

Soft Fruit Seminar 2018

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Presentation to the Irish Soft Fruit Sector

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The Strawberry Industry in Ireland

Area of
strawberry
production

169
hectares

57
growers



Main production areas:

Dublin
Louth
Meath
Wexford



THE INDUSTRY
EMPLOYS OVER

1,000
people

This is us ...how
do we survive ?

€91 million
Annual retail value

PRODUCTION:
6,400
tonnes

DEMOGRAPHICS
Biggest Buyers:
Shoppers aged
35-44, & 65+

 **94%**
of all adults claim to eat strawberries

49 times per year
Average annual
consumption

CONSUMERS THINK

Irish strawberries are fresher & healthier

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The Thinking House

BORD BIA INSIGHT CENTRE

Understand the fruit market....

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Meet the 'new' Irish consumer

Who are you?

Traditionalist?

**Born in 1945
or before!**



**Baby
Boomer?**

**Born between
1946 - 1964**



**Gen
X?**

**Born between
1965 - 1976**



**Gen Y
Millennial?**

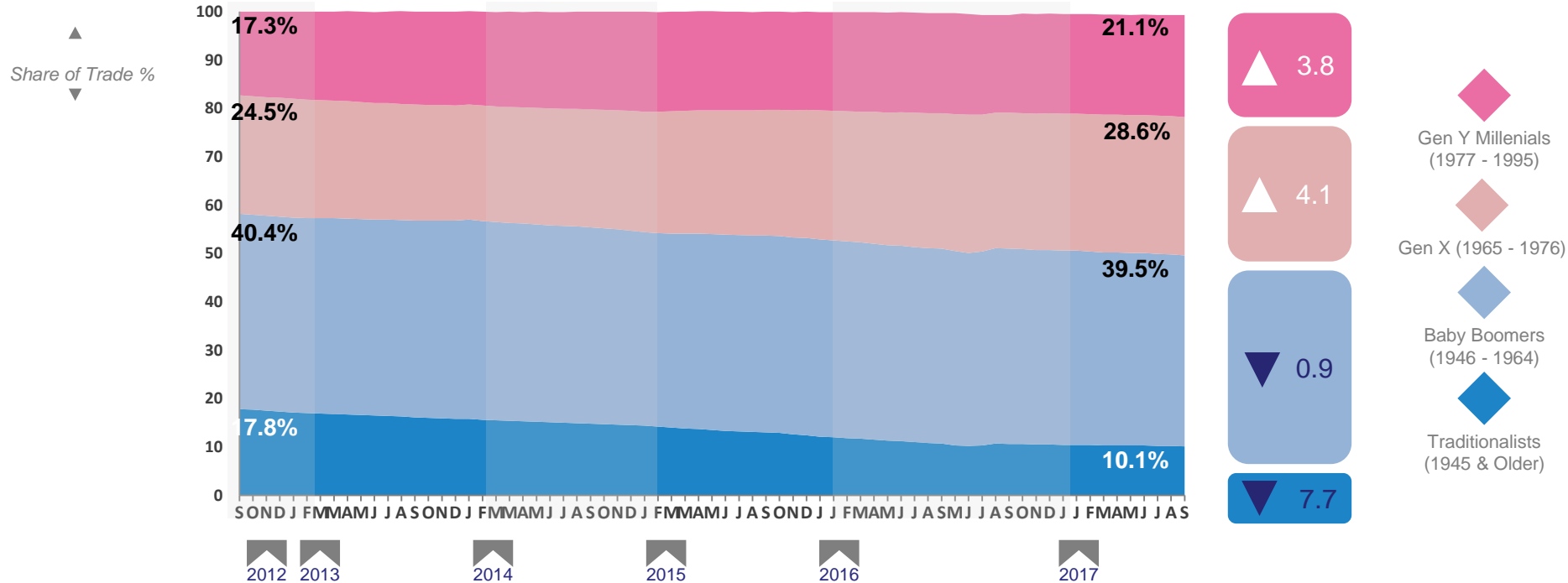
**Born between
1977 - 1995**



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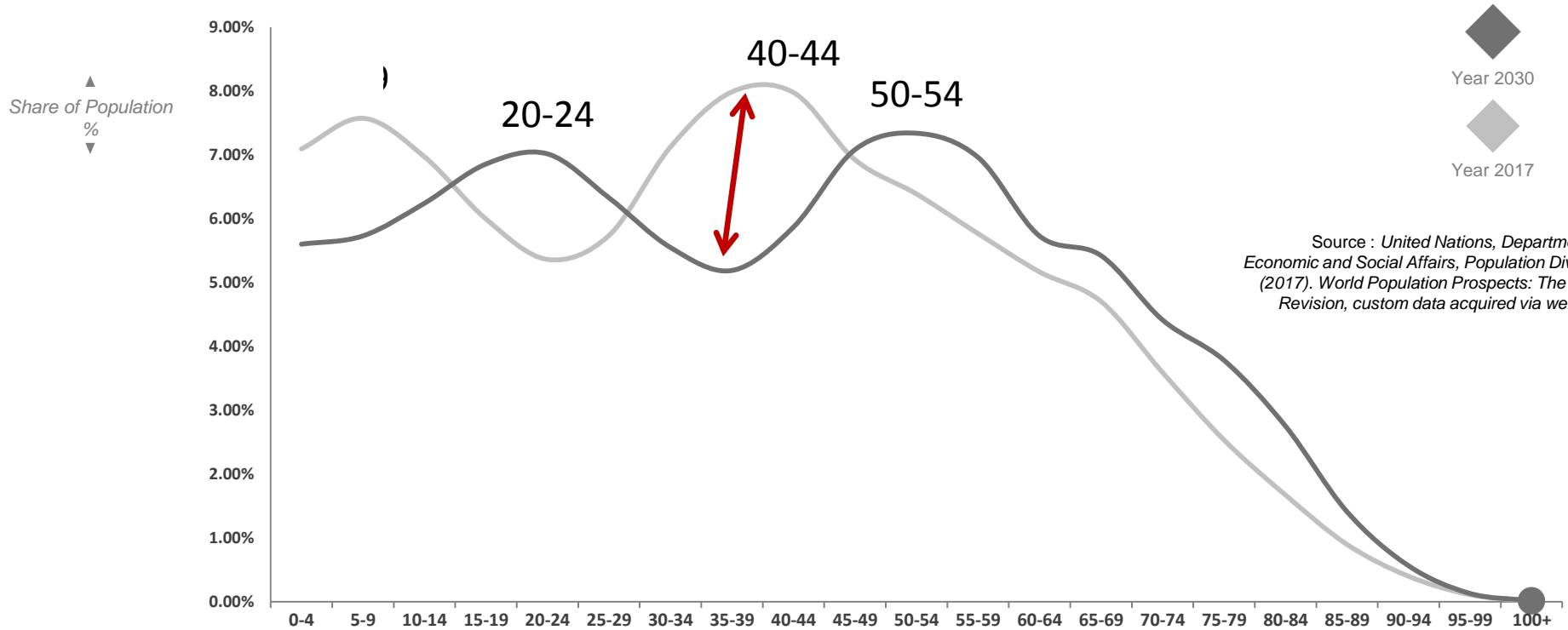
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Baby Boomers account for most spend in Grocery. Growth is through Younger Generations



DECLINING BIRTH RATE AS GEN X BECOME THE DECISION MAKERS

Age Bracket as a Share of ROI Population





“I look out for Health & Beauty products with Added Benefits”



Late to the Party:
Over a quarter of trips between 5pm – 9pm!



“I have little time to myself!”



Trolley & Indulge Missions most important!

Kinder.



Millennials
(1977 - 1995)

21.1%

▲ +3.8

sunday!



