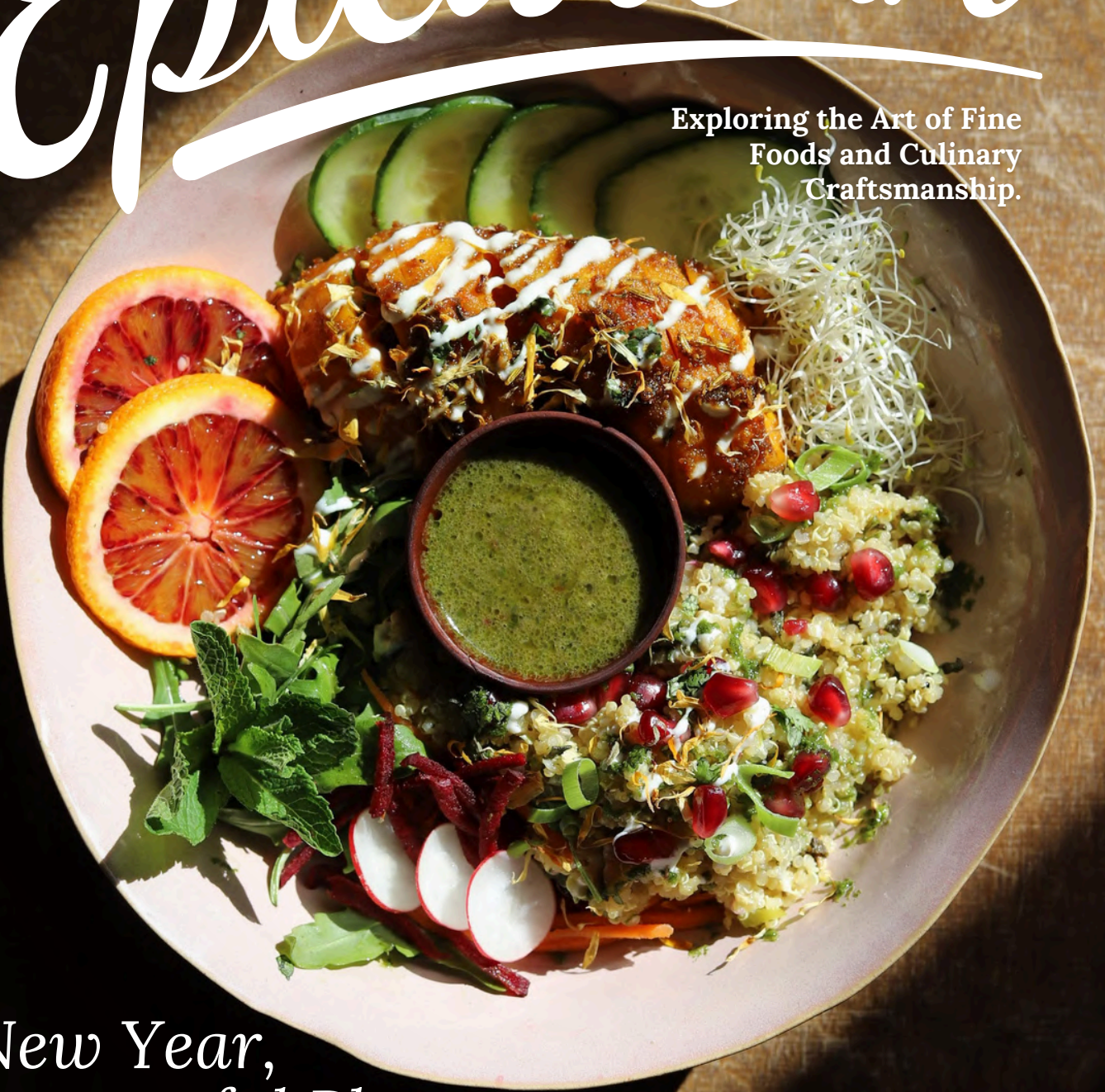


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## New Year, Purposeful Plates

January is a moment to reset and refine—leaning into ingredients that deliver clarity of flavor, versatility, and elevated simplicity.

