#### Mushroom Institute In-Store Promotion Piece

WITH MUSHROOMS GOING into their peak season, the American Mushroom Institute is offering attractive streamers and price cards to help put more push behind retail sales of this vegetable. The attractive two-color streamer shown above, 19¾" x 7¾", may be used on a store window or with in-store displays of mushrooms—fresh, canned, frozen or dried. The price card, 8" x 5½", has style and legibility, and should help sell the vegetable. Sets of two streamers and a price card may be secured for handling cost of 10 cents from the American Mushroom Institute, P.O. Box 373, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania 19348—or contact mushroom suppliers.





#### INNOVATIVE RETAIL STRATEGIES IN FRESH PRODUCE



# The official list of retailer innovations (according to ChatGPT):

- 1. Automated ordering systems
- 2. Vertical Farming in Grocery Stores
- 3. Robotic Inventory Management System
- 4. Smart Refrigeration
- 5. Blockchain for Fresh Produce Transparency
- 6. Zero-Waste Grocery Stores
- 7. Freshness Monitoring with RFID
- 8. Subscription models for fresh produce
- 9. AI-Powered Demand Forecasting
- 10.In-store QR codes for Fresh Produce Origins



# EVERY INNOVATION NEEDS TO STAY TRUE TO ONE QUESTION:

What's in it for me?

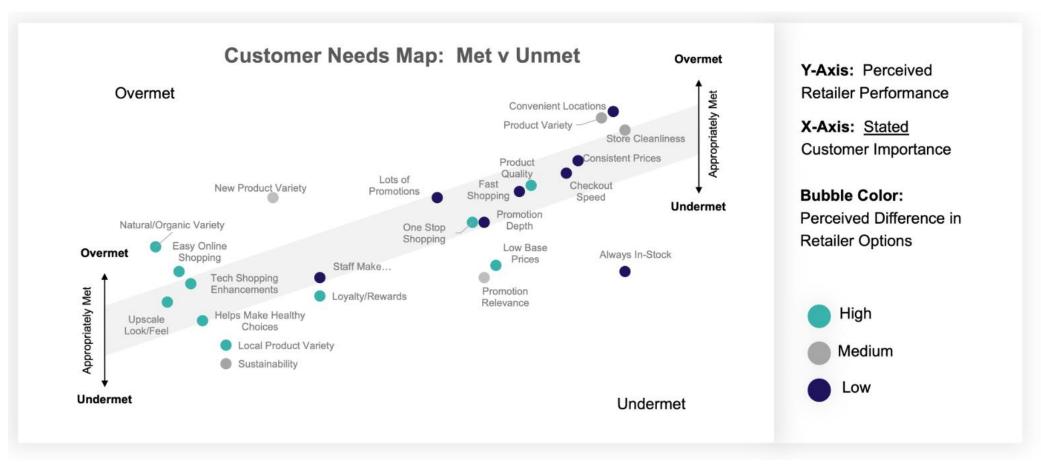


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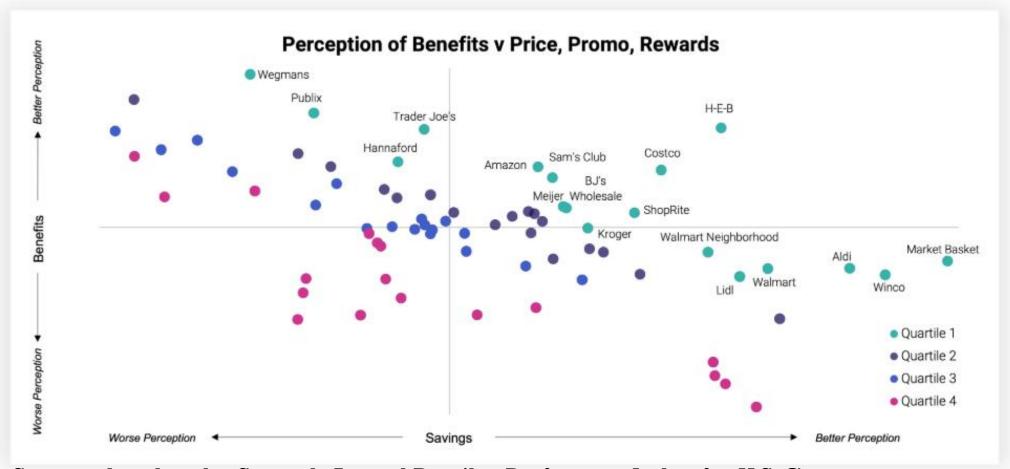
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# THE GROCERY EXPERIENCE