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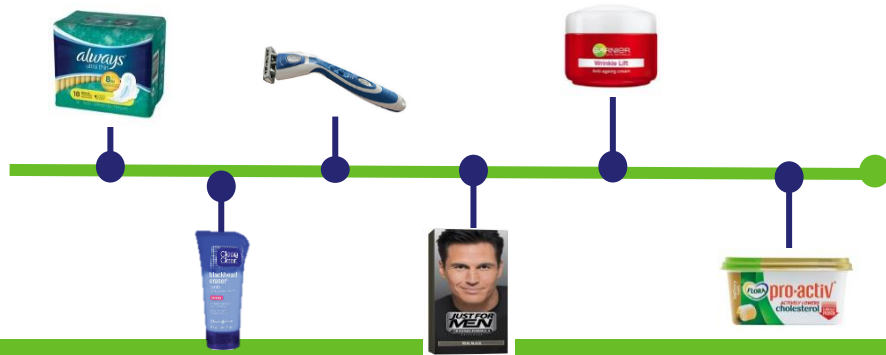
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There are two factors that influence our purchasing!

Lifestage



'I change what I consume over time'



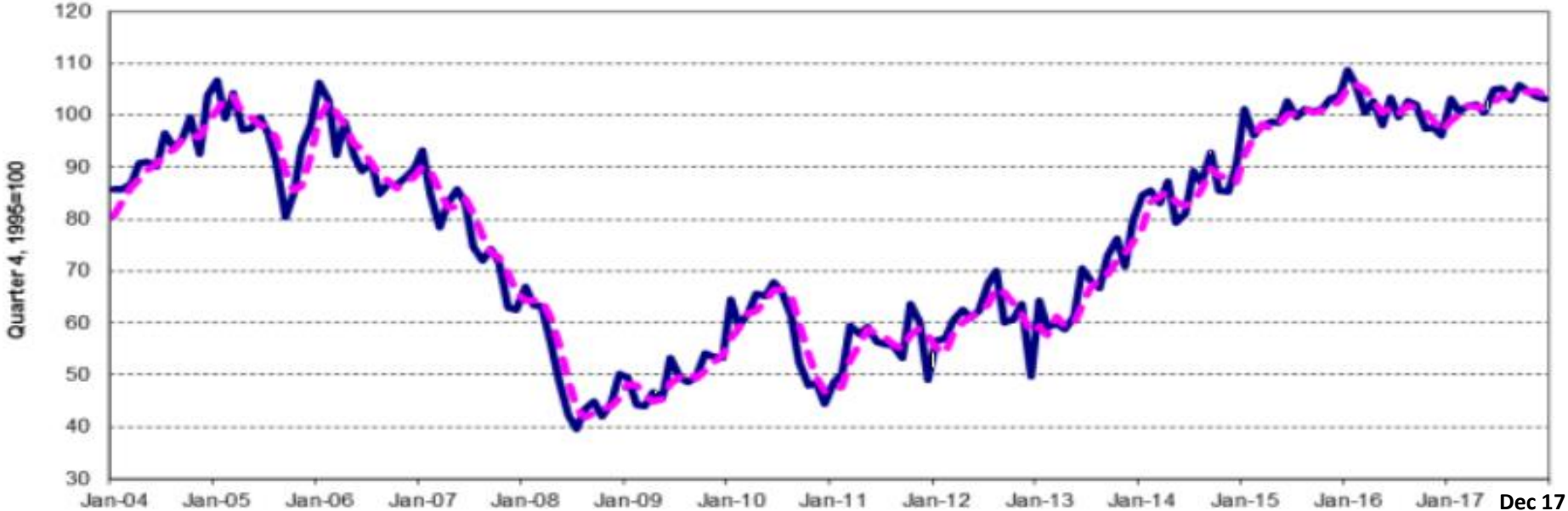
Cohort



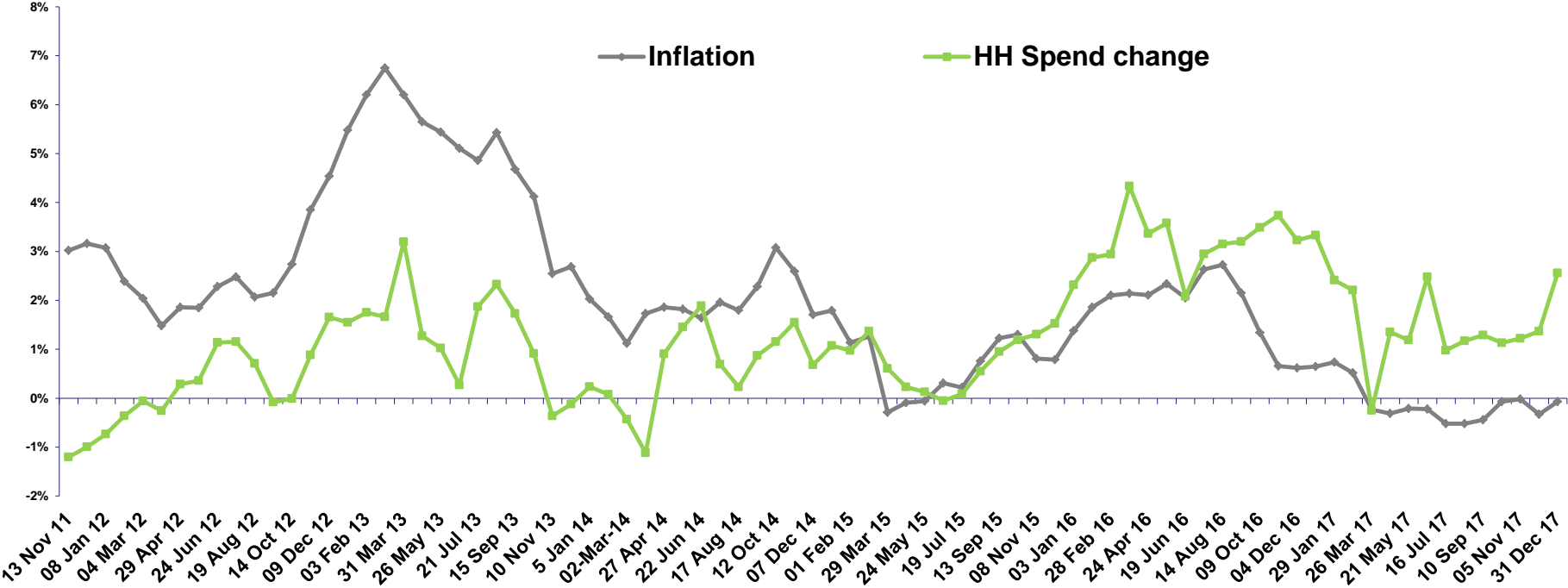
'I carry this behaviour with me' Combination of Heritage & Learned Behaviour



