaced QSR's in growth vs. 2YA by \$23MM. In the most recent year, FSR dollar sales are growing nearly 2X as much as QSR.

## Dollar Sales (B)



## Dollars Abs. Change (MM)

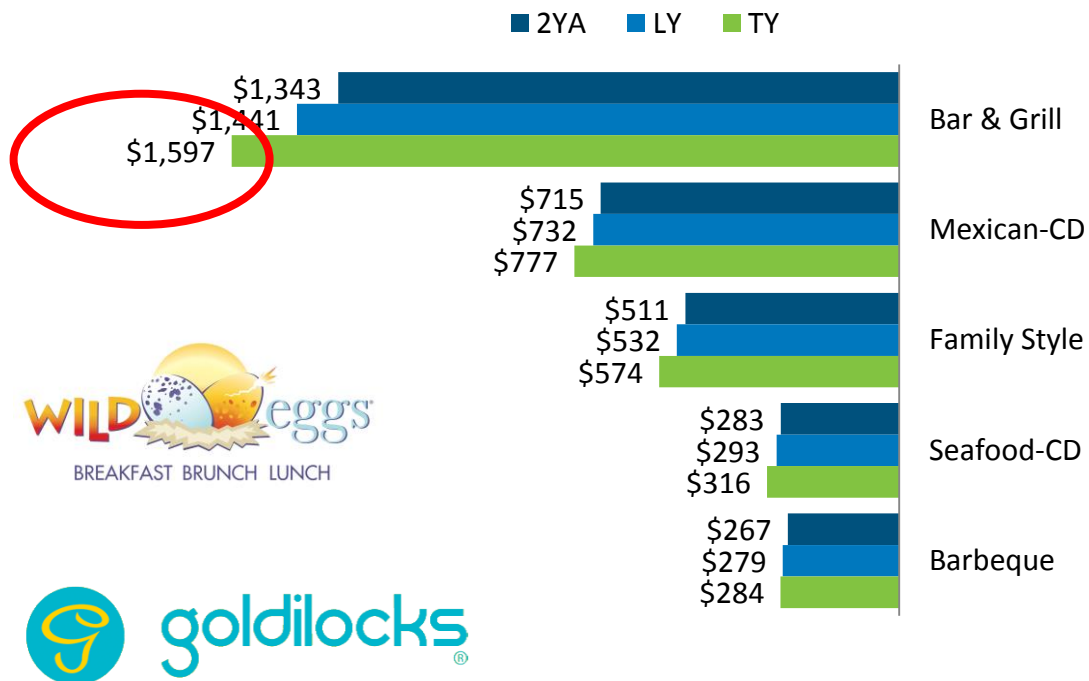


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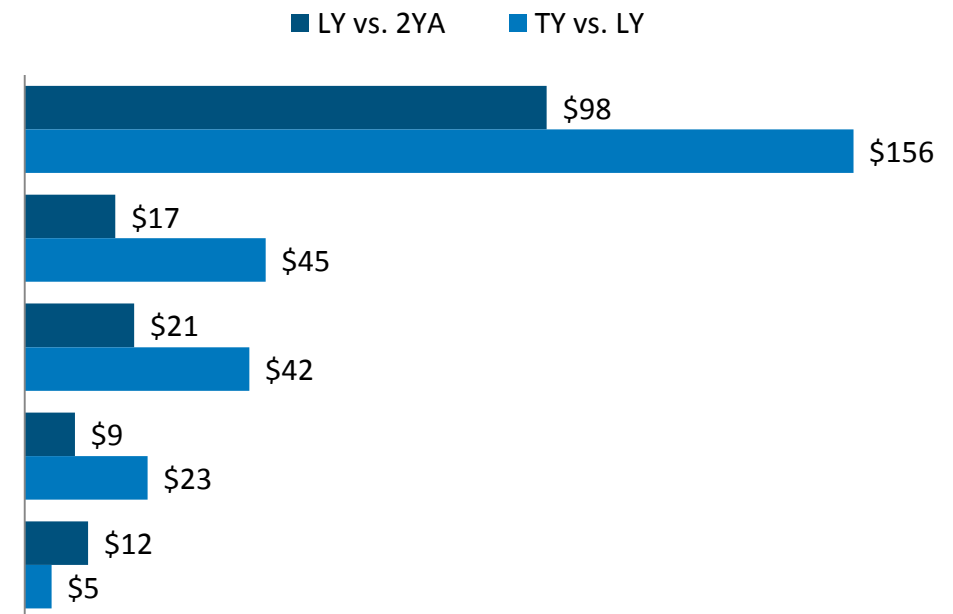
# Micro Chain FSR Top Operator Segments

In the most recent time period, Micro Chain Bar & Grill's grew sales by \$156MM, over 3X more than the next fastest growing Micro Chain operator segment.

## Operator Spend (MM)



## Dollars Abs. Change (MM)



Source: NPD Group SupplyTrack® 12 Months Data ending December 2017

# Micro Chain Bar & Grill Examples



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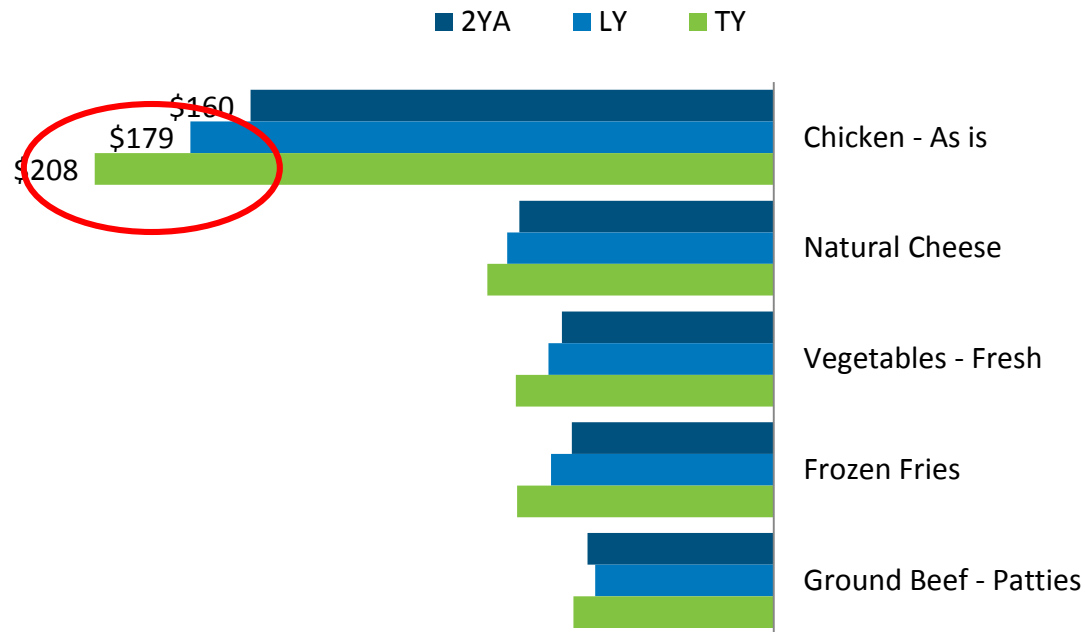
Numbers in blue = unit counts