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By Ramishah Maruf, CNN

② 3 minute read · Published 4:35 PM EDT, Wed April 3, 2024







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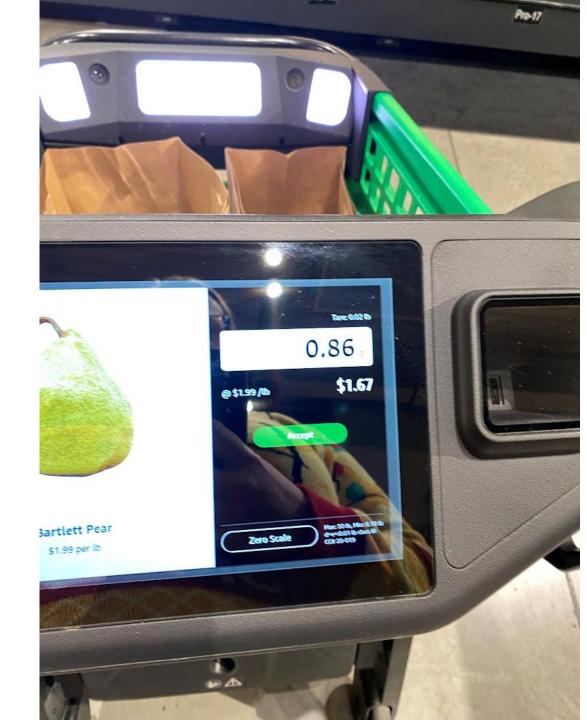
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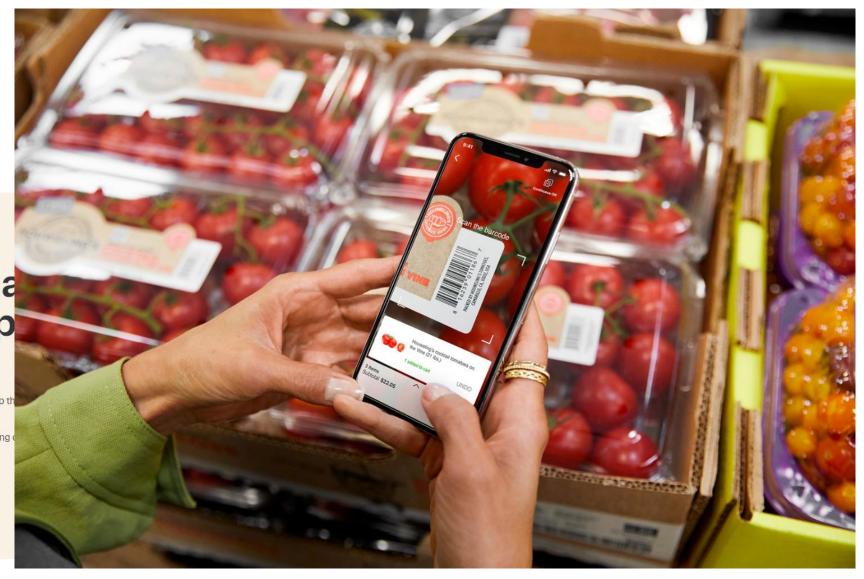




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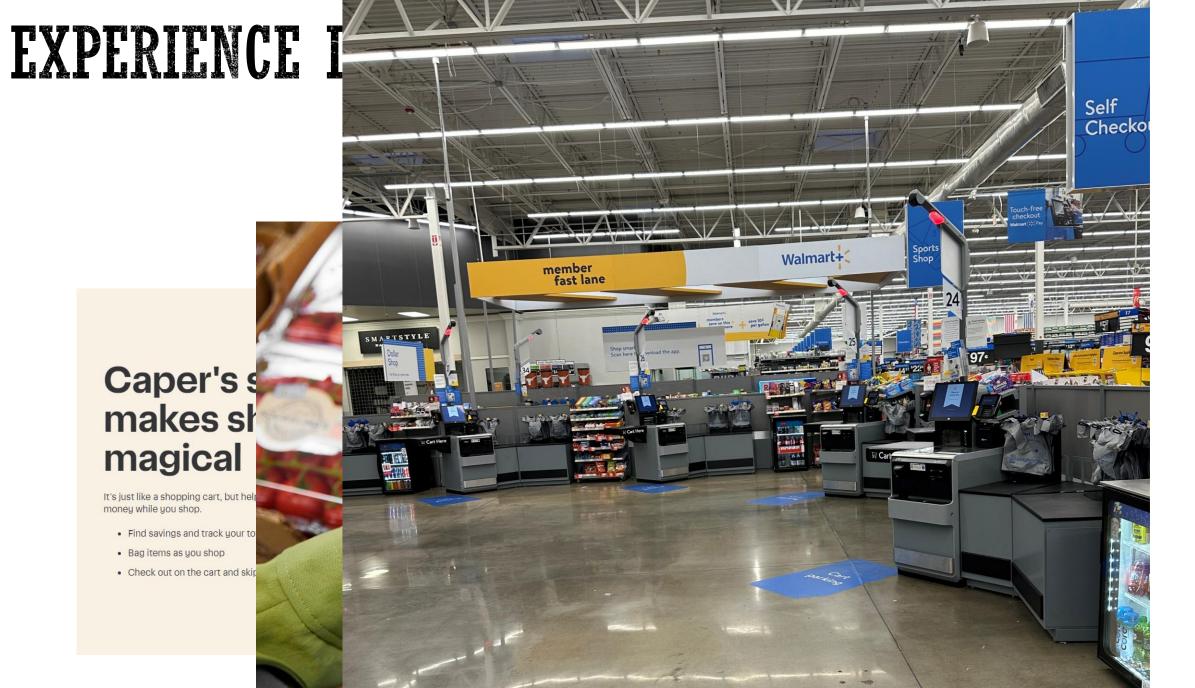


