

Staple Foods in Western Europe

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Germany now the region's biggest meat and seafood substitutes market

Baked goods dominate the new retail value sales added over 2019-2024

Inflation still having an effect on volume sales in Italian staple foods in 2024

In spite of the HFSS regulations, convenience remains important for UK consumers

Modern grocery retailers dominate sales of staple foods in Western Europe

Food/drink/tobacco specialists remain a key channel in baked goods sales

LEADING COMPANIES AND BRANDS

Artisanal products contribute to fragmented competitive landscapes

McCain acquires plant-based frozen food brand Strong Roots

Germany and the UK account for almost half of regional private label sales between them

Barilla Holding brands move up the rankings over 2019-2024

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