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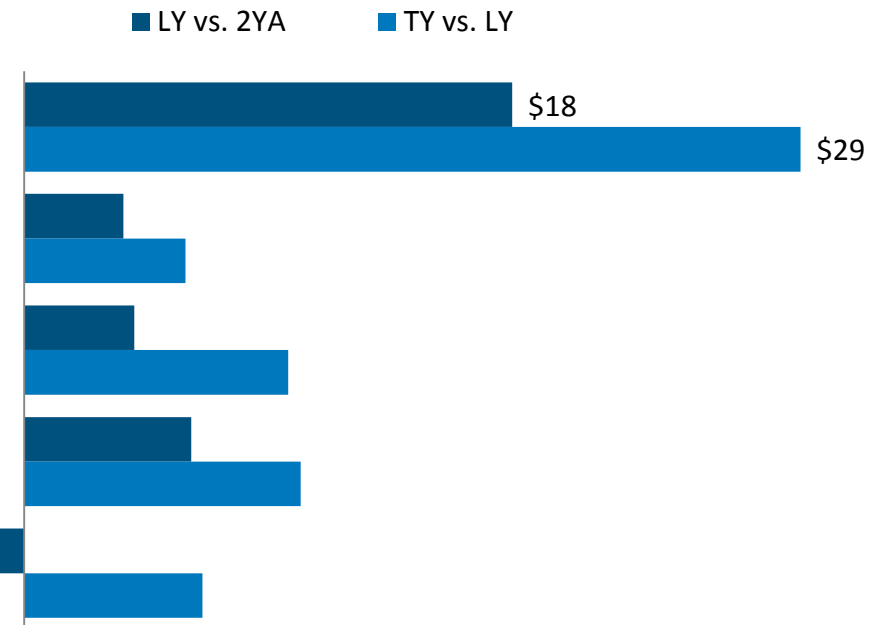
# Micro Chain Bar & Grill Top Categories

Chicken As-is, is the biggest category sold into Micro Chain Bar & Grill's. It is also the category that grew sales the most, by \$29MM vs. YA.

## Operator Spend (MM)



## Dollars Abs. Change (MM)



Source: NPD Group SupplyTrack® 12 Months Data ending December 2017

# Chicken Menu Mentions

## Hotshots® SPORTS BAR AND GRILL

**BLACK JACK | \$7.99** ~~JCS~~  
GRILLED BLACKENED CHICKEN BREAST TOPPED WITH GREEN PEPPERS, ONIONS AND PEPPER JACK CHEESE. SERVED WITH CAJUN SAUCE.



**THE FOUL SHOT | \$7.99**  
GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST SANDWICH WITH MELTED SWISS CHEESE, CRISPY BACON, LETTUCE, TOMATOES AND HOUSE-MADE RANCH DRESSING.

**THE BIG BRISKET SANDWICH | \$7.99**  
SLICED SMOKED BRISKET TOPPED WITH SWISS CHEESE, ONIONS, MUSHROOMS AND BBQ SAUCE.

**NASHVILLE HOT CHICKEN SANDWICH | \$8.99** ~~JCS~~  
A CRISPY CHICKEN BREAST DRIZZLED IN RED HOT RIPILET™ SAUCE, SERVED ON A TOASTED SESAME SEED BUN WITH COLESLAW, RED HOT RIPILET™, AND PICKLES.

**PHILLY CHEESE STEAK | \$7.99** ~~JCS~~  
THE ORIGINAL PHILLY RECIPE. STEAK, VELVEETA CHEESE™, AND GRILLED ONIONS ON A TOASTED SOURDOUGH HOAGIE. ADD GREEN PEPPERS OR MUSHROOMS FOR 75¢.

**THE SLUGGER | \$7.99**  
A GRILLED SUB WITH HAM AND PEPPERONI, PROVOLONE CHEESE, SHREDDED LETTUCE, TOMATOES, RED ONION, MAYO AND ITALIAN DRESSING.

**CRISPY CHICKEN SANDWICH | \$7.50**  
SEASONED BREADED CHICKEN BREAST TOPPED WITH YOUR CHOICE OF CHEESE SERVED ON A TOASTED SESAME BUN AND A SIDE OF LETTUCE AND TOMATOES. TRY IT DIPPED IN ONE OF OUR SIGNATURE WING SAUCES FOR 50¢.

**SWEET CHILI SHRIMP TACOS | \$8.99**  
3 TACOS FILLED WITH LETTUCE, PICO DE GALLO AND CRISPY SHRIMP TOSSED IN A SWEET CHILI SAUCE.



## HOTSHOTS WINGS

6 PIECES - \$5.99 | 12 PIECES - \$11.99 | 24 PIECES - \$21.99  
NO SPLIT ORDERS. ADD RANCH OR BLEU CHEESE FOR 50¢

TRADITIONAL ~~JCS~~

STANDARD. OUR TRADITIONAL BUFFALO WING SAUCE. TRY IT TRASHED FOR \$1 MORE!

**BBQ** ~~JCS~~  
A BLEND OF BBQ SAUCE, MAPLE AND KENTUCKY

**TERIYAKI**  
A BLEND OF TERIYAKI, RED PEPPER SAUCE AND

**CAJUN**  
A BLEND OF CAJUN PEPPER AND MUSTARD SAUCE. TRY IT

**TERIYAKI AND HONEY**  
A BLEND OF TERIYAKI AND HONEY THAT FINISHES WITH A

**CAJUN**  
A BLEND OF CAJUN PEPPER AND MUSTARD SAUCE. TRY IT

**TRASHED** ~~JCS~~  
A BLEND OF SWEET AND SPICY RIPILET™ DUST.

**DRY RUB.**



## SALADS

Dressings: House Ranch, Bleu Cheese, Italian, French, 1000 Island, Honey Mustard, Balsamic Vinaigrette, Jalapeño Ranch

**HOUSE SALAD | \$3.99**

CRISP MIXED GREENS WITH ST. LOUIS STYLE PIZZA CHEESE

# Chicken Menu Mentions



## SLIDERS

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*Served with your choice of side.*

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### PRIME RIB

Prime Rib on a butter brioche bun with side of au jus - **14**

### SHORT RIB BISCUIT - 2pc

Slow-cooked short rib on a buttered biscuit with Sweet Baby Ray's® BBQ sauce - **10**

### PORK - 3pc

Smoked pulled pork & Sweet Baby Ray's® BBQ sauce on a butter brioche bun - **9**

### GRILLED CHICKEN - 3pc

Grilled chicken, pepper jack cheese & Poblano sauce on a butter brioche bun - **8**

## HAND-HELDS

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*Served with your choice of side.*

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### PRIME RIB SANDWICH

Horseradish cream cheese schmear & smoked Gouda cheese on toasted Ciabatta bread with au jus - **14**

*Pair with Dubbel or Scotch Ale*

### PERI PERI GRILLED CHICKEN PANINI

Goat cheese, hummus on grilled Ciabatta bread - **9**

### GRILLED CHICKEN BLT WRAP

Mayo, pressed flour tortilla & Peri Peri aioli - **9**

## STREET TACOS & CHIPS

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### 3 CHICKEN

Lettuce, cheddar jack & pepper jack cheeses, cilantro onion mix, tomatoes & Poblano sauce - **8**

### 3 PORK

Lettuce, cheddar jack & pepper jack cheeses, cilantro onion mix, tomatoes & BBQ sauce - **9**  
*Pair with Brown Ale or Doppelbock*

### 3 BEER BATTERED COD

Lettuce, cheddar jack & pepper jack cheeses, Peppadew peppers & Peri Peri aioli - **8.5**