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## New Years, New Goals

The start of a new year brings a renewed sense of focus in kitchens and on menus. January is a time to reset, refine, and cook with purpose. Chefs and operators lean into ingredients that deliver clarity of flavor, versatility, and elevated simplicity. Comfort is still essential in the heart of winter, but it's redefined through cleaner execution, thoughtful sourcing, and ingredients that do more with less. This new year is about building momentum through quality, balance, and intention setting the tone for the year ahead one plate at a time!

A new year is a great time to introduce bold flavors that instantly energize menus without adding complexity. **Chingona's Salsa Macha** brings just that spark. This chili crunch sauce, made with dried chiles, garlic, nuts, and seeds, delivers a deep, savory heat with incredible texture. It pairs effortlessly with tacos, tostadas, burritos, grilled meats, eggs, vegetables, and more, making it a versatile go-to for kitchens looking to refresh familiar dishes.

A new year calls for cheeses that feel comforting yet refined. **Cypress Grove Humboldt Fog** and **Marin French Triple Crème Brie** strike that balance perfectly. Their creamy textures and approachable flavors pair effortlessly with winter menus, from simple cheese boards to plated appetizers. These are cheeses that elevate without overwhelming, making them ideal for kitchens focused on thoughtful execution and clean flavor.

As menus reset for the new year, desserts that deliver strong flavor with minimal effort become essential. The **Traiteur de Paris Lava Cake** offers rich chocolate intensity with a smooth, molten center that creates a memorable finish every time. Made with 60 percent cocoa, it brings a deep, satisfying chocolate flavor while remaining easy to execute across a variety of settings. This is a dessert that balances indulgence and efficiency, helping kitchens start the year strong with confidence and consistency.

Finishing touches matter, especially when goals revolve around doing more with less. Our **Sabatino Truffle Zest** adds depth, texture, and visual appeal with minimal effort. Whether used to enhance a dish or complete a grazing board, this item brings intention and polish to winter menus, reinforcing a New Year approach centered on balance, flavor, and smart simplicity.

The pages ahead feature handpicked items meant to spark ideas and support menus that feel intentional and balanced. Whether you're refreshing staples or adding a few standout touches, these selections are here to help set the tone for a successful year.

See **Page 11** for additional products.





# Dairy Excellence from California

Sierra Nevada Cheese Company was founded by Ben Gregersen and John Dundon, two friends who discovered a shared passion for crafting the very best in dairy and cheese while working for Ben's father. What began at farmers markets and natural food stores has grown into a brand celebrated for its commitment to quality, sustainability, and tradition.

From Grass-Fed, Organic, Raw Milk and Certified Kosher Cheeses to Goat Yogurt, Cream Cheese, and Cultured Butter, every product SNCC creates reflects dedication to using time-honored techniques and sourcing milk from sustainable family farms. They don't take shortcuts or imitate—Sierra Nevada Cheese Company gives every product the time it needs to deliver the exceptional flavor and quality you deserve.

Gina Marie Farmer Cheese is a fresh, tangy cold-pack cheese, cultured with billions of live probiotics and naturally lactose-free. Having about half the fat of the Gina Marie Cream Cheese, with added kefir cultures. This nutritious alternative to cream cheese is soft, spreadable, and perfect as a base for both sweet and savory recipes. With timeless quality, it offers endless possibilities in the kitchen.

Sierra Nevada Cheese's butter is made from cream that is vat-cultured overnight before churning, giving it a rich, tangy flavor. With lowered moisture and increase of the butterfat to 82% — meeting European standards — it has a higher smoking point, making it ideal for searing, baking, and creating flaky pastries. It is available in 8oz foil wraps and 1lb chubs, offering versatility for any kitchen.

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CHEESE COMPANY





For over 60 years, Gina Marie Cream Cheese has been a bagel enthusiast's favorite, cherished for its pure, simple ingredients: milk, cream, and sea salt. Free from gums and fillers, it's known for its irresistibly creamy texture and tangy, authentic flavor. It is perfect for spreading on bagels or enhancing favorite recipes—while staying fresh longer. The traditional 16-hour culturing process naturally removes the lactose, making it easier to digest while preserving its rich, creamy flavor. The cheese is then drained in a muslin bag for 3 days using an old-fashioned method creating ultra-smooth, flavorful cream cheese.