Consumer sentiment is back at pre-recession levels



Growth is coming through volume purchasing not inflation

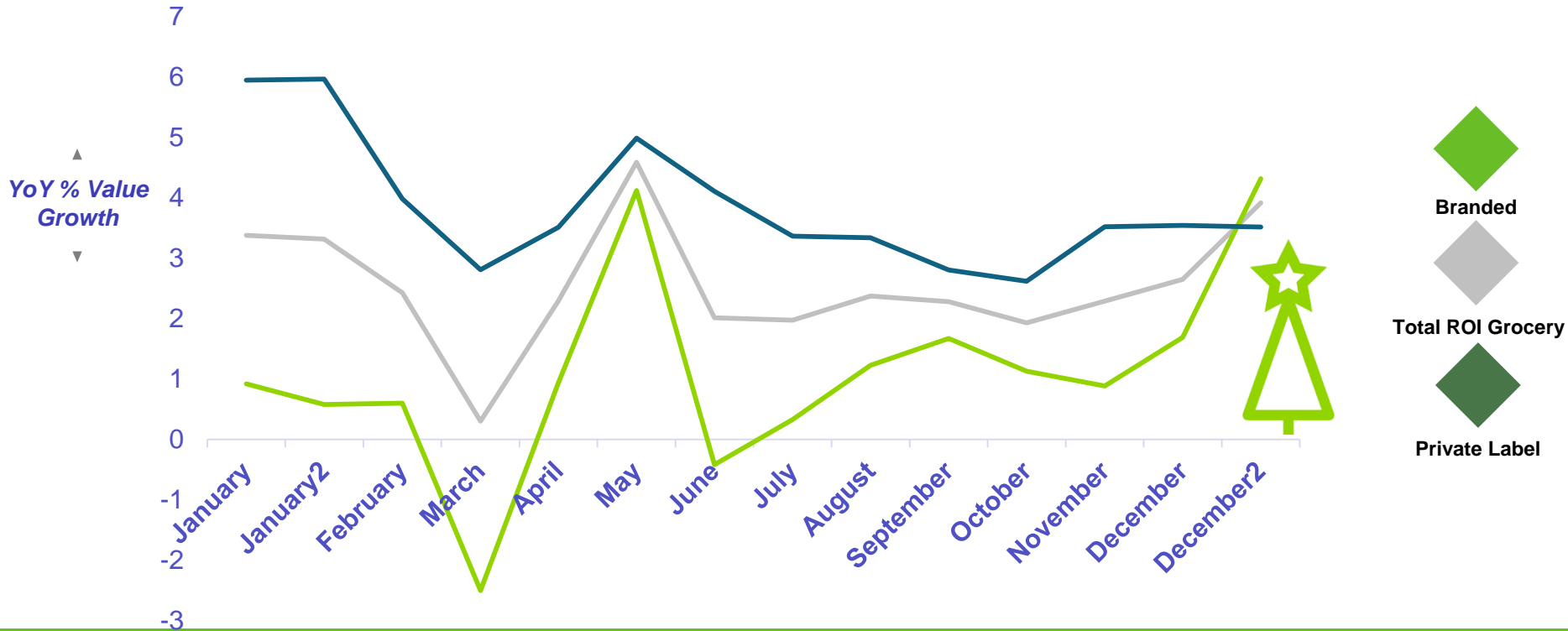


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Source: Kantar Worldpanel Ireland (ROI)
Grocery inflation across 38,000 items

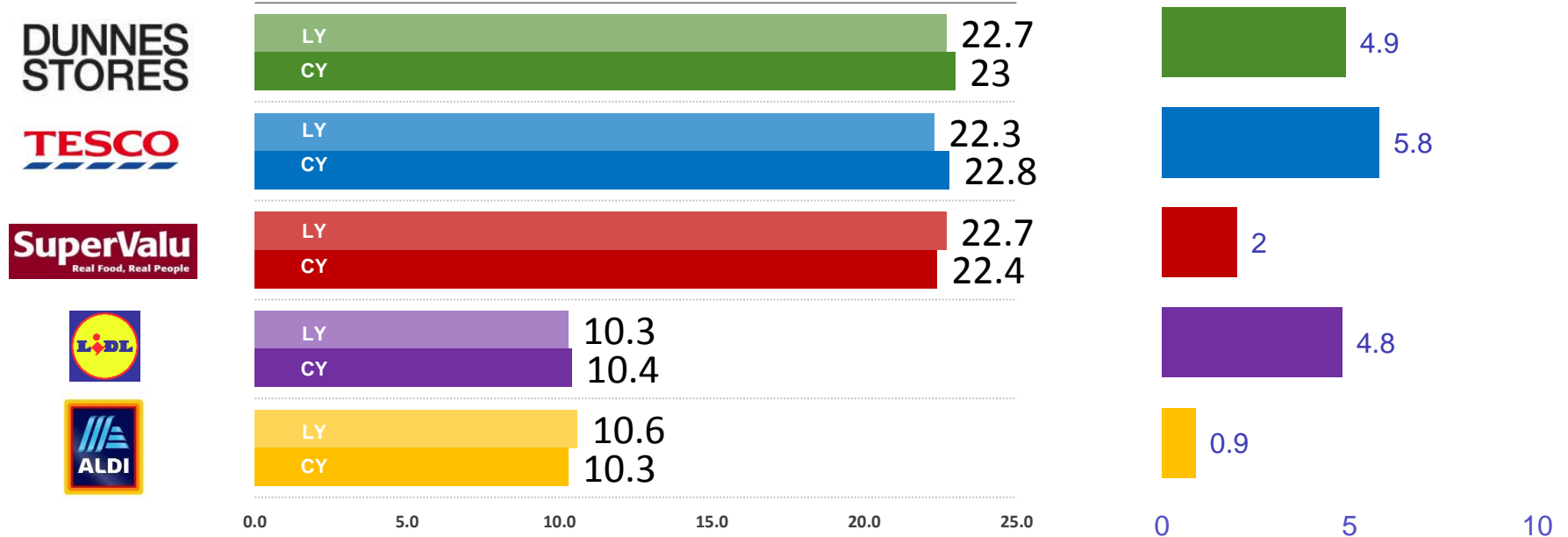


Brands growing ahead of PL for the first time in 2017



Dunnes in top spot with all retailers in sales growth

12w Total Grocery – Retailer Shares and YoY contribution

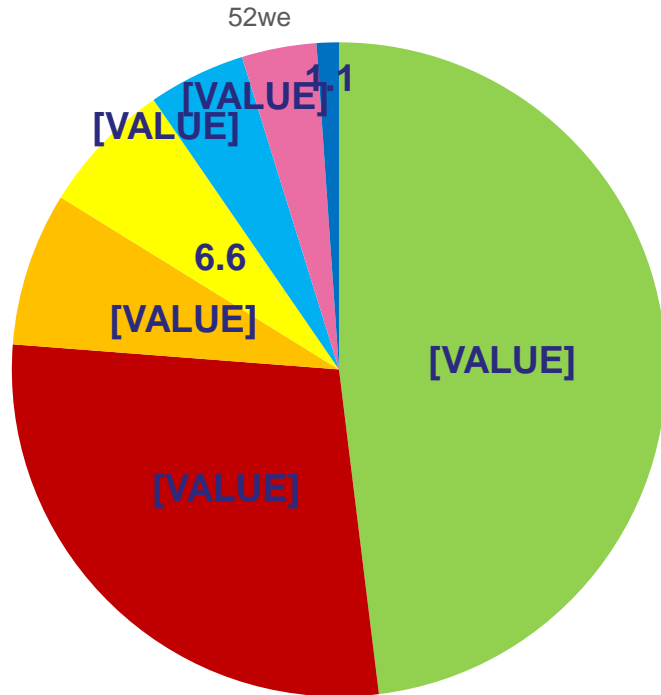


Source: Kantar Worldpanel 12 w/e to 31st December 2017

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Fresh & Chilled accounts for 48% of grocery sales, ambient is the second biggest category at 28%




Fresh & Chilled	+€130m
Ambient Grocery	+€88m
Alcohol	+€5.8m
Household	+€8.4m
Frozen	+€29m
Toiletries	+€208k
Healthcare	-€2.2m

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Irish consumers are treating themselves more in 2017 as indulgent categories are driving growth



KWP Total Grocery Data 52 weeks to Dec31st 2017 – growth +4% within Top Markets

A vibrant assortment of fresh fruits and vegetables. The collection includes several bright orange carrots, a bunch of green grapes, a cluster of white mushrooms, a pile of red cherry tomatoes, several yellow pears, a few red and yellow apples, several bright orange oranges, two large red bell peppers, a head of green broccoli, a whole ear of yellow corn, and a slice of cantaloupe melon. The produce is arranged in a dense, overlapping manner, creating a colorful and healthy display.

