

# Staple Foods in Colombia

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Positive sales in both value and volume, supported by home cooking trends

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Growing focus on quality, despite ongoing price sensitivity

Evolving lifestyles and global cultural influences reshape consumer preferences

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Ongoing health and wellness trends focus on nutritional options — even at higher prices

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#### WHAT'S NEXT?

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"Fresh from the oven" options will rise in convenience stores

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Improving economic conditions will lead to increased demand

Manufacturers respond to demand for healthier options

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Retail and foodservice will see positive growth over the forecast period

Convenience stores and on-the-go products will continue to expand

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## COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Zenú continues to benefit from its broad portfolio and ongoing innovations

Nutrimenti de Colombia benefits from expanded distribution of its popular Bary brand

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## INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

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Instant noodle cups sees significant growth, thanks to offering convenience to busy consumers

# WHAT'S NEXT?

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Emerging opportunities for ready-to-eat rice and pasta

Colombian biofortified zinc: a promising solution to zinc deficiency

## COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Diana Corporación benefits from its strength in rice and widespread distribution Option benefits from its all-format offering across noodles

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