

# Rice, Pasta and Noodles in Costa Rica

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#### 2025 DEVELOPMENTS

Affordable and filling pasta, rice, and noodles are essential items amid ongoing financial pressure

#### 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**

Small local grocers lead, benefiting from a widespread presence in the country

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

With budgets stretched, consumers remain highly price conscious

# KEY DATA FINDINGS

#### INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

Consumer Price Index (IPC) shows a decline in prices for several categories 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

#### **CHANNELS**

Supermarkets lead, offering a wide product range, lower prices and convenience Convenient e-commerce's penetration continues to grow Low prices attract

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