Total Fresh Produce

Veg is in decline of -2.1%, and Fruit is in growth of 4.8%

52 week Total Grocery

Vegetables

€788m -2.1%



Fruit

€732m +4.8%



Fresh Beef

€507m +5.6%



Wine

€440m +1.3%



Milk

€33.0m +3%



CSD's

€164m +5.4%



Fresh Poultry & Game

€329m +5.5%



Bread

€329m +3.5%



Confectionery

€350m -6.6%



Biscuits

€292m

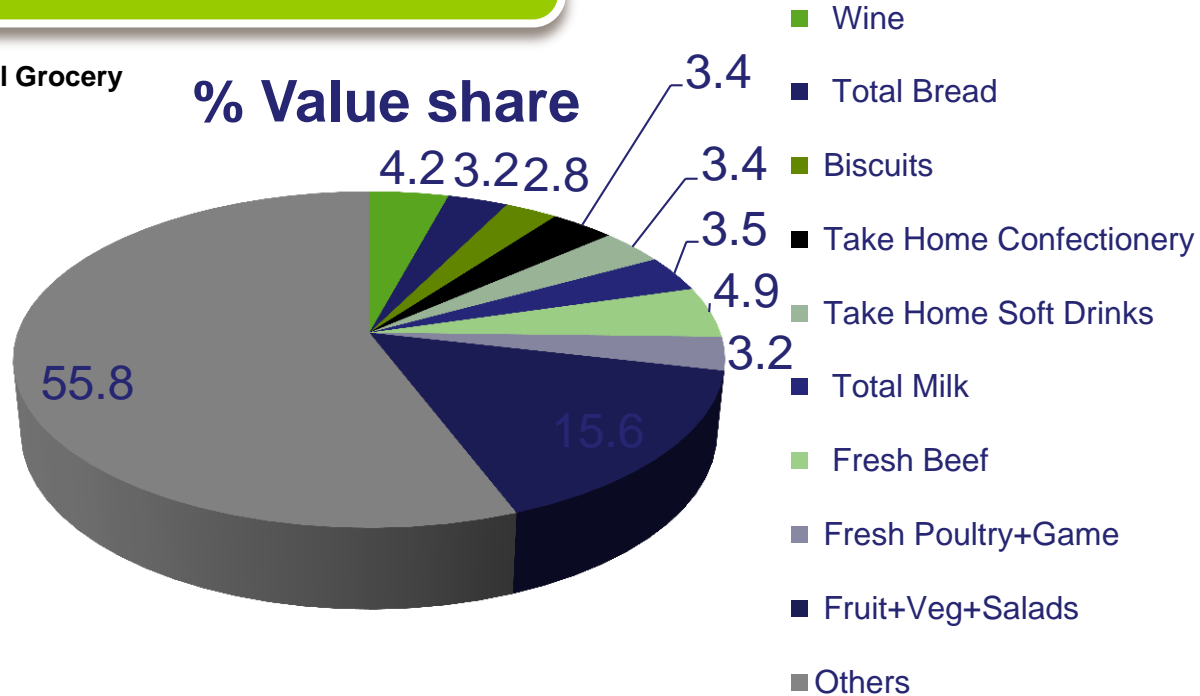


+1.2

Combined, Fruit & Vegetables account for 15.6% of total grocery spend in Ireland.

52 week Total Grocery

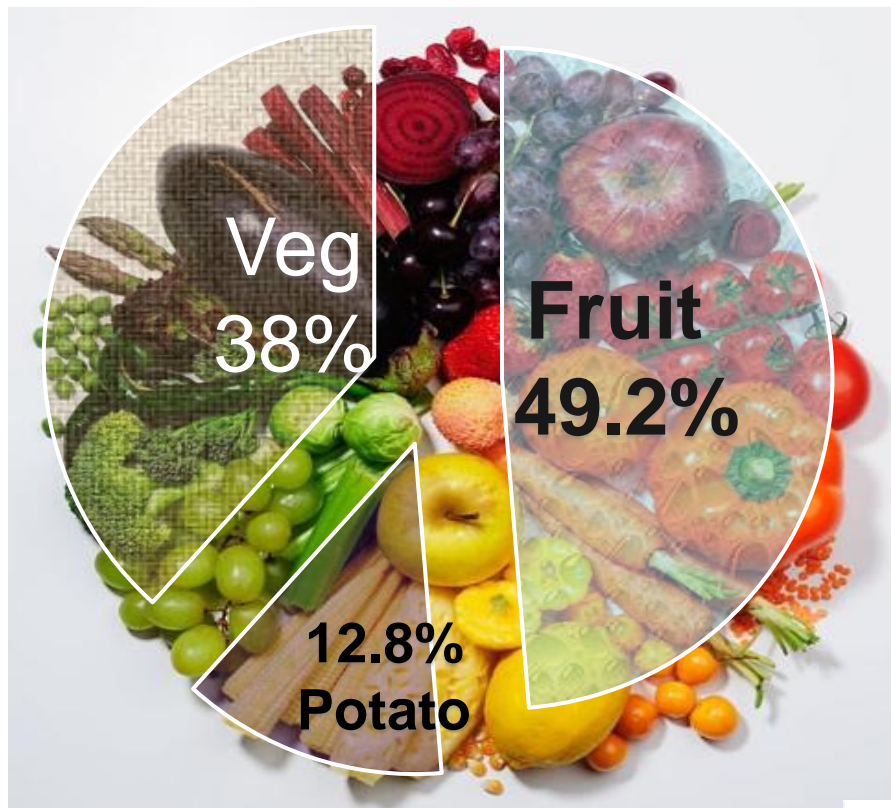
% Value share



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€ 1.5Bn

Spend and YoY Change



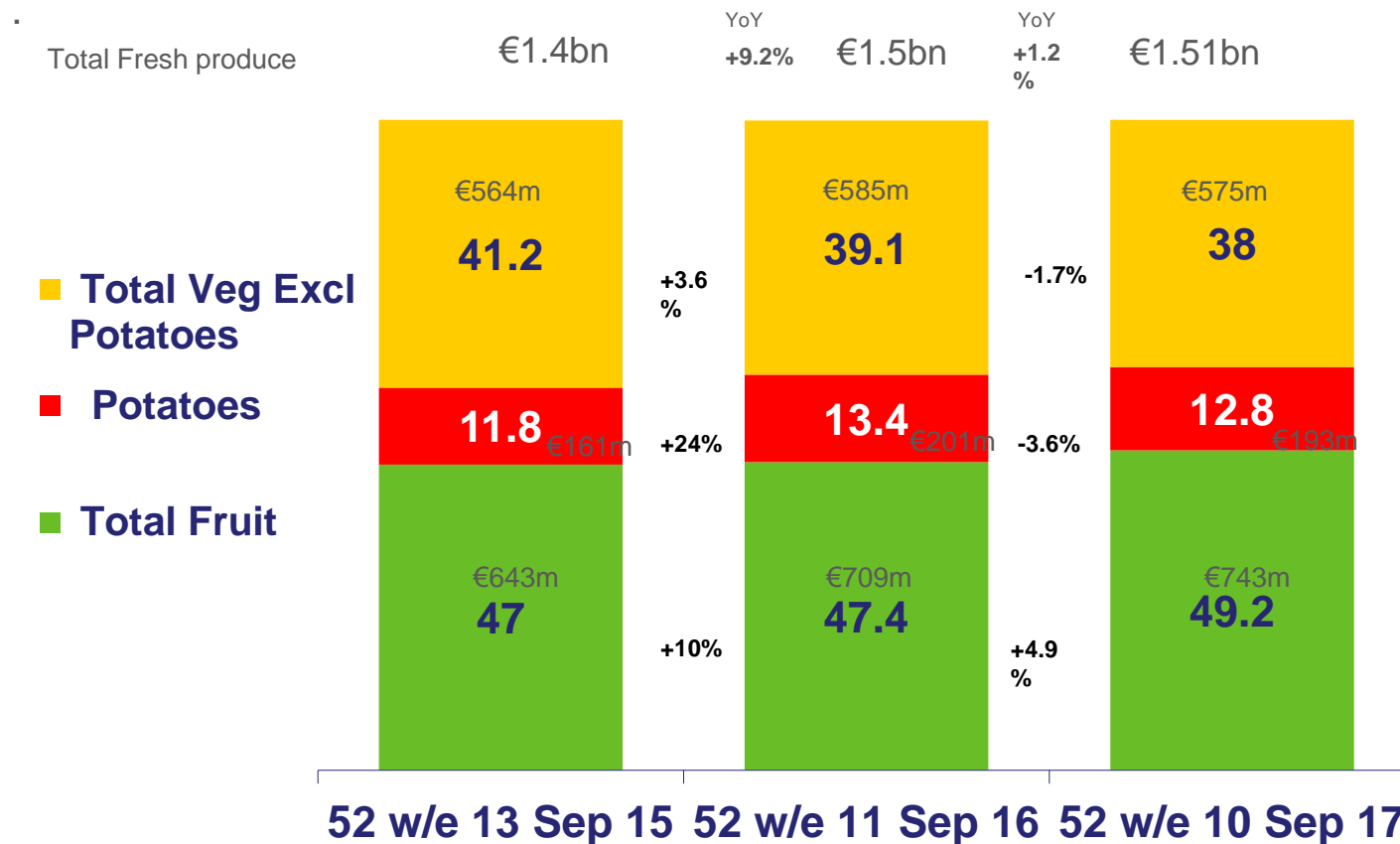
Total Fruit:
€35m (+4.9%)