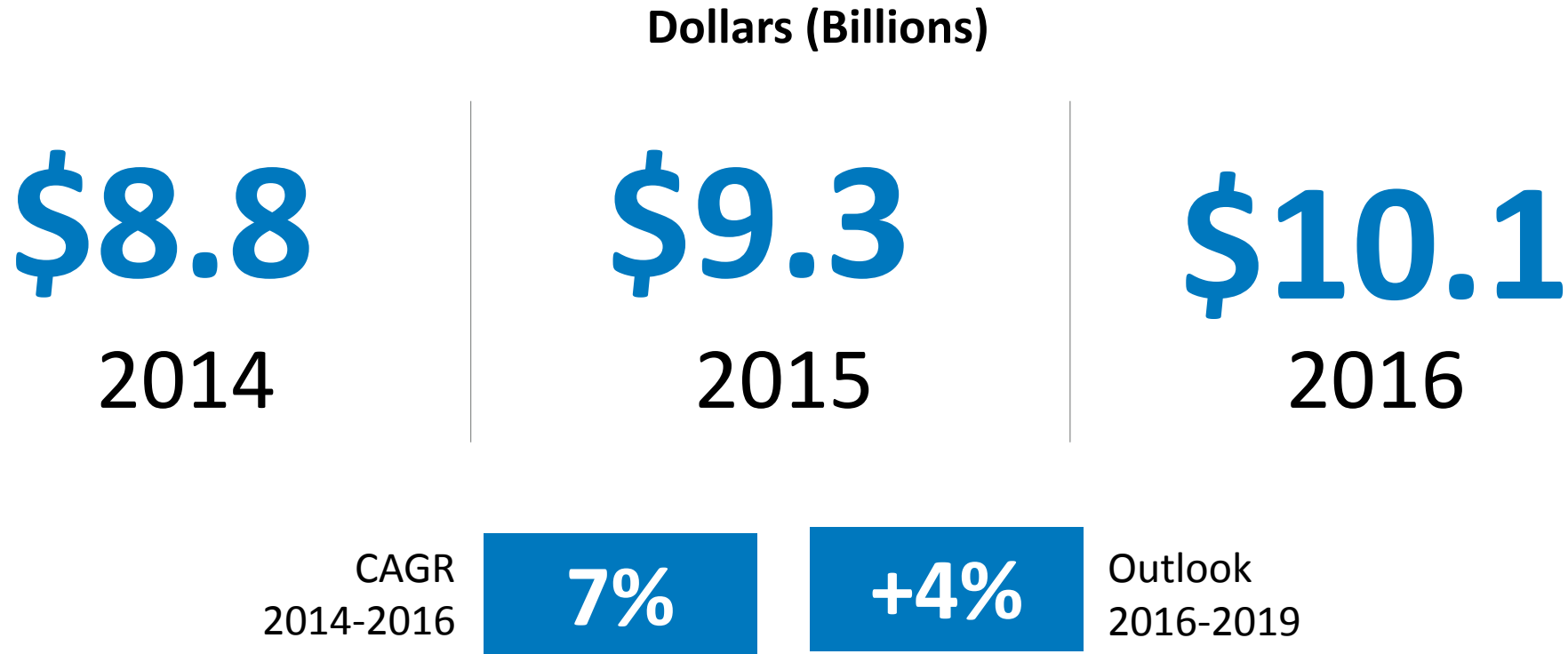
Sizing the Prize  
Example: Chicken- As Is

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# Chicken As-Is Category

Chicken-As Is is a \$10 Billion category with a CAGR of 7%.

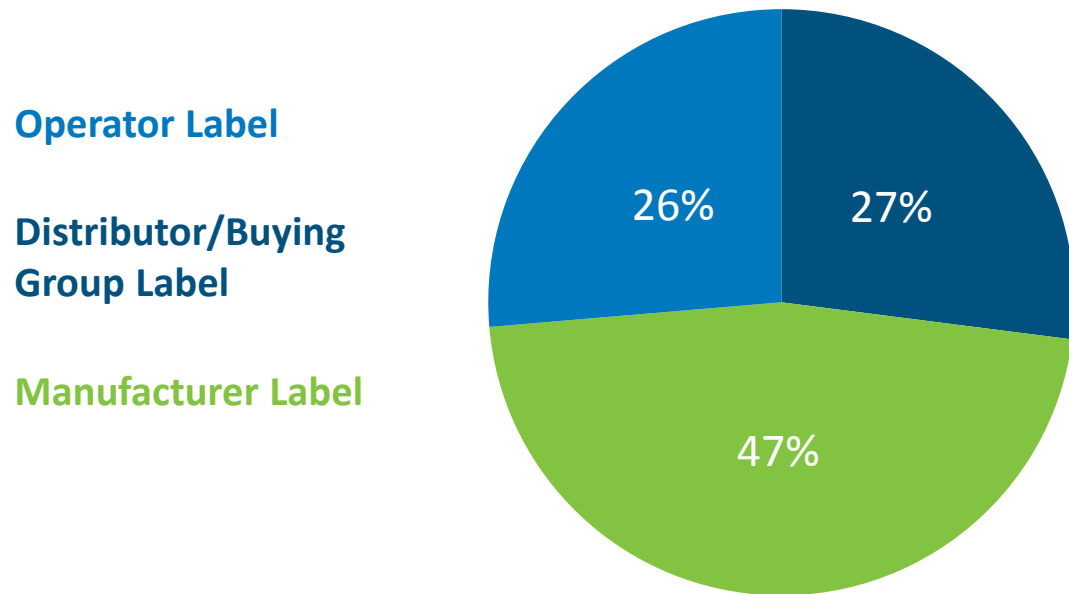


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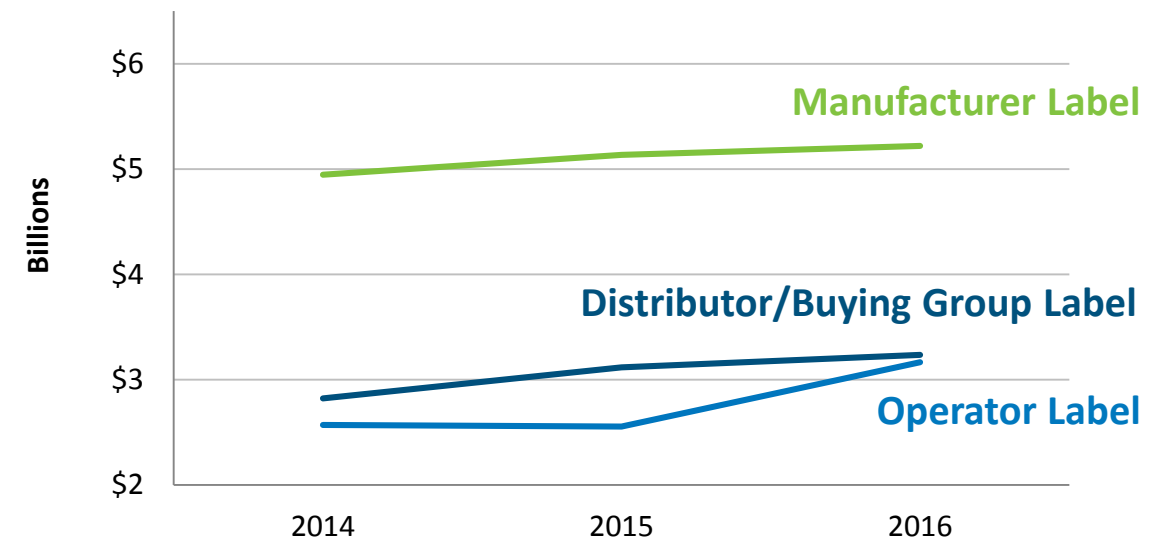
# Chicken As-Is Category by Label

Almost half of the market is made up of Branded products, that continue to grow over time.

