

Cooking Ingredients and Meals in Ethiopia

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Inflation causes surge in current value sales but hinders volume growth

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Growing demand for mayonnaise and ketchup
Honey remains dominant in sweet spreads

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Urbanisation and population expansion will underpin growth

Fewer local consumers will prepare their own condiments at home

Small grocery retailers will continue to dominate distribution

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An expanding population and urbanisation will underpin growth

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