



Staple Foods in Costa Rica

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Impact of declining tourism and contraband

Health and wellness driving demand for better-for-you products

Influence of social media and convenience

WHAT'S NEXT?

Increased interest in healthy and functional foods

Global flavours to gain traction

Rising influence of social media

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Consumers appreciate the freshness of artisanal products

Cía Numar SA benefits from its widely recognised and trusted brands

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Packaged options compete with fresh/unpackaged varieties

Packaged leavened bread's growth supported by consumer demand for convenience

WHAT'S NEXT?

Low-priced, private label products will continue to attract consumers

Higher-income consumers will look for cleaner alternatives in packaged baked goods

Packaged options for more artisanal burger and hotdog buns could gain popularity

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Bimbo de Costa Rica SA leads, catering to diverse consumer preferences

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Muesli and granola are capturing consumer attention

WHAT'S NEXT?

Expansion of convenient and creative packaging options could drive growth

Simpler ingredients expected in the better-for-you space

Functional ingredients could attract consumers

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Alimentos Jacks de Centro América celebrates its 61st anniversary

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Shelf stable beans popular in meals and as a snack

WHAT'S NEXT?

Private label to increase its offering
Growth of organic, preservative-free options
Processed fruit and vegetables could offer varieties that are not available in the country fresh

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INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

Rice, pasta and noodles benefits from consumers seeking affordable options

Noodles offer convenience and diversity

WHAT'S NEXT?

More product variety expected to continue to attract consumers

Expansion of organic and clean-label offerings

More affordable specialty products would attract consumers

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Leading Grupo Pelón distributes a wide variety of well-known brands
VIGUI continues to innovate and diversify its product line

CHANNELS

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