- A. 7134163 ORGANIC UNSALTED BUTTER 12/8oz  
 B. 7134371 ORGANIC SALTED BUTTER 12/8oz  
 C. 7416347 GINA MARIE CREAM CHEESE 12/8oz

- D. 7134153 GINA MARIE FARMERS CHEESE 10/1lb  
 E. 7033878 EURO UNSALTED BUTTER CULTURED 15/1lb





## A Story of Mountains, Family, and Time

High in the Tuscan-Emilian Apennines, where nature still dictates the rhythm of daily life, the San Nicola ham factory stands as a testament to one man's vision and devotion to his roots. Founded on the lifelong ambition of Luigi Notari to make the "best ham possible," San Nicola is a story shaped by land, tradition, and family.

Born in 1926 in Agna, a small village on the slopes of Monte Caio, Luigi Notari left home at a young age for Milan, where he built his professional success. Yet his connection to his birthplace never faded. In the late 1970s, driven by a deep respect for his land and its people, he returned home with the goal of creating something meaningful for the region that had shaped him. Inspired as much by community as by entrepreneurship, he chose to name the company after San Nicola da Tolentino, the patron saint of Agna, whom he believed guided many of his decisions.

Today, San Nicola is built on four pillars—tradition, territory, quality, and innovation. The 6,500-square-meter production facility sits at 650 meters above sea level near Corniglio, within the Tuscan-Emilian Apennines National Park. Here, sea breezes help maintain naturally balanced temperatures and humidity, making the air itself an essential element in the aging of Prosciutto di Parma. Equipped with advanced, eco-sustainable technology, the factory employs 28 people and produces approximately 130,000 PDO Prosciutto di Parma each year, while maintaining a low environmental impact.



Having established a strong presence across Europe, San Nicola became one of the first producers to enter the U.S. market after obtaining global export certifications in 1988. This international outlook echoed a moment from 1984, when a Corriere della Sera journalist, writing about Luigi Notari's gold medal at the annual Expo, imagined enjoying a Prosciutto di Parma San Nicola sandwich beneath the Statue of Liberty. Today, the company continues to balance modern efficiency with deep respect for craftsmanship and place.

- A. 7236839 PARMA PROSCIUTTO 480 DAY 1/18lbs**  
**B. 0477402 600 DAY PARMA PROSCIUTTO 1/16.5-18lbs**



Beyond Prosciutto di Parma, San Nicola's Guanciale Il Numero Uno reflects the same commitment to excellence. Made from 100% Italian pork, this prized cut from the pig's cheek is valued for its delicate fat and balanced marbling. Enjoy incorporated into risottos, sauces, and rustic dishes or used as the defining ingredient in Carbonara, Amatriciana and Gricia.

- B. 7416349 AGED GUANCIALE ITALIAN 1/3.5lbs**  
**D. 7274045 800 DAY PARMA PROSCIUTTO 1/16lbs**







**INAEXPO**

## Reimagining Pasta and Rice

Intiyan is part of INAEXPO, a subsidiary of PRONACA, a long-established food company with more than six decades of experience and operations spanning over 25 countries. Together, PRONACA and INAEXPO have developed a strong global presence in the cultivation, processing, and export of hearts of palm, building a reputation rooted in scale, expertise, and long-term industry knowledge. This foundation supports a continued focus on quality standards, sustainability practices, and ongoing innovation. Guided by this legacy, Intiyan focuses on transforming hearts of palm into products designed for modern lifestyles. The brand's mission centers on offering options that are healthy, convenient, and enjoyable, aligning a traditional ingredient with the expectations of today's more conscious consumer.

Founded in Ecuador over 40 years ago, their company has grown to become the world's largest producer, exporter, and marketer of Hearts of Palm. With plantations and operations managed according to sustainable and responsible agricultural practices, they export to more than 25 countries across five continents. They maintain full control of the process, from cultivation to packaging, they ensure consistent quality and traceability for every product that leaves their facilities.

As pioneers in the category, our company has been instrumental in transforming Hearts of Palm from a regional specialty ingredient into a globally recognized and sought-after food. Today, we continue to innovate with new formats and presentations, while preserving the natural characteristics that make Hearts of Palm a unique, healthy, and versatile product.