## \$ Market Share by Label



## 3 Year Label \$ Trend



Source: NPD Market Size Data, Data Ending December 2017

# Chicken As-Is by Top Parent Companies

Top five manufacturers account for 55% of category sales

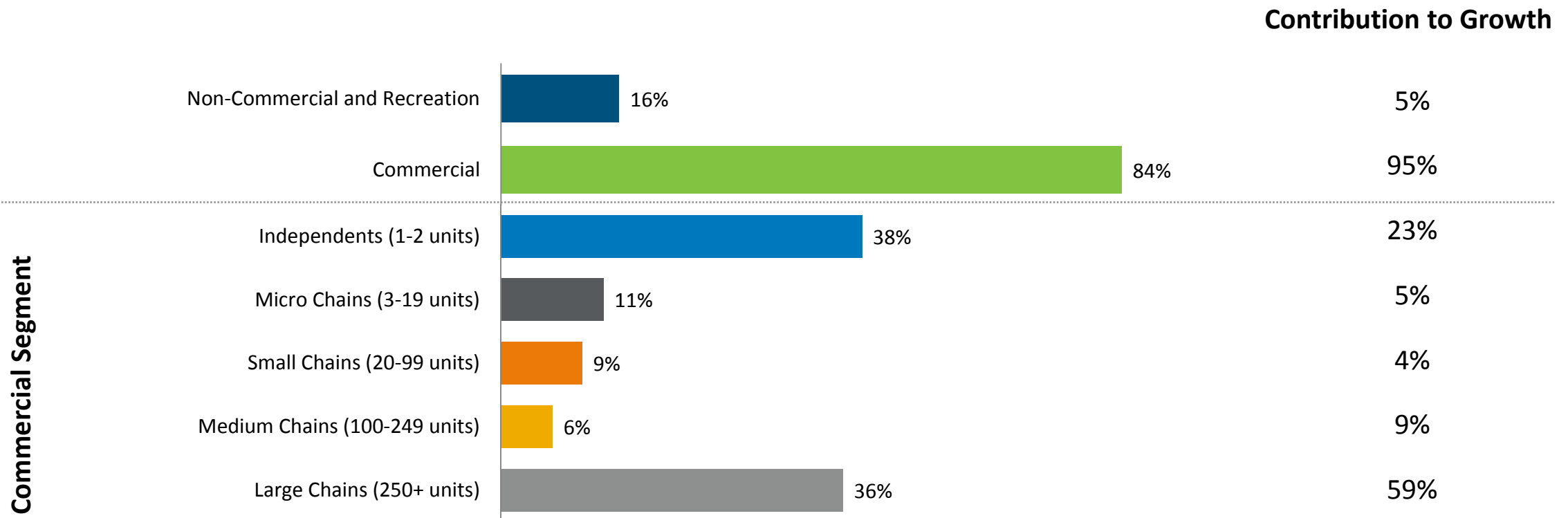
Top Five Parent Co. Branded \$ Share



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# Chicken As-Is Distribution by System Size

Independents and Large Chains make up 75% of Commercial Chicken-As Is sales, while contributing 83% of the Commercial growth.

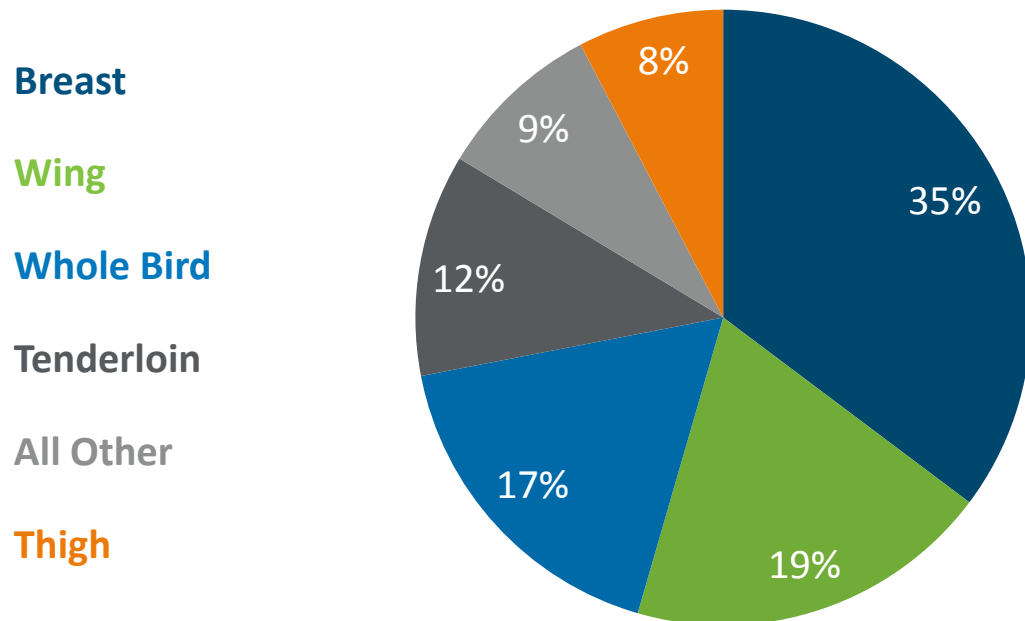


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# Chicken As-Is Product Type

Breast is the most popular variety in Chicken As-Is, while Tenderloin is growing the fastest, at 19% vs. YA.

## Chicken Product Type



## Chicken Product Type Size & Trend

Attribute Type	\$ (MM)	\$ % Change	Outlook
Breast	\$3,567	2%	+3%
Wing	\$1,946	9%	+4%
Whole Bird	\$1,768	11%	+6%
Tenderloin	\$1,182	19%	+5%
Thigh	\$776	10%	+6%

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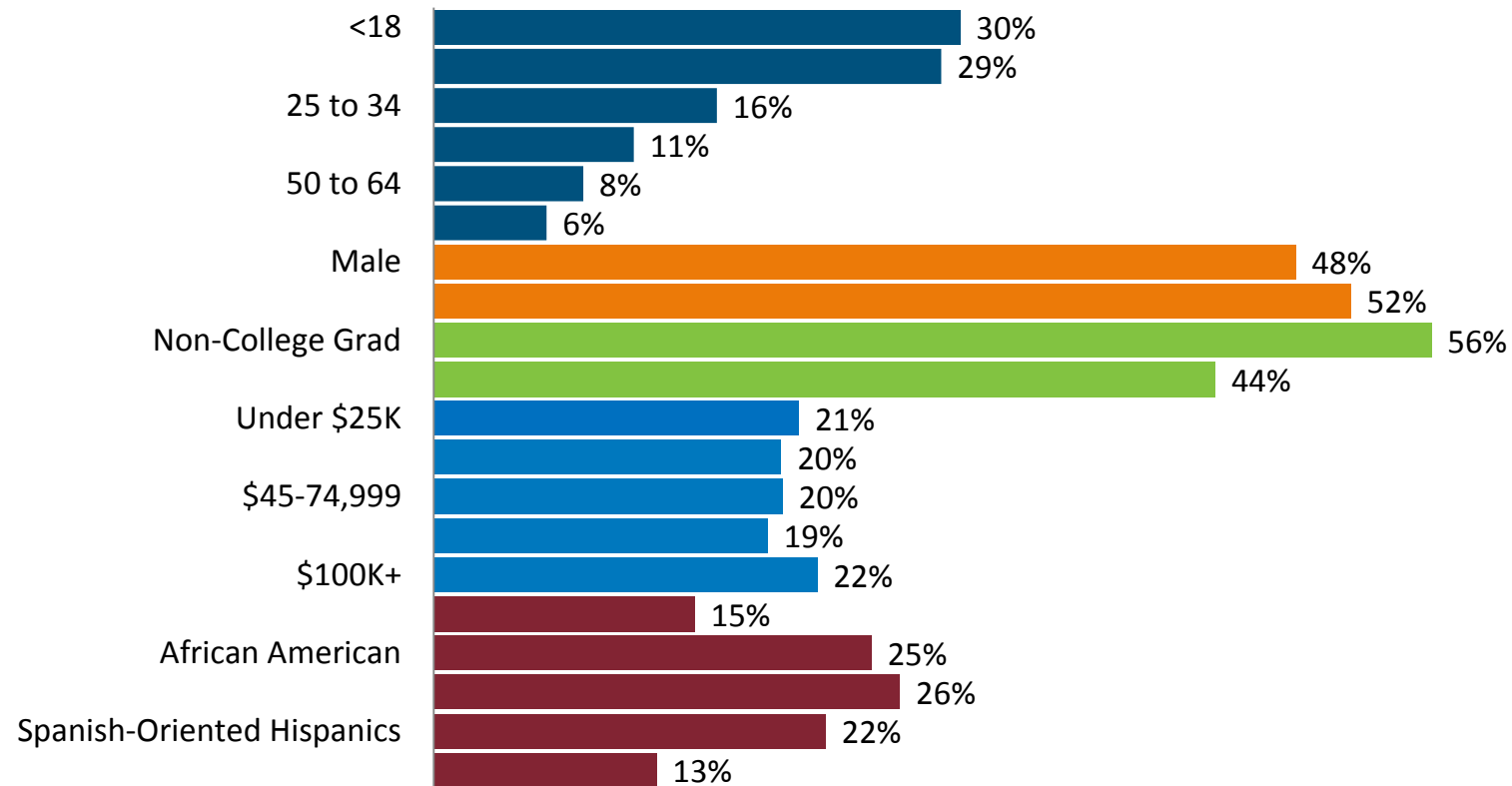
Sizing the Prize by Product  
Example: Chicken As-Is  
Buyer Demos