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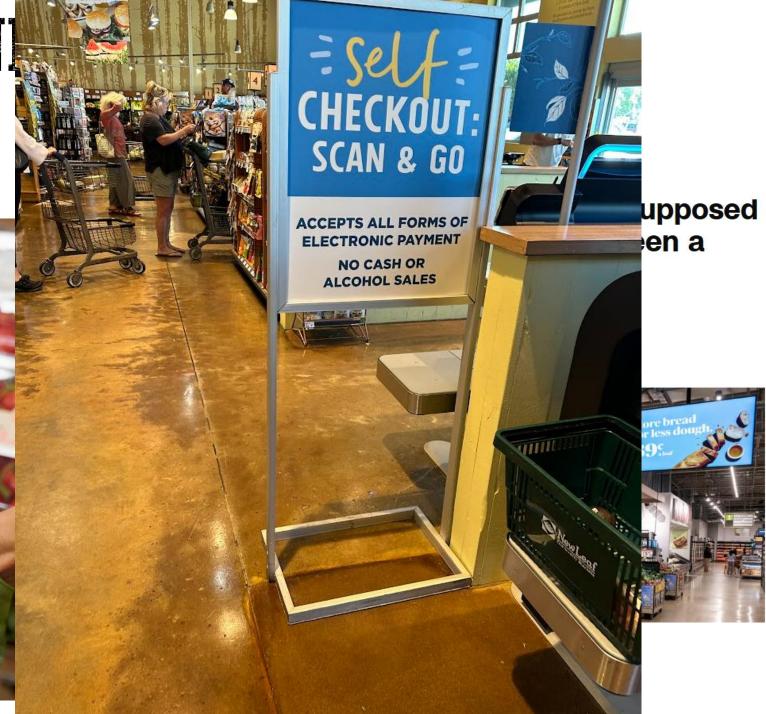