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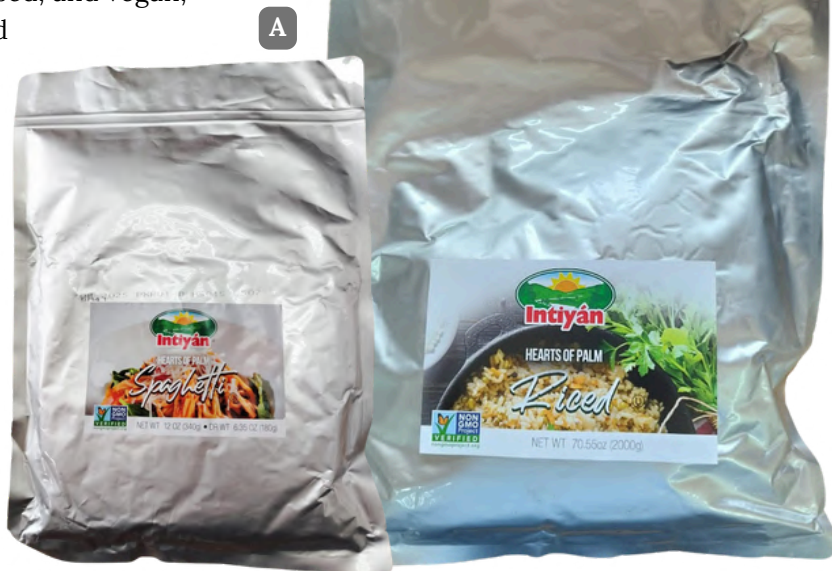


Hearts of Palm Spaghetti and Rice are positioned as modern alternatives that reimagine what pasta and rice can be. Made entirely from hearts of palm, these products are presented as low-carb and keto-friendly, naturally gluten-free, plant-based, and vegan, with no added preservatives. Consistency and quality are key differentiators, noting that control of the process from seed to shelf contributes to a mild flavor and firm texture. Applications range from Pad Thai, ramen, stir-fries, and classic pasta dishes to fried rice, risotto, burrito bowls, sushi bases, and simple sides.

**A. 7419675 Hearts of Palm Spaghetti 6/4.4 lbs**

**B. 7419677 Hearts of Palm Rice 6/4.4 lbs**

\*Both items are available on 1/15



**C. 1413196 Whole Hearts of Palm 12/28oz**

**D. 1587201 Whole Hearts of Palm 12/14oz**



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## A New Take on Chocolate

Founded in Miami, Florida, Rah is a family-owned snack company built on a simple mission: bringing people together through exceptional snacks. From bold, flavorful bites to crave-worthy everyday staples, each product is created to spark connection across cultures and continents. While the company's roots are firmly planted in the United States, its outlook is global, with a focus on crafting snacks that resonate with diverse palates around the world. By staying ahead of flavor innovation, Rah aims to create momentum rather than follow trends, delivering the quality today's discerning consumers expect.

Quality sits at the core of everything Rah produces. Every snack begins with thoughtfully sourced ingredients and a commitment to dependable consistency. As tastes evolve, so does Rah—continually refining production processes and expanding its portfolio to meet changing consumer preferences. From timeless favorites to globally inspired new offerings, the company remains dedicated to snacks that feel fresh, relevant, and grounded in excellence.

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Rah Dubai Chocolates are positioned for versatility across the retail landscape. Defined by bold flavor profiles, refined design, and accessible sizing, the chocolates are well suited for convenience stores, bodegas, and independent supermarket chains, where visual appeal and impulse placement support repeat purchases. This same adaptability extends to larger retail environments, including hotel markets, gift shops, and seasonal merchandising programs.

**A. 7441809 Dubai Chocolate Pistachio Bar 30 /7.05oz**

**B. 7441822 Dubai Chocolate Pistachio Bar 72 /3.53oz**



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# Retail & Foodservice Industry Trends

## *The Latest in Food Trends: Nostalgic Flavors, Protein Packed Snacks, A Classic Sauce*

This month's trends highlight the flavors and formats gaining momentum across menus and social feeds. From shareable tinned fish boards to the growing heat of Calabrian peppers and the rise of visually striking blueberry lattes, these ideas reflect how familiar ingredients are being reimaged in fresh, approachable ways.