Total Veg:
(Excl Potato)
€10m (-1.7%)

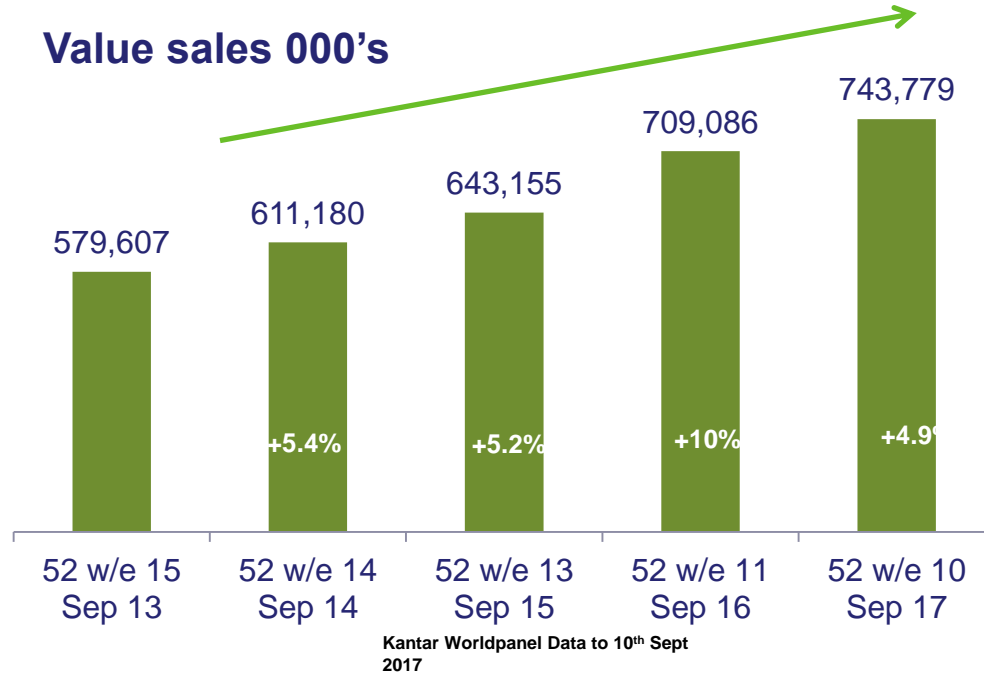
Total Potato:
€7.3m (-3.6%)

Total Fresh Produce sector split – Value

Fruit is the only sector to continue seeing growth this period.

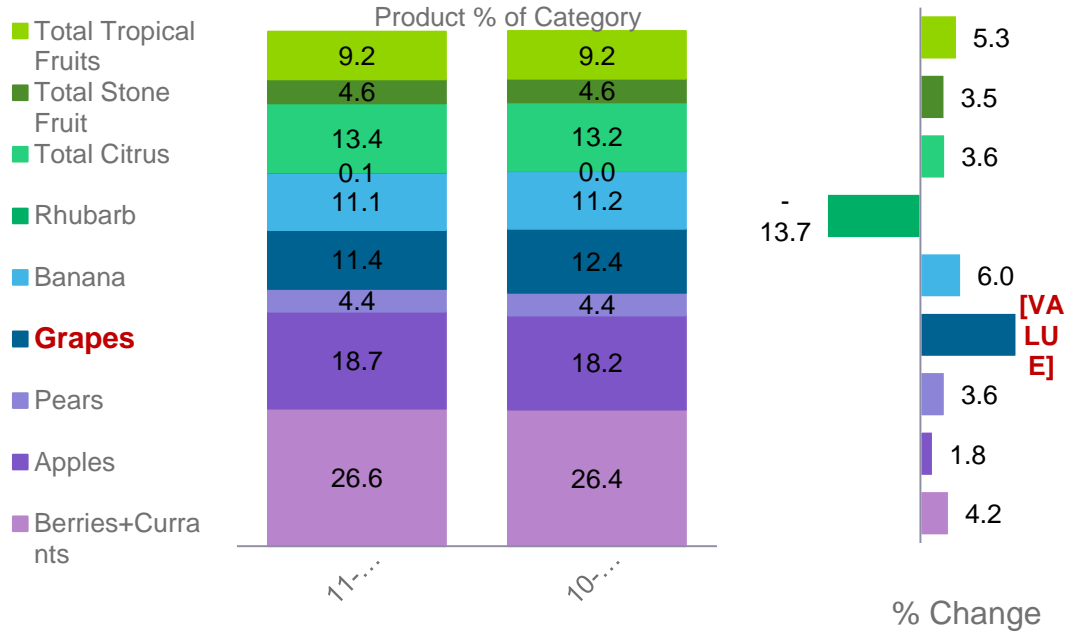


Fruit – Yearly growth consistently strong over past number of years



Fruit Sub-segments – Value Share

Spend (€000) | Total Market | 52 w/e

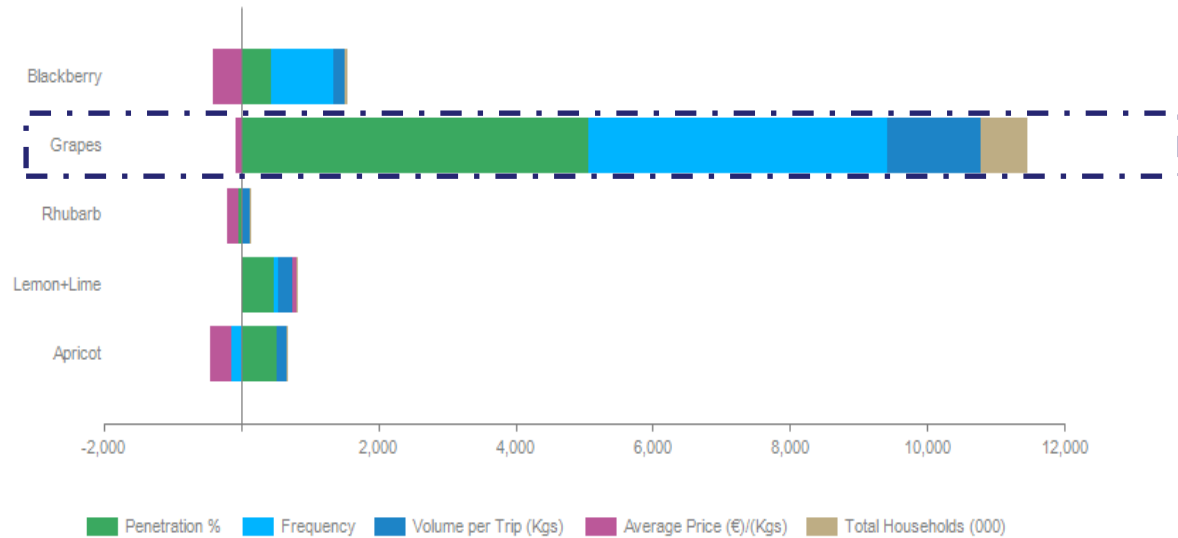


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What's driving the key winners? Penetration, volume and frequency

10-Sep-17 vs. Previous Year

Total Market | 52 w/e | Previous Year



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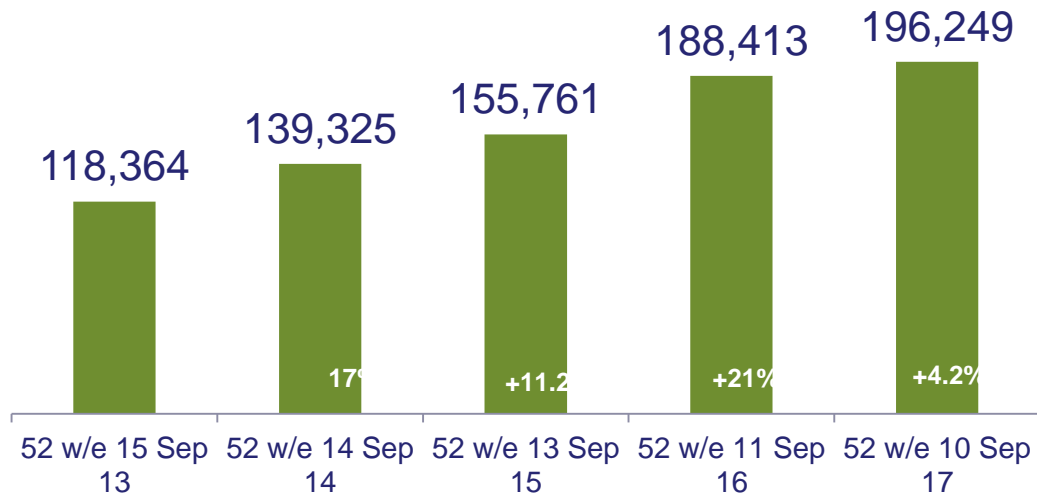
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Berries