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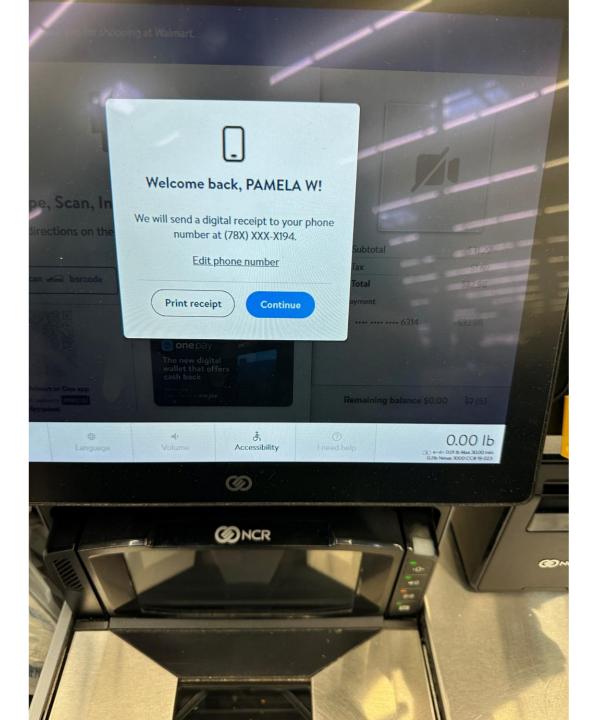
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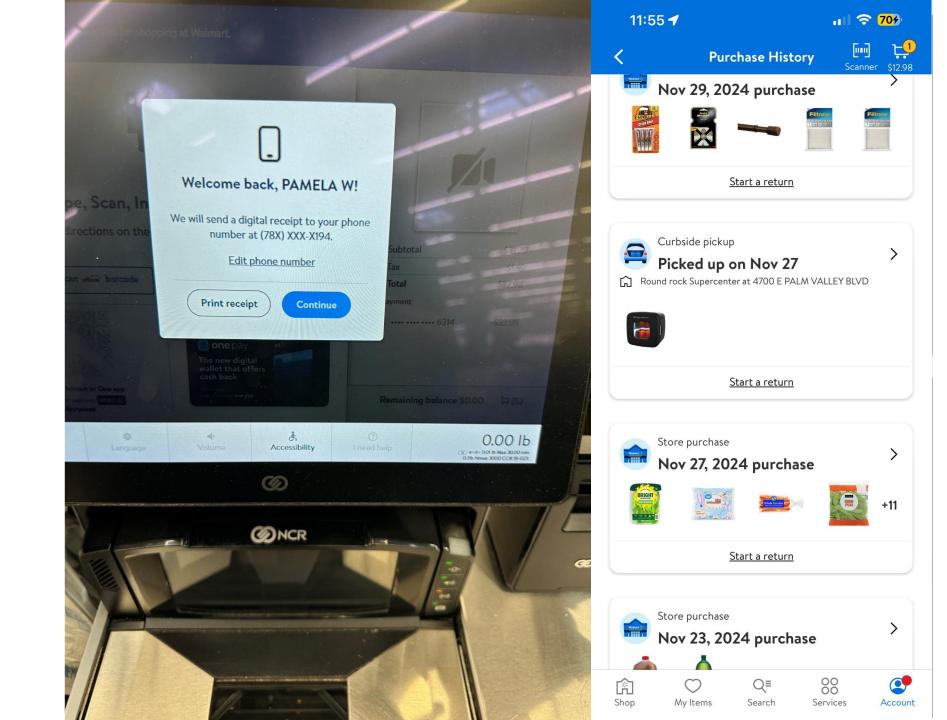
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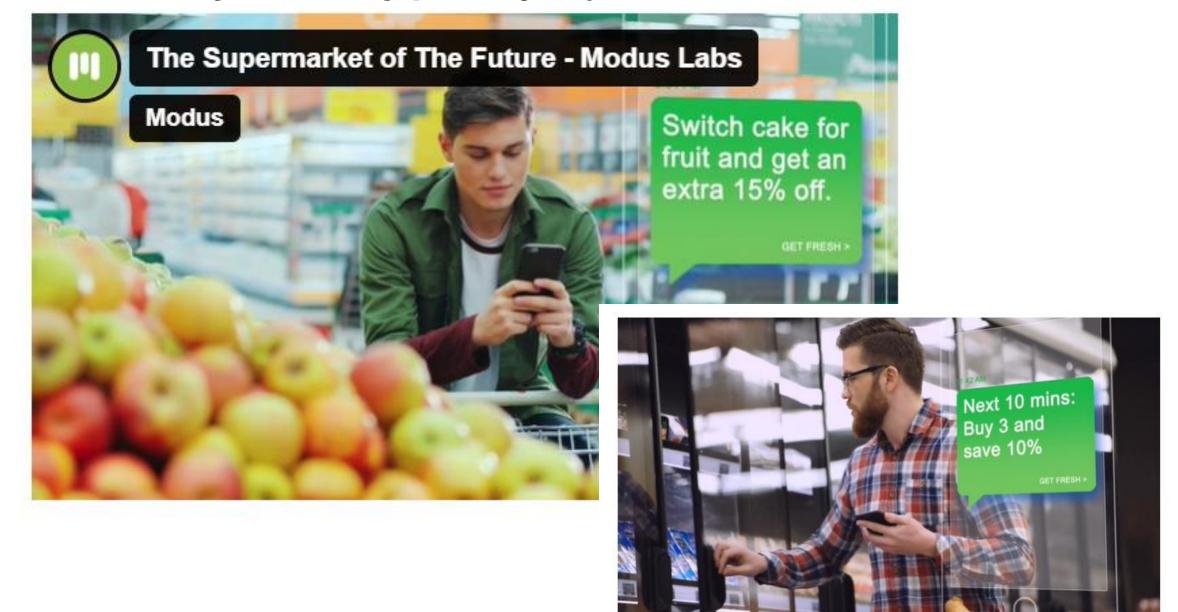