**Calabrian Peppers** – The HOT New Trend Grilled and smoked chicken wings continue to be a menu favorite, and recent menu trends show growing interest in sauces that balance heat with sweetness, such as hot honey paired with Calabrian chiles. Native to southern Italy, Calabrian chiles are known for their bright, fruity heat and subtle smokiness, often sold dried, crushed, or preserved as a paste. Their presence on menus and across social media continues to rise as chefs use them to add bold flavor to tomato sauces, pizzas, seafood dishes, grilled meats, and vegetables. When blended into hot honey, vinaigrettes, ricotta, or aioli, Calabrian chili paste delivers a savory, balanced kick that elevates familiar dishes with minimal effort.

**Social Media Date Night?** Tinned fish date night has quickly gained attention thanks to TikTok creator Ali Hooke, who helped popularize the idea through social media. By showcasing sardines, mackerel, and anchovies paired with familiar favorites like cheese, crackers, fruit, and olives, the concept reimagines tinned fish as a shareable, board-style experience similar to charcuterie. The visually appealing and social nature of the format has resonated with consumers, with data showing that nearly a quarter are interested in trying a tinned fish date night themselves.

**Blueberry Lattes** After strawberry matcha lattes captured attention with their layered, eye-catching appearance, iced blueberry lattes are emerging as the next beverage trend gaining traction. With their bright purple blueberry syrup base and visually striking layers, these drinks deliver strong visual appeal while leaning into a widely loved flavor, as blueberries are favored by a large majority of consumers. Variations of the iced blueberry latte continue to surface, including versions inspired by blueberry pancakes with maple syrup and blueberry vanilla lattes made with vanilla extract or paste. Together, these iterations showcase how a familiar flavor can be reimaged into a highly shareable, approachable beverage experience.

Source: Datassential, Food Dive

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## A Look at More “New Menu” Twist Items

As the new year begins, menus benefit from pastries that feel indulgent yet easy to execute. **Le Chic Mini Dutch Pancakes** offer a bite-sized option with a soft texture, subtle vanilla notes, and just enough sweetness to enjoy on their own or use as a versatile base for toppings. Paired alongside, **Le Chic Mini Butter Waffles** bring familiar comfort with a crisp exterior and warm, buttery flavor that fits perfectly into breakfast spreads, dessert boards, or grab-and-go offerings. Together, these pastries support a New Year focus on dependable favorites that deliver flavor, flexibility, and effortless appeal.

Well-built boards and small plates start with a reliable base, and Olina’s Wafer Crackers deliver exactly that. The **Gluten Free, Natural, Black Pepper**, and **Sesame** varieties offer a light, crisp texture with clean, balanced flavors that complement cheeses, spreads, and charcuterie without competing for attention. Their versatility makes them an easy fit across grazing boards and shared plates, providing structure, contrast, and consistency in every bite.



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Hungry for something new? Check out the most recent products we've proudly added to our specialty food offerings.



**7441493** 2/1L  
**1883 Maison Routin France**  
Maple Syrup



**7442778** 2/1L  
**1883 Maison Routin France**  
Dubai Chocolate Syrup PET



**7452266** 2/1L  
**1883 Maison Routin France**  
French Madeleine Syrup Glass



**7443883** 1/22Z  
**Alessi**  
Chili Crisp Flake 22oz



**7450145** 6/8.5Z  
**Alessi**  
Black Garlic Reduction



**7443796** 12/6Z  
**Artikaas**  
Edam Cheese EW Cut 6oz



**7441749** 1/8Z  
**Blue Marlin**  
Cuttlefish Squid Black Ink



**7364890** 1/40CT  
**Chef Inspired Pidy**  
4inches Coated Trendy Shell  
Round Graham



**7370756** 24/12Z  
**Clearly Canadian**  
Sparkling Mineral Water



**7390995** 24/12Z  
**Clearly Canadian**  
Limon Essence Sparkling Mineral  
Water



**7393508** 24/12Z  
**Clearly Canadian**  
Grapefruit Essence Sparkling  
Mineral Water



**7169416** 12/12Z  
**De La Calle**  
Mango Chili Mexican Tepache  
Soda

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**De La Calle**  
Pineapple Spice Mexican  
Tepache Soda



