

Staple Foods in Ireland

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WHAT'S NEXT?

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WHAT'S NEXT?

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WHAT'S NEXT?

Growth is set to be driven by convenience, protein and plant-based options

Health and wellness will drive innovation in processed meat, seafood and alternatives to meat

Sustainability and provenance is expected to influence consumer choice over the forecast period

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Pilgrim's Europe maintains its leadership through portfolio breadth and promotional activity in 2025

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INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

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WHAT'S NEXT?

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COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

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