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Abstracts

The Global Insect-Based Ingredients Market was valued at USD 1.9 billion in 2024 and is estimated to grow at a CAGR of 9.2% to reach USD 4.5 billion by 2034. A growing awareness of environmental sustainability, food security, and resource efficiency is pushing insect-based ingredients into the global spotlight. Consumers and industries are increasingly seeking alternatives that can meet rising protein demands without exacerbating climate change or depleting natural resources. Insects, with their minimal land and water needs, low greenhouse gas emissions, and impressive protein yield, offer a compelling solution.

Unlike conventional livestock farming, insect farming provides a more scalable, cost-effective model that aligns with global goals for sustainable food systems. Advances in processing technologies, expanded applications across diverse sectors, and shifting regulatory frameworks are accelerating market momentum. As investment pours into food tech innovations and consumer acceptance broadens, insect-based ingredients are moving rapidly from a niche product to a mainstream necessity. Growing media coverage, strategic marketing initiatives, and endorsements from nutritionists and sustainability advocates are further validating the role of insects as a viable and essential protein source for the future.

Based on ingredient types, the market is divided into insect protein, insect powder, insect oils, and insect chitin. Insect protein led the segment in 2024, capturing 39.5% of the overall market share. Its superior amino acid profile, rapid absorption, and dense nutrient concentration make it highly desirable across industries that require high-performance ingredients. Sectors like pet food, aquafeed, and sports nutrition are particularly driving demand, given the need for sustainable yet potent protein

alternatives.

Based on application, the market includes the cosmetics industry, food and beverages industry, agriculture, pharmaceutical industry, animal feed industry, and others. The food and beverages category accounted for 20.2% of the market in 2024 and is projected to expand at a CAGR of 9.6%. Rising consumer interest in clean-label, eco-friendly food products is fueling demand for insect-derived flours and high-protein formulations. A growing emphasis on sustainable diets and carbon footprint reduction is encouraging more consumers to experiment with insect-based food options, signaling a broader shift in dietary preferences.

North America Insect-Based Ingredients Market held a 34.3% share in 2024, driven by favorable regulations, a surge in venture capital investments in food tech, and a cultural shift toward sustainability and wellness. Regulatory approvals for specific insect species in food and feed have accelerated commercialization efforts, opening the door for innovative startups and large-scale producers alike. A strong focus on clean-label, high-protein, and environmentally responsible nutrition continues to fuel market expansion across the United States and Canada.

Leading players shaping the market include EnviroFlight, ?nsect, Entomo Farms, AgriProtein, and Protix. These companies are investing heavily in R&D, scaling production capacities, securing regulatory certifications, and forming strategic supply chain alliances. Consumer education campaigns and transparent labeling practices are playing a crucial role in building trust and driving the adoption of insect-based ingredients worldwide.

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