**7439757** 12/12Z  
**De La Calle**  
Prickly Pear Mexican Tepache  
Soda



**7439758** 12/12Z  
**De La Calle**  
Grapefruit Lime Mexican Tepache  
Soda



**7439764** 12/12Z  
**De La Calle**  
Tropical Punch Mexican Tepache  
Soda



**7440150** 12/12Z  
**De La Calle**  
Mandarin Mexican Tepache Soda



**7382882** 6/2#  
**Divina**  
Caramelized Onion Jam



**7416346** 12/9Z  
**Divina**  
Strawberry Jalapeno Spread



**7439747** 8/8Z  
**Fratelli Beretta**  
Everyday LaDolce Vita Platter  
(Green)



**7439752** 8/8Z  
**Fratelli Beretta**  
Everyday LaDolce Vita Platter  
(Yellow)



**7418836** 16/5.3Z  
**Gran Valle de Montecelo**  
Manchego Pasteurized Sheep  
Cheese 12 months EW



**7418839** 16/5.3Z  
**Gran Valle de Montecelo**  
Manchego Pasteurized Sheep  
Cheese 3 months EW



**7078093** 10/1#  
**Mama Mucci's**  
Pappardelle Egg Pasta

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**Mama Mucci's**  
**Linguine Egg Pasta**

**10/1#**



**7441511**  
**Mama Mucci's**  
**Ravioli Egg Pasta Sheets**

**2/5#**



**7450142**  
**McClure's Pickles**  
**Bread & Butter Coin Cut Slices**

**6/16Z**



**7450153**  
**McClure's Pickles**  
**Garlic Dill Pickle Slices**

**6/16Z**



**7450189**  
**McClure's Pickles**  
**Garlic Dill Whole Pickles**

**6/16Z**



**7377404**  
**Mike's Hot Honey**  
**Extra Hot Honey Packets**

**100/0.5Z**



**7389063**  
**Mike's Hot Honey**  
**Hot Honey Extra Hot Dip Cups**

**80/1Z**



**7417282**  
**Mitica**  
**Taralli Cacio e Pepe**

**12/8.8Z**



**7443851**  
**Mitica**  
**Naked Goat Cheese Wheel**

**2/5#**



**7443869**  
**Mitica**  
**Smokin' Goat Cheese Wheel**

**2/2#**



**7443829**  
**Olina's Bakehouse**  
**Cracker Variety Pack**

**7/10.5Z**



**7452094**  
**Palmieri Favola**  
**Riserva 1/2 Mortadella with**  
**Pistachio and Pigskin**

**2/5.51#**

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**POP Mustards**  
Spicy Whole Seed Mustard 6oz



**7418457** 1/64Z  
**POP Mustards**  
Spicy Whole Seed Mustard 64oz



**7441809** 30/7.05Z  
**Rah**  
Dubai Original Chocolate  
Pistachio Bar 7.05oz



**7441822** 72/3.53Z  
**Rah**  
Dubai Original Chocolate  
Pistachio Bar 3.53oz



**7416616** 1/200CT  
**Restaurantware**  
Taipai Rectangle Natural Poplar  
Plate - 7" x 5" x 1/2"



**7442095** 1/100CT  
**Restaurantware**  
MatsuriVision 8 oz Rectangle  
Kraft Paper Sushi Container



**7442129** 1/100CT  
**Restaurantware**  
Matsuri Vision Clear PET Plastic  
Lid - Fits 15 oz Sushi Container



**7442135** 1/100CT  
**Restaurantware**  
Matsuri Vision Clear PET Lid -  
Fits 5oz Sushi Container



**7442158** 1/100CT  
**Restaurantware**  
MatsuriVision 5 oz Rectangle  
Kraft Paper Sushi Container



**7442216** 1/100CT  
**Restaurantware**  
MatsuriVision 15 oz Rectangle  
Kraft Paper Sushi Container



**7411253** 6/16Z  
**Some Honey**  
Clover Honey



**7411265** 6/16Z  
**Some Honey**  
Wildflower Honey

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**Some Honey**  
**Honey Spoon**

**6/10CT**



**7419734**  
**Tea Forte**  
**Green Mango Peach Tea Bulk**  
**Pack**

**1/40CT**



**7453507**  
**Tipperary**  
**Extra Sharp Irish Cheddar**

**12/7Z**



**7454476**  
**Valrhona**  
**Amatika 46% Vegan Chocolate**  
**Bean**

**1/3KG**



**7411270**  
**Walkers Shortbread**  
**Highlander Shortbread**

**12/4.8Z**

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