Berries - Strong yearly growth over a number of years

Value sales 000's



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key measures data table

IE - Fruit

Actual | Total Outlets | 52 w/e

		Berries+Currants	Strawberry	Blueberry	Raspberry	Blackberry	Other Berries
27-Mar-16	Spend (€000)	172,983	80,110	48,545	30,890	4,709	8,730
	Volume (000 Kgs)	14,048	8,501	3,045	1,621	271	610
26-Mar-17	Spend (€000)	193,641	90,830	52,843	34,889	5,943	9,136
	Volume (000 Kgs)	15,694	9,650	3,252	1,811	349	632
25-Mar-18	Spend (€000)	207,576	95,714	59,380	36,171	6,636	9,676
	Volume (000 Kgs)	17,757	10,441	4,133	2,014	440	730

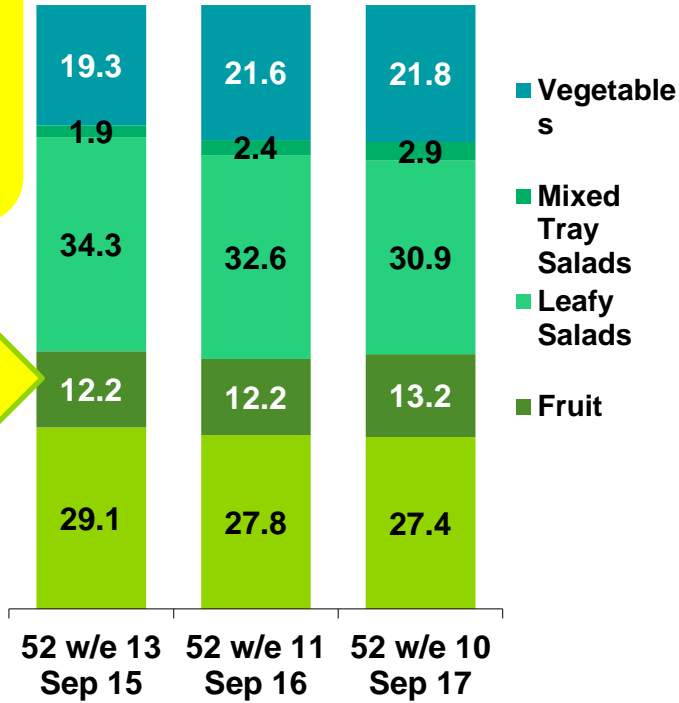
Kantar Worldpanel: Most recent data on Berries & Currants market

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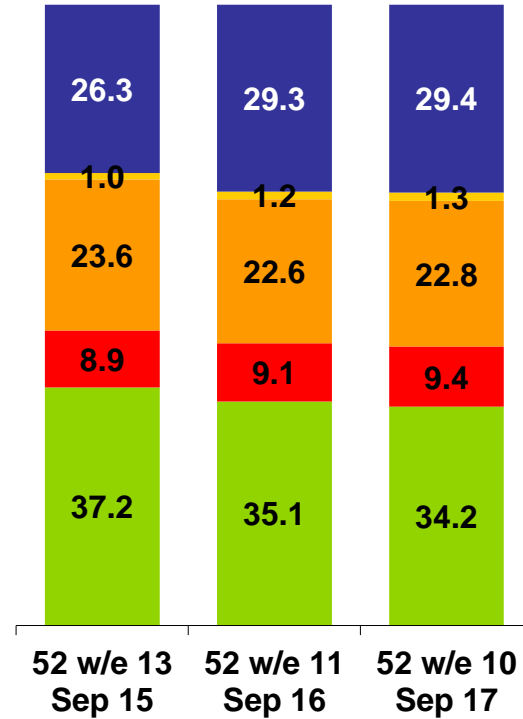
TOTAL PREPARED FRUIT & VEG – SECTOR SHARE

Leafy salads lose value share, but remain number one, similarly Chilled salads lose volume share but maintain the volume leaders.

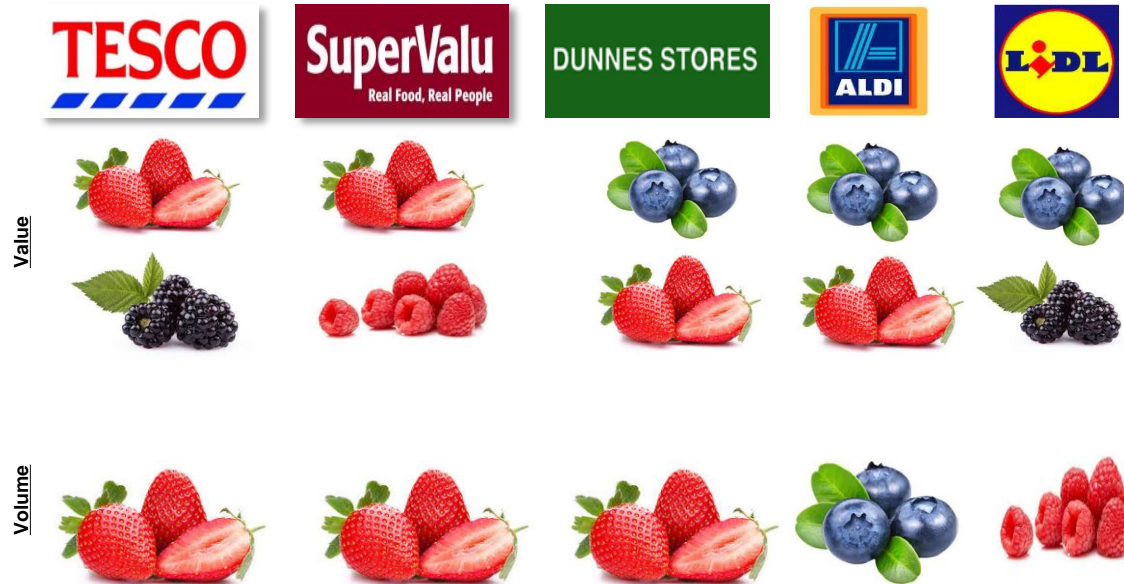
Value



Volume



The top 3 retailers perform well in strawberries. Lidl over indexes in Raspberries when we look at Volume

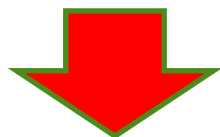




'The' Industry Opportunity – Increase Consumption Levels Given the Positive 'Health & Wellbeing' Trends

An effective doubling of consumption

3.5 portions



5-a-day



7-a-day



Overview of fresh produce consumption behaviour – Past 3 days

Base: All respondents

	EAT AT ALL AT...			
	BREAKFAST	SNACKING	LUNCH	DINNER
Fresh...	%	%	%	%
Fruit	45	68	39	23
Vegetables	7	12	47	78
Potatoes	3	2	19	65
Salad	3	7	47	27





OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH IN THE IRISH FRESH PRODUCE CATEGORY