# Demographics

Breaded Chicken Sandwich customers skew young and non-caucasian

## Distribution of Breaded Chicken Sandwiches Servings

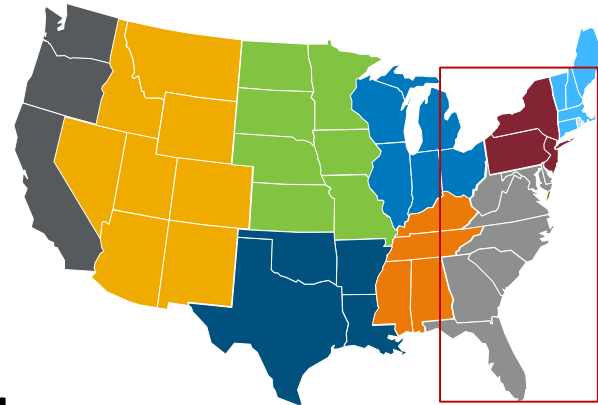


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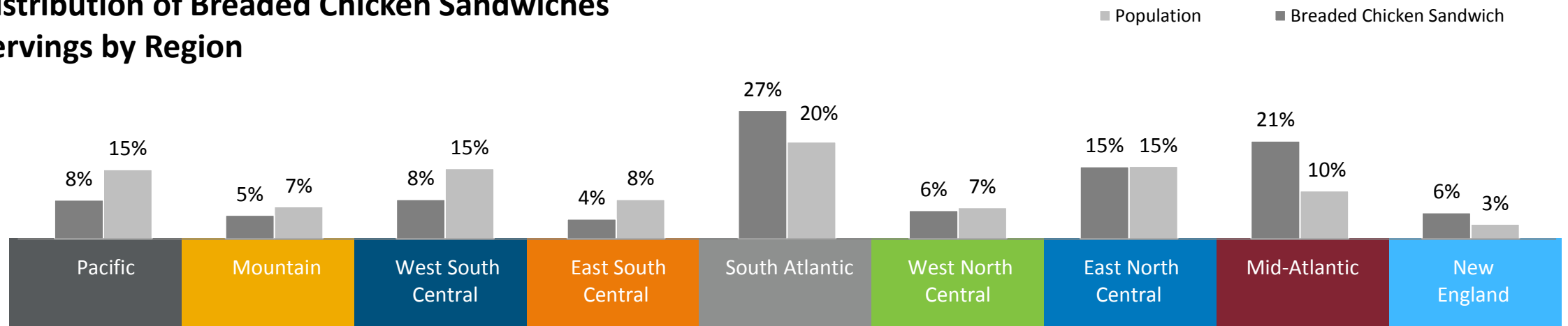
# Regional skews

Breaded Chicken Sandwiches are more prominent in the Mid-Atlantic and South Atlantic regions

## U.S. Census Regions



## Distribution of Breaded Chicken Sandwich Servings by Region



Source: The NPD Group/CREST®, YE June '16



# Key Takeaways

- 1** The Foodservice market is large and robust; \$259 Billion in operator spend and forecast to grow +2.7% CAGR thru 2020
  - Be **MORE** confident sizing estimates with projections based on invoice-level information from SupplyTrack.
- 2** There are segments forecast to outpace the market between now and 2020
  - these are your most attractive targets for distribution. **Micro Chains** present a large opportunity over the next several years
- 3** To capitalize on that growth opportunity:
  - Identify the market size for the product categories where you compete (or want to compete)
  - The channels where those categories are strong to target opportunities and
  - The competitors you need to beat

# Thank you

Apparel  
Appliances  
Automotive  
Beauty  
Books  
Consumer Electronics  
E-commerce  
Entertainment  
Fashion Accessories  
Food Consumption  
Foodservice  
Footwear  
Home  
Juvenile Products  
Mobile  
Office Supplies  
Retail  
Sports  
Technology  
Toys  
Travel Retail  
Video Games  
Watches / Jewelry

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Product News &  
Industry Collaboration



**Brian Maloney**  
GM – GoSimple, Blacksmith Applications

1. Background – GoSimple history
2. Customers
3. Market Focus
4. Industry Collaboration
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1. Answers Systems
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3. User Experience.....GoSimple
4. Blacksmith