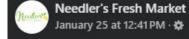






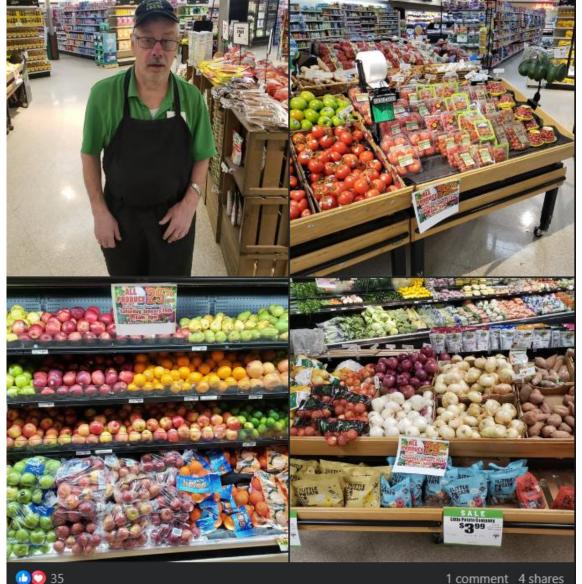






Mikey from Middletown isn't for sale but he did just finish stocking more produce for our 25% off Produce Sale that is happening today -- Saturday, January 25th, from 8am to 8pm! 🅦 🍅

\* Don't miss out—valid at all Needler's Fresh Market locations, with loyalty and while supplies last. We can't wait to see you!









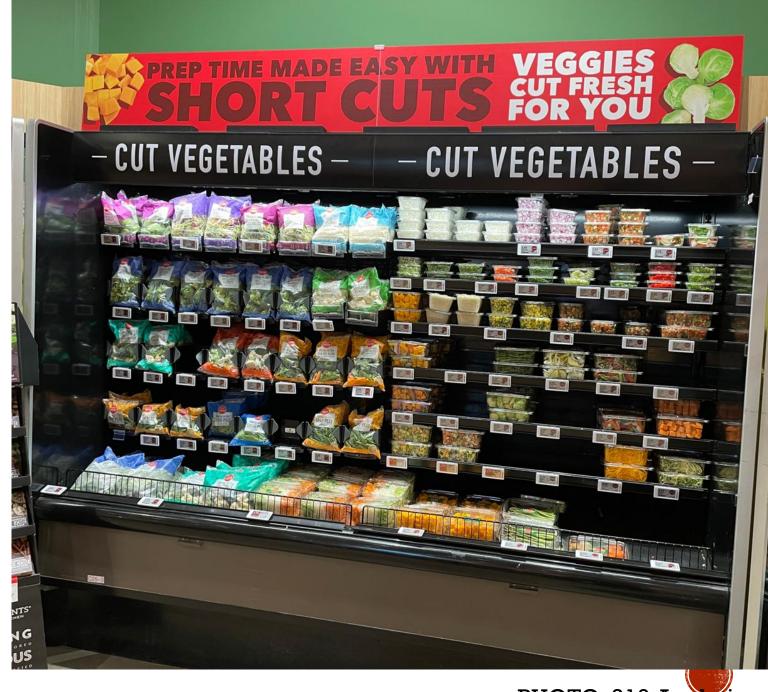


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## FRESH INNOVATIONS

#### Simbe receives patent for tracking fruit & vegetable freshness

By Mike Oitzman | December 20, 2021











Fruit spoilage is a major source of lost revenue for grocers. | Image credit: Clem Onojeghuo from Pexels



## FRESH INNOVATIONS

#### Simbe upgrades Tally retail robot with data capture solution

January 7, 2025 - Retail, Press Release













SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 07, 2025 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) - Simbe, the Store Intelligence leader powering the most retail banners in the world, today announced the launch of Tally Spot, a breakthrough fixed sensor data capture solution that complements Tally, Simbe's market-leading autonomous mobile robot.

