



Staple Foods in Kuwait

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Rising costs and changing consumer habits impact staple foods

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Rising health awareness boosts demand for “better for you” staples

Evolving retail dynamics play key role in widening access to staple foods

WHAT'S NEXT?

Population growth and moderating inflation will support demand

Health and wellness will drive product innovation

Plant-based options will gain traction

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Americana Group leads staple foods sales

Livestock Transport & Trading Co and Almarai gain traction

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