# GoSimple Clients

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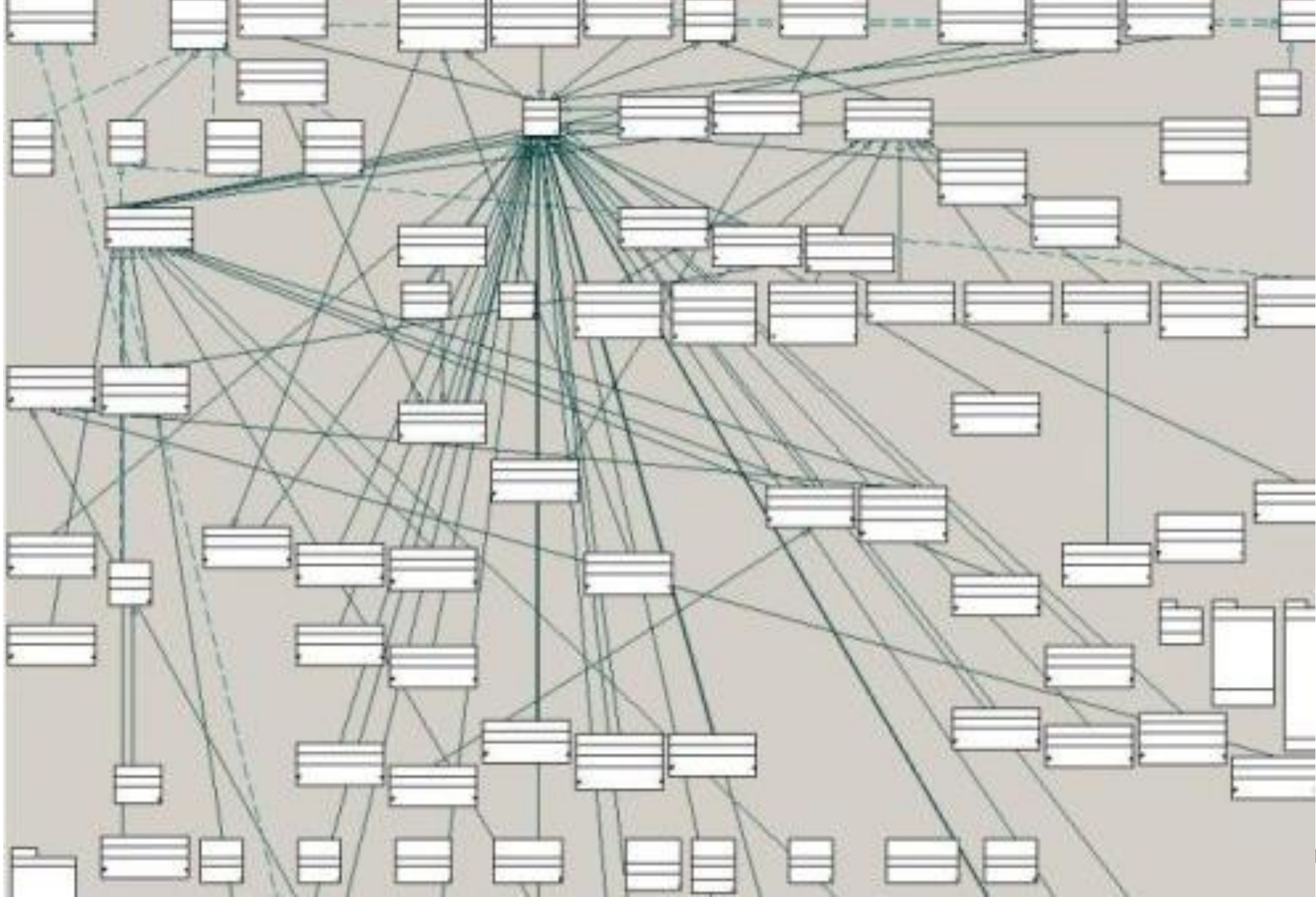
- Small to Mid Size Manufacturers
- Foodservice Specialty...w/some Retail
- Full Service Claim/Deduction Management
- Mfgs with Limited IT Support

# Industry Collaboration

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# Industry Collaboration

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## us·er ex·pe·ri·ence

*noun*

the overall experience of a person using a product such as a website or computer application, especially in terms of how easy or pleasing it is to use.

"if a website degrades the user experience too much, people will simply stay away"

Questions?

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Thank You!

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## The Art of Business Intelligence

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## Make Every Dollar Count



Mark Forbes  
VP of IT & CIO, D&W Fine Pack

# The Art of Business Intelligence

Make Every Dollar Count

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May 10<sup>th</sup> 2018



## Full Service Product Portfolio



Aluminum



Rigid Plastics



Straws, Cutlery, Kits

### Markets Served

- Grocery
- Food Processors
- Large Restaurant Chains
- Broadline Distribution

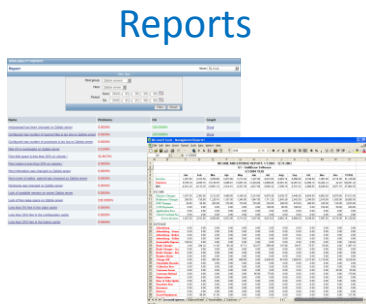
“Our extensive product portfolio creates a foundation for our clients to create solutions that drive the overall customer experience.”



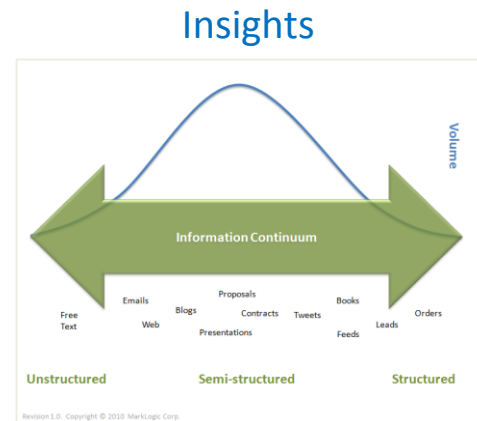
# The Challenge with Business Intelligence

- Data vs Information

*Where we are*



*Where we want to be*



## Data

- Disconnected – multiple views
- No insights
- You have to do something with it to make it useful

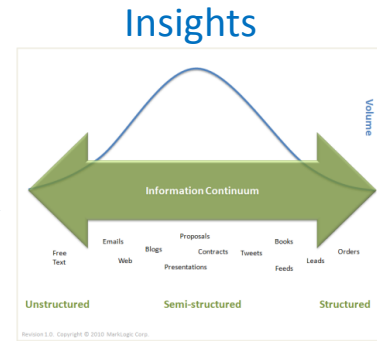
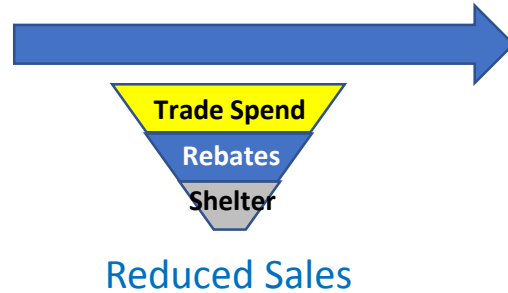
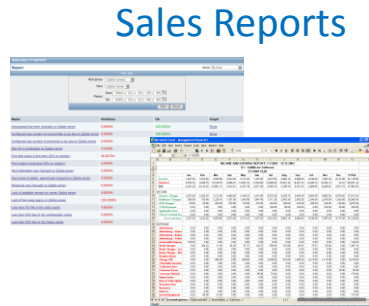
## Information

- Directional
- Predictive



# Example

## • Monthly Sales into Distribution



### The Data

- Sales - \$5.5M
- Cases 50,000
- Costs of Goods - \$4M
- Profit \$1.5M

### The Conclusions

- Wow! Great Month!
- All time High
- This new customer...

### The Information

- Chain Sales - \$1M
- Buying Groups - \$2M
- Street Sales - \$1.5M
- Total Sales - \$4.5M
- Profit \$.5M

### The New Conclusions

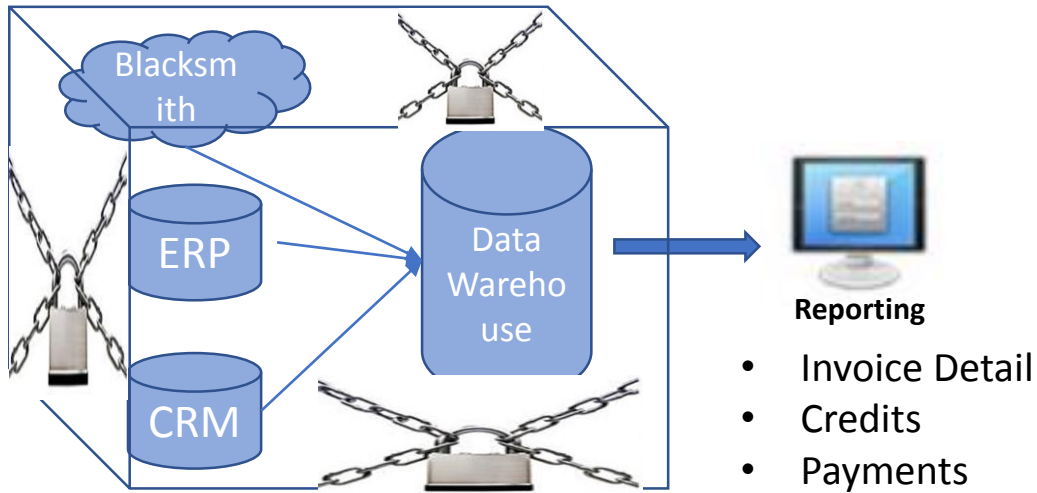
- This is lower than expected
- Customer Profitability
- Impact of specific programs



# Where is the Data?

The information needed is either:

- In corporate systems
- In spreadsheets sitting on a user's laptop



Typically Missing:

A screenshot of a spreadsheet titled 'Rebate Detail'. It contains multiple columns of data, including what appears to be dates, amounts, and descriptions, though the text is too small to read clearly.