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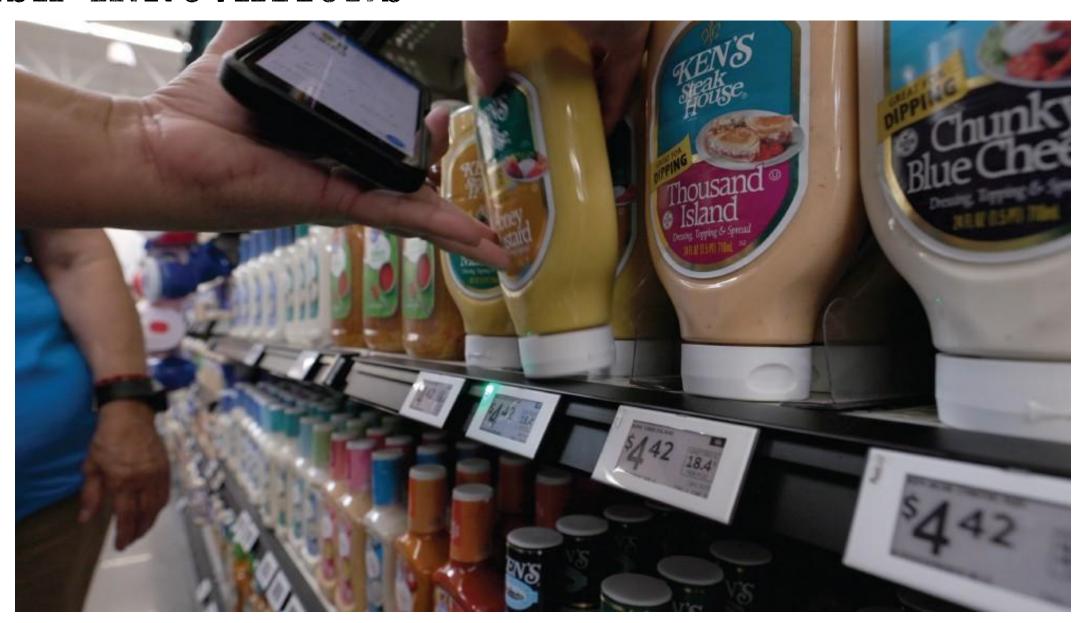




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Free, weekly fresh produce improved diet, physical activity and reduced CVD risk factors

American Heart Association Epidemiology, Prevention, Lifestyle & Cardiometabolic Health Conference, Abstract 21









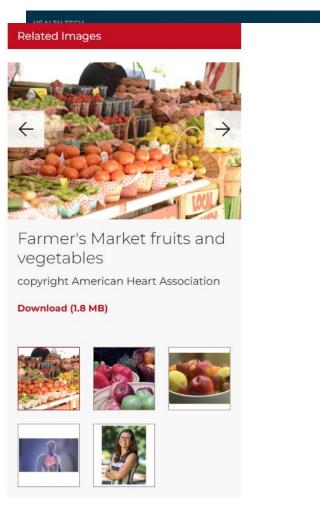




#### Research Highlights:

- After 16 weeks of free, weekly home delivery of fresh produce, study participants boosted their fruit and vegetable consumption by almost ½ of a serving per day and added 42 minutes to their weekly level of physical activity.
- One year later, participants had better blood sugar control and lower bad cholesterol levels compared to adults who did not receive free, weekly produce deliveries.
- · The study found that adults who participated in the free, weekly produce program had improved cardiovascular health measures.

Embargoed until 8:30 a.m. CT/9:30 a.m. ET, Wednesday, March 20, 2024





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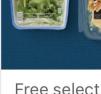
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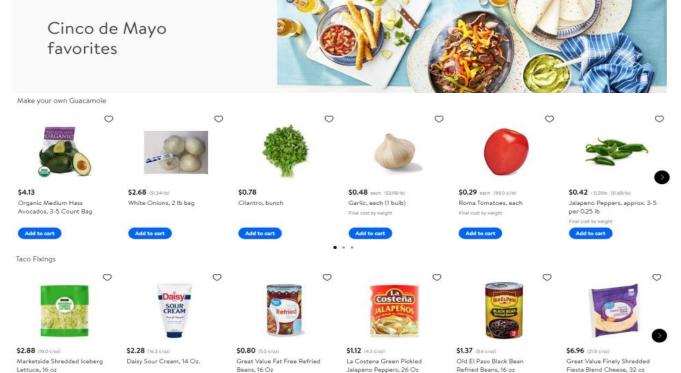


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Lettuce, 16 oz

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Instacart customers have had it with male shoppers: 'Substituted my ground beef for a watermelon'

This is why so many online grocery customers prefer female shoppers.



A man shopping at a grocery store. SolStock / Getty Images

### A WORD ABOUT GROCERY RANKINGS

• Small sample size, geographically skewed, paid-for, picking names out of a hat









## GROCERY RANKINGS



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## GROCERY RANKINGS

#### Rank Gainers and Decliners in 2024



#### **Rank Gainers**

- 2 types
- Quality-first or Price-first retailers
- Drove perception improvements in their vulnerabilities while maintaining their strengths
- Quality-first retailers also improving Operations rankings

<b>Top 9 Biggest Rank Gainers</b> (All rose a half quartile or more)	
1	Food 4 Less/FoodsCo
2	Lowes
3	Smart & Final
4	Lidl
5	WinCo
6	Brookshire's
7	Schnucks
8	Smiths
9	Trader Joe's