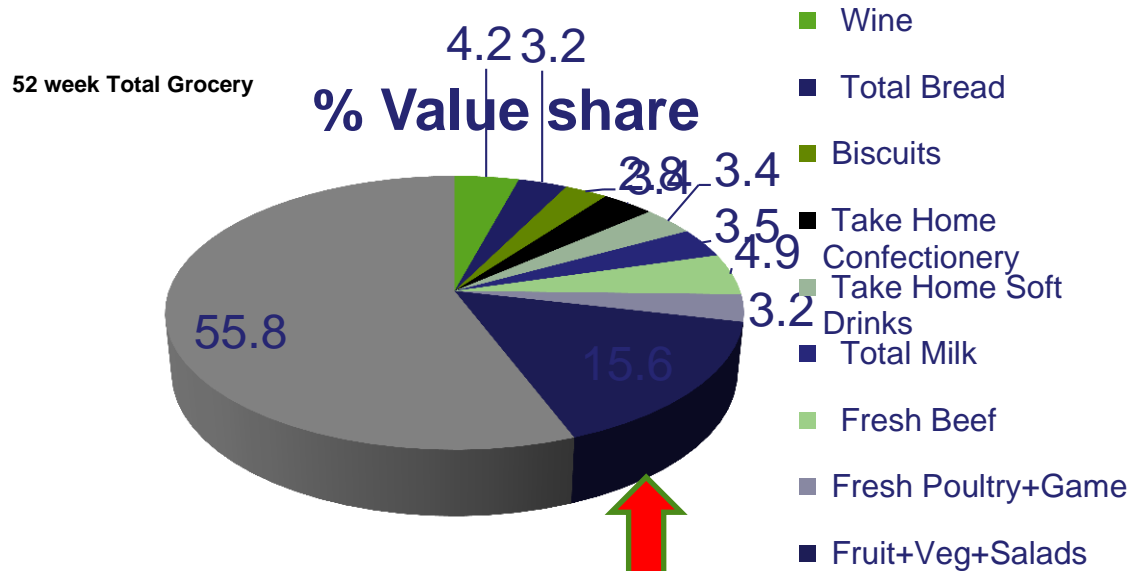
1. Health and Wellness in relation to Nutrition /Diet ~ functionality of food re; body image
2. Meal Occasions – across the day breakfast, ‘snacking culture’, lunch, dinner, supper/evening
3. Convenience
4. Value Added & ‘Ready-to-Eat’ concepts
5. Taste
6. Caring Demographics “Social Conscience”: Safe Food, Clean Environment & Sustainable production. Millennials/Centennials seek truth around authenticity around origin, naturalness and traceability in the fresh produce supply chain
7. Direct selling locally produced/fresh harvested [+/- Organic status]
8. Marketing Irish Provenance [Irish brands & labels, packaging formats, product USP, colour]
9. Foodservice – strong growth rates
10. (Generic) Promotion of Health Benefits and Usage (recipes) – EU funded campaigns



1. Health & Wellness Trend: Increased Consumer Interest in Eating Healthier



1. Combined, Fruit & Vegetables account for 15.6% of total grocery spend in Ireland. There exists a positive public view of fruit & vegetables in the diet with predicted strong growth rates for the category



Fresh produce 'slice of the pie' will only increase in the future

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2. Broaden the Usage of Fruit ' n' Veg across all Meal Occasions

Overview of fresh produce consumption behaviour – Past 3 days

Base: All respondents

Huge gaps in fresh produce consumption across all meal occasions.....
Points to habitual consumption and knowledge gaps

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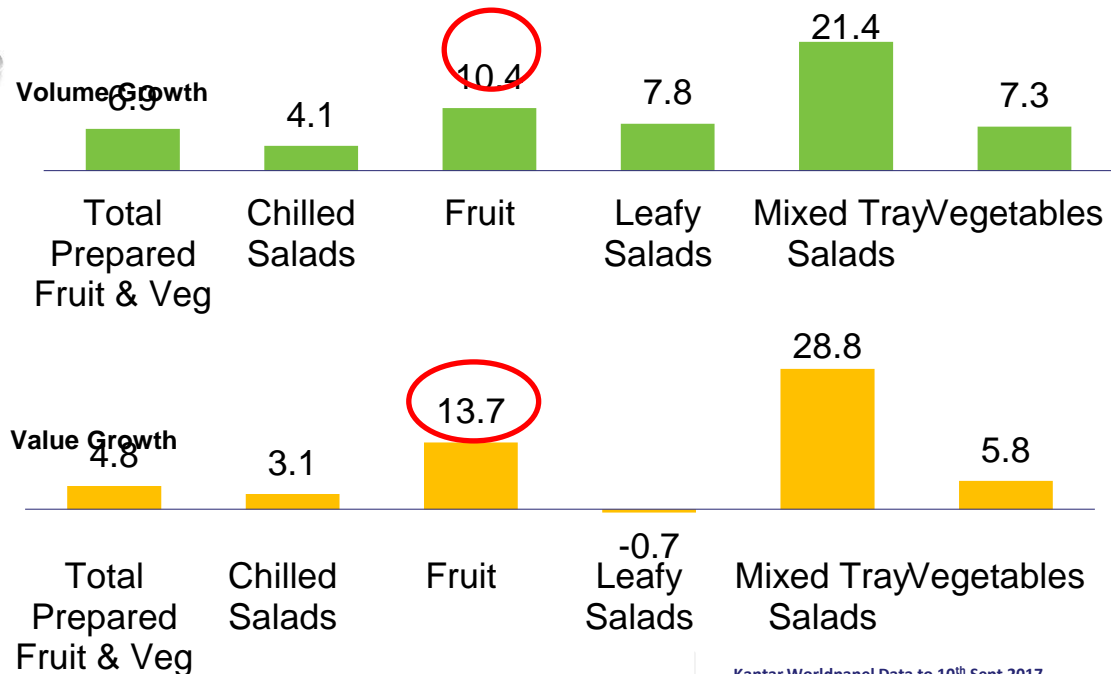
Snack

Example: Usage of Fruit ' n' Veg Across as for Healthy Snacking...

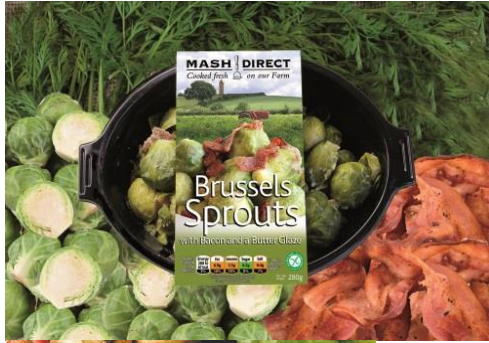


3. CONVENIENCE: PREPARED FRUIT & VEG SALADS – IS IN STRONG SECTOR GROWTH (+7% volume yoy)

- Mixed tray Salads are seeing the strongest growth in both Value and Volume terms



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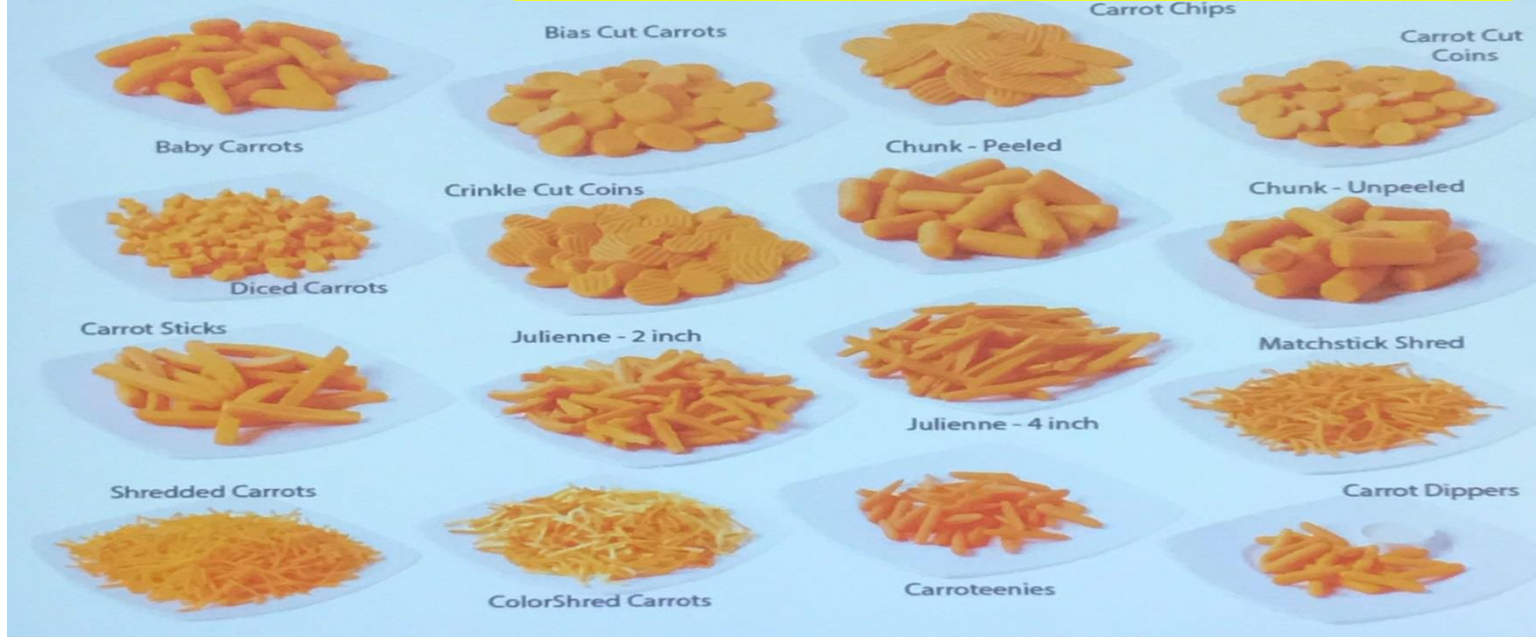
Cooked fresh on our Farm