**Rebate Detail**

A screenshot of a spreadsheet titled 'Claim Detail'. It features a table with columns for 'Date', 'Project', 'Status', 'Date', and 'Amount'. The data rows show various project entries with their respective statuses and amounts.

**Claim Detail**

Hard to integrate the data because:

- Locked up in systems controlled by IT
- Details are unstructured and don't link to corporate data

# Challenges – Collecting, Organizing and Matching the Data

- Collecting
  - Formal extracts from system vs Excel
  - Different Sources and Layouts
- Organizing
  - Getting a common format for fields and layout
- Matching
  - Number Schemes
  - Trailing Spaces
  - Data will not include exact key fields like account number



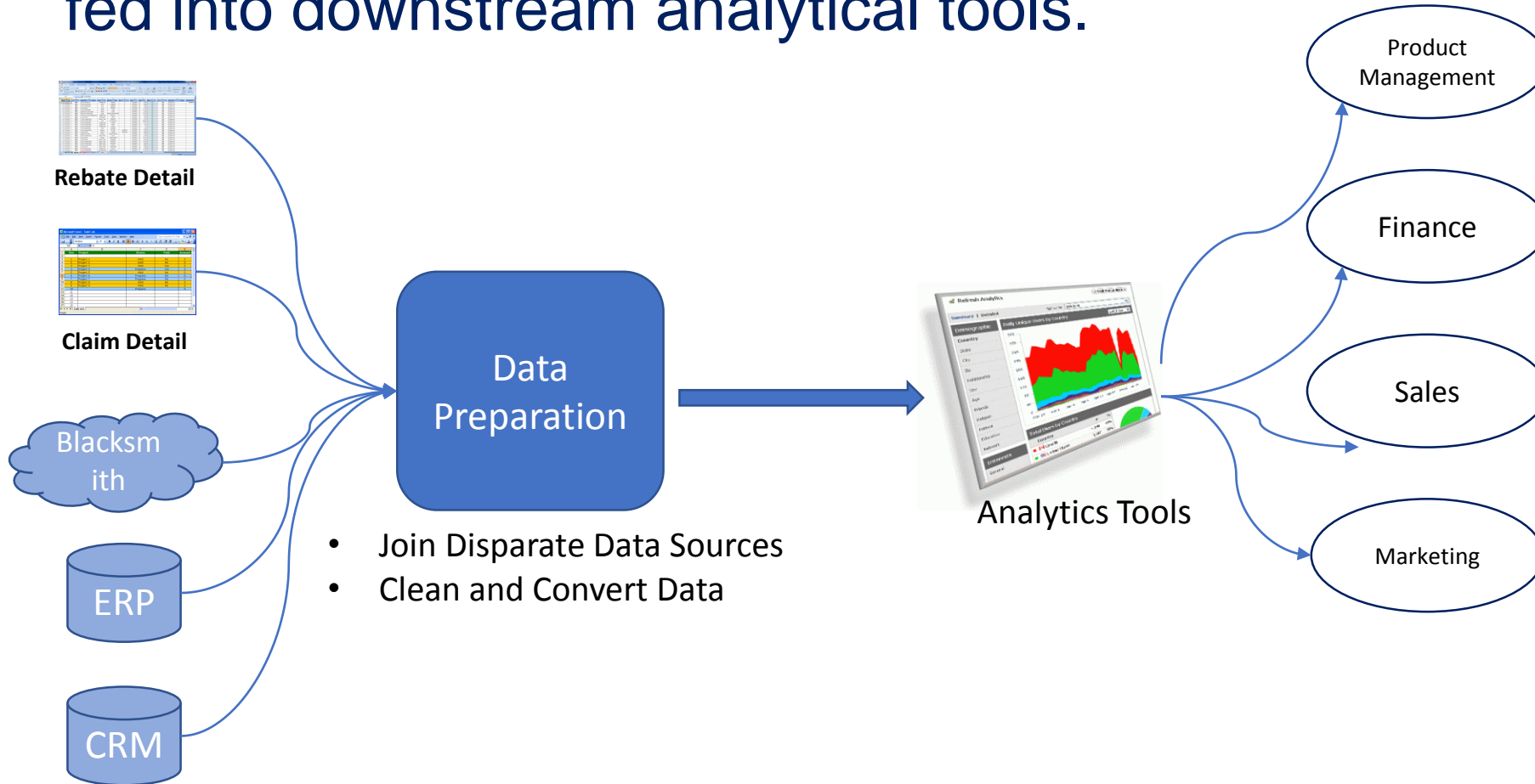
## Addressing the Challenges

- Think Differently
  - Traditional EDI, Database Technology, BI Tools and Development Methods are choke points
  - It's a Data Problem, not a Tool Problem
  - Prototype – try different things in an isolated environment
  - Focus on the Data
    - Matching/Fuzzy Lookups to create cross references
    - Validation
- Start Small
  - Don't ask for the whole cake, just go for one slice!
  - Small group of skilled people



# The Approach

- Transform the data sources into formats than can be fed into downstream analytical tools.



## Typical Results

- The Information is a Game Changer
- Highlights how “starved” the business is for information
- The program “takes off”
  - Everyone wants to run with this as fast as possible
  - Requests for access
  - Requests for additional data and insights
- Plan ahead
  - Security
  - Productionalization
  - Scalability



# Questions?



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# Dynamic Pricing Approval



**Matt Stredney**  
Business Development, Conagra





# Conagra Foodservice

Dynamic Pricing Approval



# Agenda

- Context
- Out with the old
- In with the new
- Partnering with Blacksmith
- 'Live' look in
- What's next
- Questions / Open discussion



# Context: Using Blacksmith to streamline the pricing approval process

Evolution of deviation requests...

Time	Request Medium(s)	Ultimately, ended up in...	Challenges
Dawn of time — 2008	Emails, phone, sticky notes, cocktail napkins	Blacksmith	Miscommunications, no audit trail, poor organization, misaligned program structure, incomplete data
2008- 2017	Sales Deviation Request form (Excel)	Blacksmith	Time consuming, duplicative, poor audit trail, incomplete data
2018	Blacksmith	Blacksmith	

# Context: Using Blacksmith to streamline the pricing approval process

After reviewing challenges with prior processes, it was important to identify:

**Who** owns the ultimate decision...

Category  
Marketing

**Where** that decision should be made...

Forge

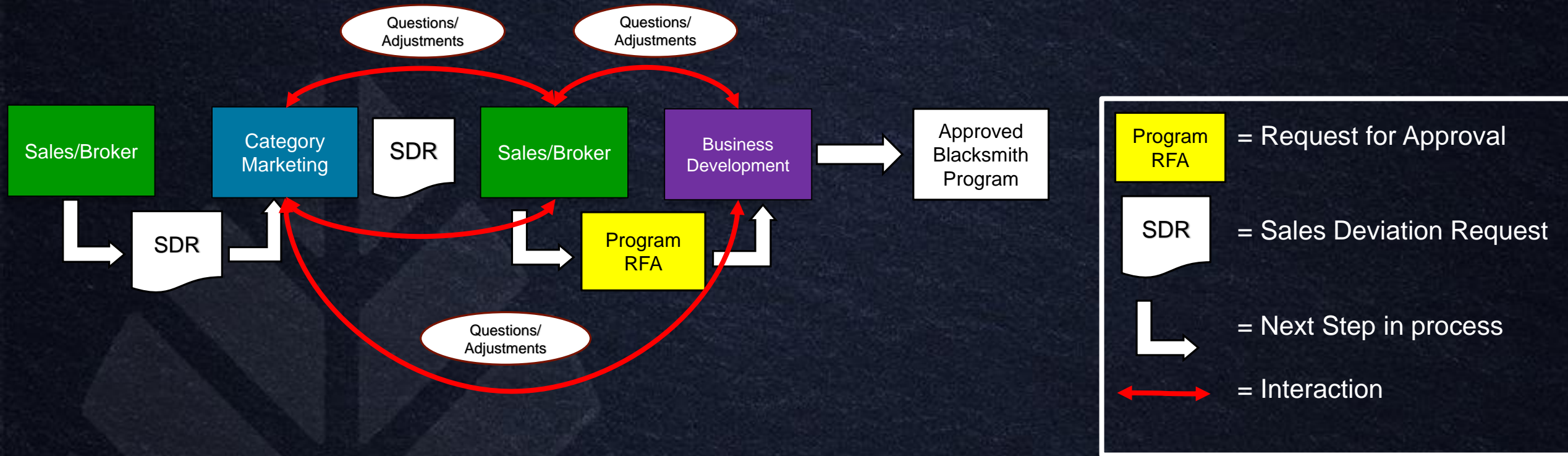


**How** to deploy within our structure...

Product  
Hierarchy 2

# Out with the Old: Identify process challenges

Historically, deviation requests were managed via excel...



...confusing & inefficient

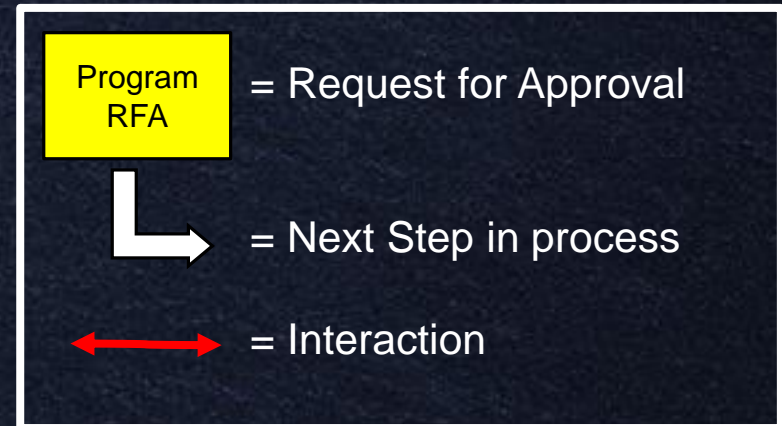
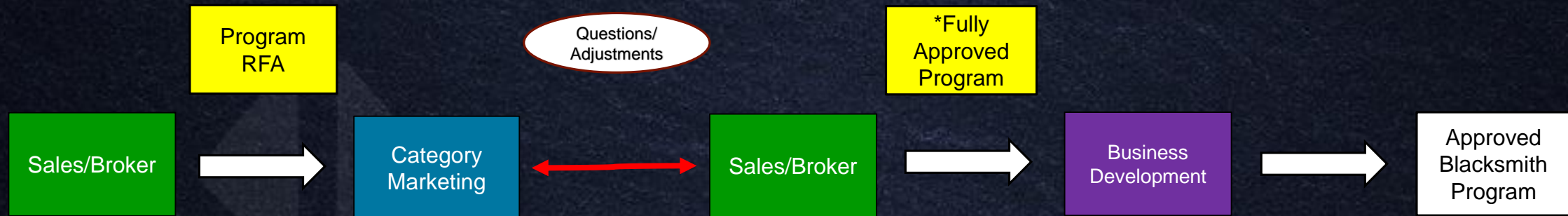
# Out with the Old: Identify process challenges

This “offline” process lead to issues with:

- Inconsistent data
- Incomplete data
- Record keeping (category rotations & SOX control)
- Version control: multiple emails & adjustment risk
- Approval authority questions
- Identifying other associated trade

# In with the new: Identify the solution

Now, deviation requests are managed within Blacksmith



....sequential & efficient

# In with the new: Identify the solution

Systematic process has:

- Streamlined the process via automation
- Eliminated need for excel requests (SDR)
- Increased trade visibility for P&L owners
- Alleviated risk of incomplete or inconsistent data
- Allowed trade operations team to focus on other opportunities
- Removed questions around approval authority



# Partnering w/ Blacksmith: **Implementation**

- Subject matter experts
- Customizable (tailored to our business)
- Quick (but careful) deployment
- Project owners (no internal IT involvement)
- Ongoing support

# 'Live' look in: Value and business perspective

Implementing this process has lead to:

- More empowered & educated business owners
- Quicker program turn-around time
- Reduction of embellished volumes (and their deeper discounts)
- Enhanced lump sum and local distributor approval processes
- Improved program creation and promotion ideation
- Trade operations ability to focus on other trade opportunities

# 'Live' look in: Value and business perspective

Category Marketing

"I love the margin page! It **provides visibility to the other layers of trade** our old process never could."

sold to	Name	Rate ⓘ	Weight	Weighted Rate
0010000730	Shamrock Foods of Arizona (Phoenix , AZ )	\$0.4781 *	20%	= \$0.0956

Contract #	Title	Rate
000-1282714	Shamrock DPA Corporate 2018 (01/01/2018 - 12/31/2018)	
000-1283307	Shamrock DPM Corporate 2018 (01/01/2018 - 12/31/2018)	
000-1283308	Shamrock PP Corporate 2018 (01/01/2018 - 12/31/2018)	
000-1281258	IMA 2018 Corporate EDA Program (01/01/2018 - 12/31/2018)	
000-1281260	IMA 2018 Corporate Marketing Program (01/01/2018 - 12/31/2018)	

"We're now working out of the same play book, having the ability to research prior year performance **allows me to challenge program requests, and protect my trade dollars.**"



# 'Live' look in: Value and business perspective

Sales/Broker

"The new process has **drastically reduced turn around time** on these requests! I also know exactly where we are in the approval process with one click."



Status	RFA Age	Program	Title	Type	Start Date	End Date	RSP	More Info
RFA	1	[1288430]	Program 2018/2019	OP1 - Operator POP (Pay I	06/01/2018	05/31/2019	Victoria	preview [details]

**Workflow**

Action	Name	Position	Profile	Authority Sequence	Date
Created	Victoria	Arizona	Sales Broker		05/01/2018 9:53 AM
RFA'd	Victoria	Arizona	Sales Broker		05/01/2018 9:54 AM
Agreed	Todd	1 Foodservice HEADQUA	Category Manager 3	Category Mgmt	05/01/2018 12:45 PM

**CRA** [currently responsible for approval]

Name	Position	Profile	Authority Sequence
Cameron	1 Foodservice HEADQUARTERS	Category Manager 4	Category Mgmt
Cindy	1 Foodservice HEADQUARTERS	Category Director 1	Category Mgmt
Eric	1 Foodservice HEADQUARTERS	Category Director 2	Category Mgmt
Jeanne	1 Foodservice HEADQUARTERS	Catagory Manager 1	Category Mgmt
Ryan	1 Foodservice HEADQUARTERS	Catagory Manager 2	Category Mgmt



# What's Next: Future enhancements

- Expanding workflow to other program templates
- Review incorporating EZ Button rates
- Departing other 'approval decision' systems
- Continuing trade (& Blacksmith) education for new users

# Questions / Open Discussion



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# Smoke Jumpers Feedback

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## Round Table Discussions



A photograph of the Chicago skyline at dusk, featuring prominent skyscrapers like the Willis Tower. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue and orange gradient.

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