#### **Rank Decliners**

- Also 2 types
- Quality-first retailers or select Kroger/ Albertson's banners
- Saw perception declines in their strengths, as well as Operations rankings



#### GROCERY RANKINGS



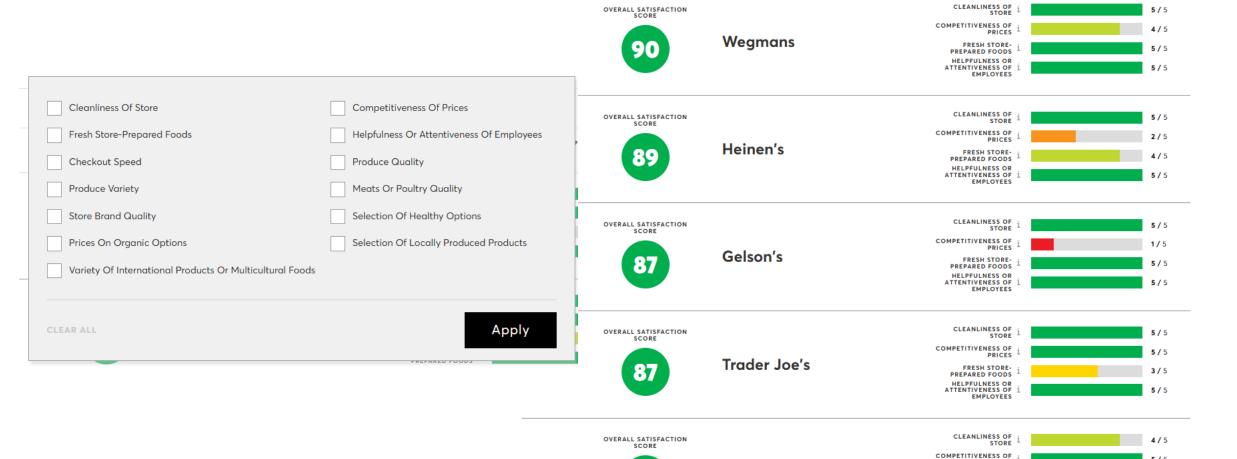
#### **Central Market (TX)**

**Market Basket (Northeast)** 



PRICES

FRESH STORE-PREPARED FOODS HELPFULNESS OR ATTENTIVENESS OF EMPLOYEES



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- Fresh assortment continues to grow
- Attracting a broader audience
- Innovative merchandising





- 500+ stores, added 66 in 2024
- Opportunity buyer, not afraid to take risks





- 63 stores in 9 states
- Amazon recently appointed Whole Foods CEO to oversee all grocery

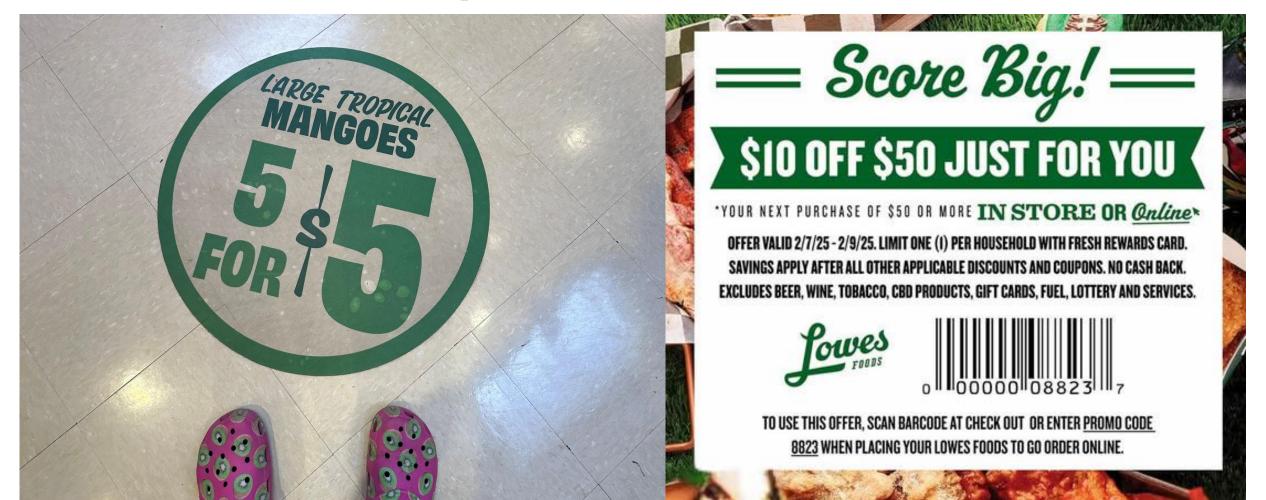




- Initiative to make "Innovation the new normal"
- All the bells and whistles you hear about, actually out there doing the thing