Carrot Cuts

4. Value Added 'Ready to Eat' veg – e.g. carrots in the USA





5. Taste & Combinations of Flavours – identify what's uniquely Irish and promote it as such

Example: Success of the Rooster potato – consumers buying a 'bag of Roosters' (Irish grown) not potatoes





6. Millennials/Centennials (Generation Z) seek truth around origin, naturalness re; the fresh produce supply chain

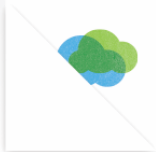




7. Direct selling locally produced/freshly harvested: In retail & foodservice facilitated by on-line channels/technology & 'Destination' Shopping



8. Marketing Irish Provenance – tell your own story!





9. Global Foodservice Growing at 5.6% p.a.

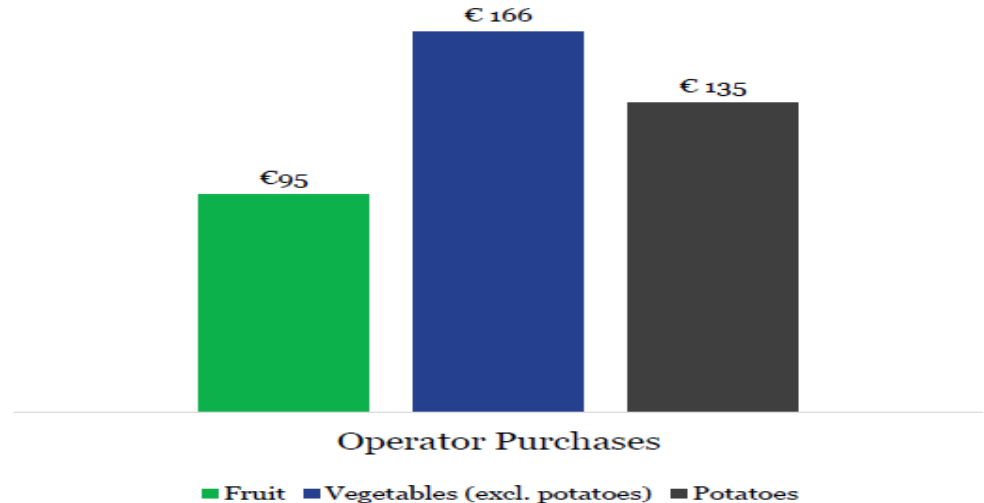


2017 Value & Purchase

Operators are estimated to spend €396 million on fruit and vegetables

Total produce purchases in the island of Ireland amount to €396 million, with fruit accounting for 24% of purchases, vegetables (excluding potatoes) accounting for 42% and potatoes 34% of operator purchases.

2017 Produce in Foodservice
€396 Million





Healthy, Seasonal & Local (Irish) – a USP in foodservice



10. Generic Promotion

Eat 7 a Day
and live well

Food
Dudes





EU Supported Produce Campaigns



Mushrooms. So many B vitamins, they could make a tomato blush.

Mushrooms aren't just tasty, you know. They're also really good for you. They're a natural source of minerals and vitamins B2, B3 and B5, which help you build a stronger immune system. And as they're low in fat, low in calories and just 80g counts as a quick way to one of your five-a-day, they're the ideal filler-upper.

Over 250 tasty recipe ideas at moretomushrooms.com



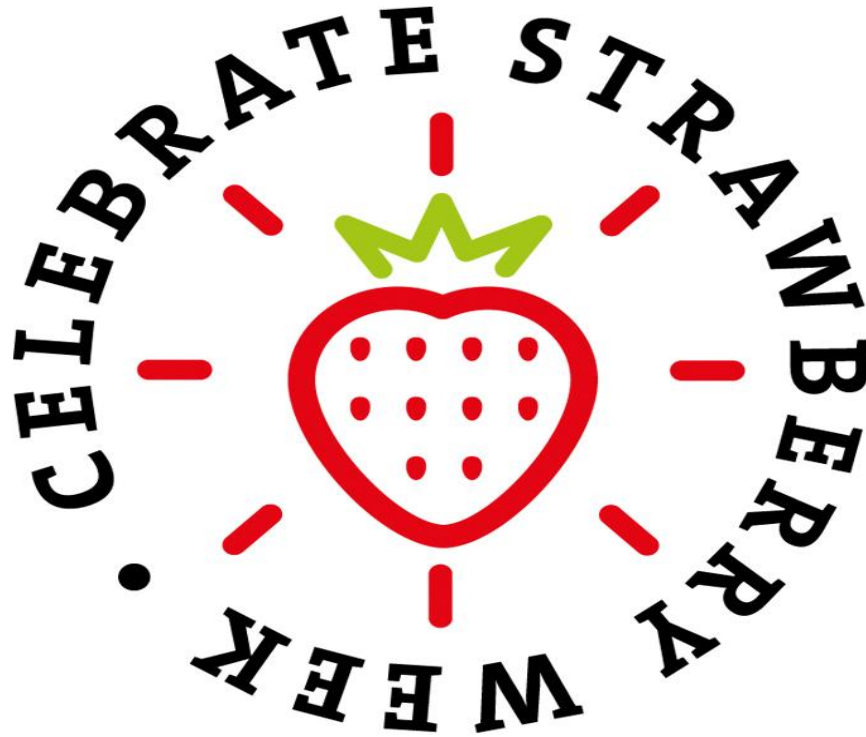
Campaign financed with aid from the European Union.



Quality & Sustainability



SECTOR ACTIVITIES: 'National Strawberry Week' evolves to 'Celebrate Strawberry Week'



New logo & sticker



Strawberries For Health

Video & Social Media
Development / Posting

80g of strawberries
(1 OF YOUR 7 A DAY)

contain 77% of your daily Vitamin C requirement.

THAT'S MORE THAN AN ORANGE! 🍊





Visitor satisfaction 91%

Exhibitor satisfaction 96%

Visitors 115,000

Gardening activity inspired €34m

17% of attendees new visitors

On site sales €6m

Public Awareness 60%

Bloom Strawberry Garden – the show was visited by 115,000 people



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Eat 7-a-day Promotion in the Food Village at Bloom

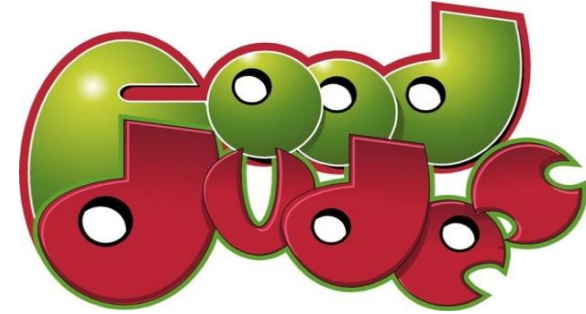


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Food Dudes programme

- ✓ Aim to increase sustained fruit & veg consumption
- ✓ Target primary school children
- ✓ Provision of F&V portions with support measures (rewards/role models)
- ✓ Over 826 Schools and 125,000 school children participating in the current school year
- ✓ Complete in June 2018
- ✓ New Programme model will follow
- ✓ Supported by DAFM & EU Funding



Incredible Edibles: 1300 Schools & 65,000 Pupils



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