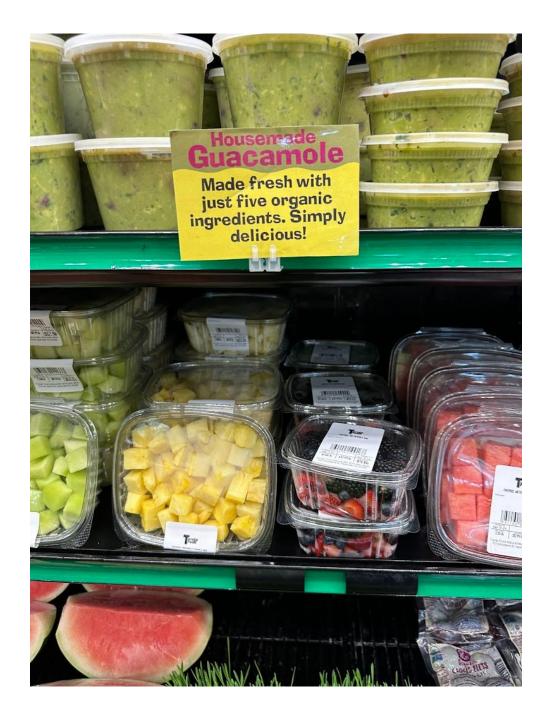
- Not afraid to do things differently
- New leadership in merchandising with overseas influence
- Located in a hotbed of retail competition



# LET'S SKIP TO THE GOOD PART:

DISPLAYS THAT MADE ME TAKE A SECOND LOOK





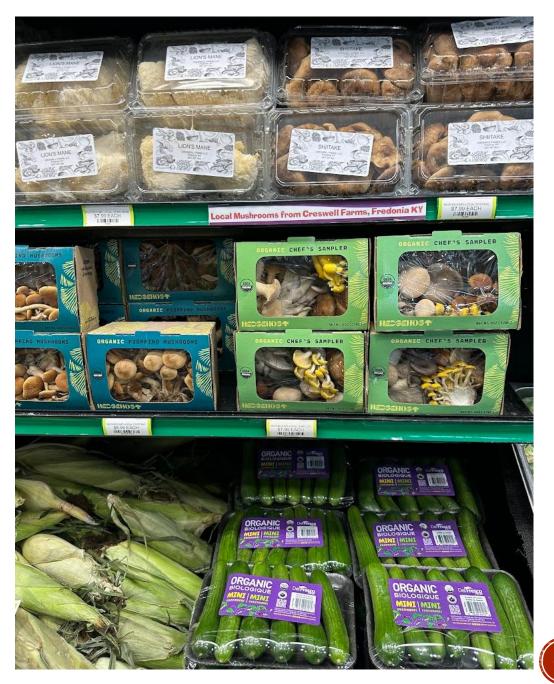
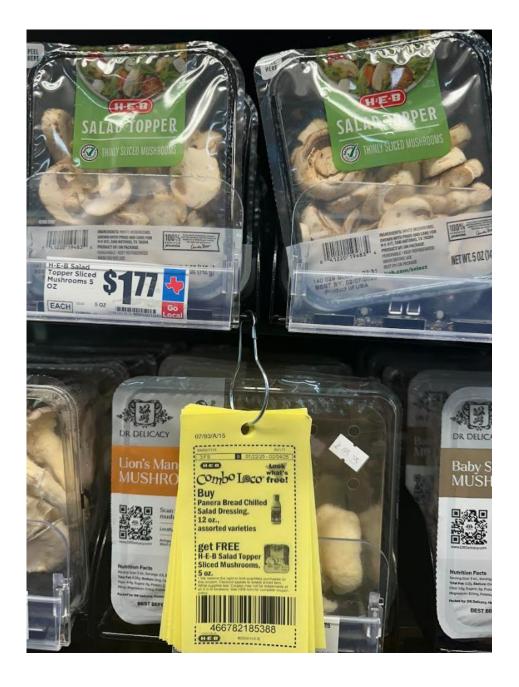






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Buy Panera Bread Chilled Salad Dressing, 12 oz., assorted varieties get FREE H-E-B Salad Topper Sliced Mushrooms, 5 oz.

Expires today, Unlimited Use

#### Buy 1 of these





In Produce on the Left Wall

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\$4.98 each Panera Bread Caesar Dressing (Sold Cold), 12 f...

Left Wall

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